

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Mayor Jakubowski called the meeting to order.

MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI READ THE FOLLOWING 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 7:00 p.m. meeting time; and that formal action may or may not be taken at all Caucus and Commissioners meetings". Those in attendance: Mayor Jakubowski, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Whitman, Borough Administrator David Taraschi, Solicitor Sal Siciliano, Police Chief Tom Tassi, and Municipal Clerk Danielle Ingves

Mayor Jakubowski led the audience in the Flag Salute.

Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 7, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor-motion carried.

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION:

2023-02 Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Audubon, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey calendar year 2023 ordinance to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits and to establish a cap bank.

First Reading-March 21, 2023; Public Hearing/Second Reading-April 18, 2023. Motion to approve first reading made by Commissioner Whitman and seconded by Commissioner Lee. Unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION:

2023-53 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON AND THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA YMCA FOR A SUMMER PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD JUN 26, 2023 THROUGH AUGUST 25, 2023 TO TAKE PLACE AT THE FRANCIS J. WARD RECREATION AND COMMUNITY CENTER. The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman and seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor-motion carried.

2023-54 AUTHORIZING THE SUSPENSION OF A PORTION OF CHAPTER 6, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

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

2023-55 AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID CAMDEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT –SENIOR CENTER INTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS, TO KAVI CONSTRUCTION, LLC IN THE MOUNT OF \$14,500

The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman, Seconded by Commissioner Lee, Unanimous roll call vote.

2023-56 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO RECEIVE RFP SUBMISSIONS FOR BOROUGH SOLICITOR, BOROUGH ENGINEER, SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEER, SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL AND BOND COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman, Seconded by Commissioner Lee, Unanimous roll call vote.

2023-57 AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023

The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Lee, Seconded by Commissioner Whitman Unanimous roll call vote.

2023-58 AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF 2022 APPROPRIATION RESERVES TRANSFERS

The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman, Seconded by Commissioner Lee, Unanimous roll call vote.

2023-59 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO RECEIVE RFP SUBMISSIONS FOR CELL PHONE TOWER LESSEE

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

2023-60 Authorizing Increasing Deferred Local School Tax

The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman, Seconded by Commissioner Lee, Unanimous roll call vote.

2023-61 AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNING BODY TO RATIFY THE SUBMISSION FOR A CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING ALLOCATION TO SUPPORT THE AUDUBON CANOPY AND BUTTERFLY PROJECT

The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Mayor Jakubowski, Seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor-motion carried.

2023-62 RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM AUDUBON'S GOVERNING BODY AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE 2023 SUSTAINABLE JERSEY-PSE&G ENERGY EFFICIENCY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

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

2023-63 AUTHORIZING SELF-EXAMINATION FOR 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman and seconded by Commissioner Lee. Unanimous roll call vote.

2023-64 RESOLUTION INTRODUCING THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET-PUBLIC HEARING, APRIL 18, 2023

The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman and seconded by Commissioner Lee. Unanimous roll call vote.

2023-65 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Whitman. Unanimous roll call vote.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Camden County Board of Health and Human Services representative and Social Worker, Jamie DiFrancesco, joined our meeting to advise us of the many services that are offered to local municipalities

Some examples include:

1. Senior Day Services, Social Day Center for Independent Senior Citizens. Activities are provided at their Day Center include such things as fun craft activities and shopping outings. This is not a medical facility, and no medical care is provided.
2. Meals on Wheels; meals delivered to households.
3. Free medical clinics for adults and children are available for immunizations. There is a location in Bellmawr at the library on Browning Road that is underutilized.

All the services and contact information will be emailed to the Borough Administrator, Commissioners and Municipal Clerk to be able to provide additional information for our residents. He encouraged us to reach out for any human services related needs. Future possible hosting opportunities for local towns were discussed as well. All information is on their website.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER LEE: He had the pleasure of attending the graduation last week for our new canine dog, Disney. She is now eleven months old and has already been working to assist our officers as well as assisting other local towns. The APD is receiving a lot of support financially from the community and local businesses. She will be visiting the schools and our Young at Heart Social Club soon.

COMMISSIONER WHITMAN: The budget was introduced tonight; it was a tough budget this year. The second reading/public meeting will be next month on April 18.

MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI: Thursday, March 30, 2023, Sustainable Audubon is hosting an event at the Audubon Senior Center "Let's Talk Trees" to learn more about the value of shade trees in our community.

Audubon Day is Saturday, April 29, at the FJW Recreation and Community Center. The Borough will be once again be working with the County to provide free shuttle services for our senior citizens. They can park or walk to the Municipal Building at 606 W. Nicholson Road and the shuttles will be moving every half hour to and from the Municipal Building and the FJW Rec and Com Center from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Volunteers are needed for Audubon Day. The Audubon Celebration Committee has been working very hard in the planning. He encouraged all residents to reach out and volunteer.

Bellmawr will be ready shortly after Audubon Day to work on the trail and courts.

OPEN SESSION:

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

No members of the public were present.

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

2023-66 CLOSED SESSION - LITIGATION PURPOSES

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

Discussion was had for litigation matters.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lee to come out of closed session and seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor-motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 P.M.



COMMISSIONER WHITMAN



MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI

COMMISSIONER LEE

ATTEST: 

DANIELLE INGVES, MUNICIPAL CLERK

DATE APPROVED: 4/6/2023