

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
JULY 18, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Lee called the meeting to order.

COMMISSIONER LEE 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: Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Whitman, Borough Administrator David Taraschi, Police Chief Tom Tassi, Solicitor Sal Siciliano, Municipal Clerk Danielle Ingves

Commissioner Lee led the audience in the Flag Salute.

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION: N/A

Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve meeting minutes from July 5, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor-motioned carried.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION:

2023-111 AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2023

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

2023-112 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES SHIMBERG, MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE, FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM, JULY 15, 2023 TO JULY 14, 2026.

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

2023-113 PROVIDING AN EXTENSION ON THE GRACE PERIOD FOR THE 3RD QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES

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

2023-114 AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR NJDA (DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE) NEW 2023 SPOTTED LANTERNFLY CONTROL TREATMENT REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

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

COMMISSIONER LEE: This Friday is Third Friday and August 1 is National Night Out at the FJW Rec & Com Center. I see there is some progress on the PSEG building on Nicholson Road. Roadwork continues as it has for the last two years. The Kings Highway work is beginning and there will be some mild inconvenience, but good things in the end.

The only solicitor's permit in town is from Mister Softee. I would encourage the residents, if they come to your door and they do not have a permit, to contact the police. The solicitor's permit will be on Borough letterhead with the Municipal Clerk's signature and the Borough seal. They are instructed to have that on their person at all times. If they cannot produce the permit, please call the police where they will immediately respond. Dani has been receiving many phone

calls and email complaints. The solicitors have been making up excuses about why they do not have it. They always come at dinnertime. They state that are working with utility companies which they are not. D. Taraschi added that the Borough Ordinance has been amended recently to make it easier for solicitors to obtain permits. It is not hard. Per Com. Lee, we encourage the residents to sign up for the DO NOT KNOCK and they can simply just not answer their door as an option.

COMMISSIONER WHITMAN: The tax bills went out. There have been questions and chatter on social media about what is happening at the PSEG site. The front part near Nicholson Road is going to be employee parking areas. There will not be stuff right on Nicholson Road. Residents have had concerns that it will be an eye sore. The new substation will be further back, probably 400 ft back. Most won't be seen through the trees and shrubs that will be added to the area.

MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI: Absent

OPEN SESSION:

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

John Poliero, 47 Beloit Ave, wanted to say hello to our solicitor as he used to be his neighbor. He then asked a question about an ordinance regarding abandoned vehicles. Chief Tassi discussed the ordinance that if not utilized in 48 hours or in a state of disrepair it is considered abandoned. He then invited Com. Lee to visit his garden for blackberries and other fruits.

He then commented that he has problems with the neighbors because it has been super noisy, and the neighbors are yelling comments about "go ahead and call the police." There is a stay away and restraining orders. He does not want to be harassed in his own yard. He is ready to defend himself. He does not have weapons, but he will defend himself. The Chief of Police instructed him to call the police/911 as his defense. He understands, but he is not going to take anything from anyone just like his dad.

Com. Lee stopped him as he reached his five-minute mark and encouraged him to reach out to the police or borough if there is anything he might need.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-115 CLOSED SESSION FOR LITIGATION

The foregoing resolution to go into closed session was approved by Commissioner Whitman and seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor-motion carried at 7:18 pm.

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

Commissioner Whitman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Lee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

Absent
MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI

[Signature]
COMMISSIONER WHITMAN

[Signature]
COMMISSIONER LEE

ATTEST: [Signature]
DANIELLE INGVES, MUNICIPAL CLERK

DATE APPROVED: 8/15/2023