

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2022

5:00 P.M.

***MEETING WAS HELD VIA "ZOOM" APPLICATION WITH MEETING ID #831 5249 0241

Mayor Jakubowski called the meeting to order.

MAYOR'S STATEMENT: "Notice of this meeting has been provided in a legal notice published in the Courier Post and the Retrospect; and posted in accordance with Title 10 of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, specifying a 5:00 p.m. meeting time; and that formal action may or may not be taken at all Caucus and Commissioners meetings. Please be advised that this meeting is not being videotaped tonight." Those in attendance: Mayor Jakubowski, Commissioner Whitman, Commissioner Lee, Borough Administrator David Taraschi, Deputy Borough Clerk Danielle Ingves, Borough Clerk Bonnie Taft, Solicitors Salvatore Siciliano and Jennifer McPeak, Borough Engineers Steve Bach and Craig Reilly, Police Chief Tom Tassi, Fire Chief Pat Slemmer, Megan Giordano, Tax Collector and Court Administrator Jean Philips.

Mayor Jakubowski led the audience in the Flag Salute.

The minutes of the February 15, 2022 meeting were approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman, seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor-motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2022-43-RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2022
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**

The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in Favor-motion carried.

Department Reports:

Borough Administrator /DPW Superintendent- Working on the 2022 Municipal Budget. Will be introducing the Budget on March 15th.

Chief Finance Officer – No Report

Borough Clerk-Met with the Board of Elections. Districts 1, 2, 5,6 and 7 will now be voting at the Senior Center. Districts 3, 4 & 8 will now be at the Rec Center.

Tax Collector –Attached

Tax Assessor -no report

Construction Code/Zoning Report- Report Attached.

Library-Report Attached.

The Recreation Center- Report Attached.

Police Chief- Report attached.

Fire Chief – Report attached. Starting health & wellness physicals this month.

OEM- Report attached.

EMS Report-Report Attached.

Municipal Court- Prosecutor is doing a great job. Doing a few in person cases.

Engineer- Report Attached.

Solicitor- No Report

Sustainable Jersey- Next meeting is March 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Lee made a motion to open the meeting to the public; seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor- motion carried.

Chris from Red, White and Brew-Inquired about suspending Sec. 6-1(a)(1) Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages on public streets and sidewalks. The Mayor and Commissioners discussed the possibility and decided to look into it further.

Being there was no further discussion, Commissioner Whitman made a motion to close the meeting to the public; seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor- motion carried.

Board of Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Lee- Met with the Fire Chief regarding the 4th of July Celebrations. It was decided that the Fire Department will no longer be giving Fire Engine rides. The Fire Trucks will be available for children to tour.

Commissioner Whitman-The 2022 Municipal Budget will be Introduced on March 15th.

Mayor Jakubowski- The town wide yard sale will be held on March 26th. Audubon Day will be April 30th at the recreation center. The Celebration Committee's next meeting is March 8th at 7:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2022-44-AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION FOR A POTENTIAL LITIGATION MATTER

The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman, seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor-motion carried.

Those present for the closed session: Mayor Jakubowski, Commissioner Whitman, Commissioner Lee, Borough Administrator Dave Taraschi, Solicitors Salvatore Siciliano and Jennifer McPeak and Borough Clerk Bonnie Taft.

Discussion was had as to a potential litigation matter.

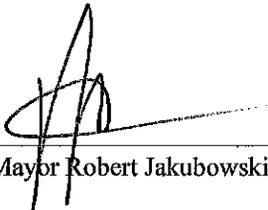
Commissioner Lee made a motion to come out of closed session, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor-motion carried.

Commissioner Lee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor- motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:49 P.M.



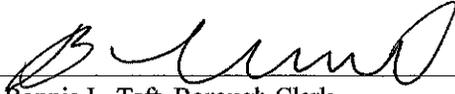
Commissioner Whitman



Mayor Robert Jakubowski



Commissioner Lee

ATTEST: 

Bonnie L. Taft, Borough Clerk

DATE APPROVED: 3-15-22