

**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 19, 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, Solicitors Salvatore Siciliano and Jennifer McPeak, Municipal Clerk Danielle Ingves, Captain David Bauer and Lieutenant Gaspari

Mayor Jakubowski led the audience in the Flag Salute.

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

**ORDINANCES FOR ACTION:**

**2023-06 Ordinance of the Borough of Audubon County of Camden and the State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 113, Land Development, In the Code of the Borough of Audubon – First Reading August 15, 2023; Public Hearing/Second Reading-September 19, 2023.**

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

Borough Administrator, Dave Taraschi, commented that this is just a standard update by the State for Stormwater Control. DEP provided a model ordinance to follow, and we followed the standard. The last time we updated this was 2021.

Since there are no other comments from the public, Commissioner Lee made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor-motion carried.

Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-06, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. Unanimous roll call vote.

**2023-07 Ordinance Establishing the Salaries of Certain Officers and Employees of the Borough of Audubon for the Year 2023-First Reading September 19, 2023; Public Hearing/second Reading-October 17, 2023.**

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

**RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION:**

**2023-131 AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023**

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

**2023-132 PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023 AS PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

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

**2023-133 DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2023 SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH** The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman and seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor-motion carried.

**2023-134 RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO GRANT AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO JANUARY 21, 2024 FOR THE AWARD OF THE LA-2022 MA AUDUBON BOROUGH RECONSTRUCTION OF E. PINE STREET – PHASE 2 & HAMPSHIRE AVENUE PROJECT IN THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

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

**COMMISSIONER LEE:** Nothing to report.

**COMMISSIONER WHITMAN:** Jack and I met last week to start preparing for the budget next year. A reminder to everyone that the Anchor Program checks should start going out soon around November 1. As of now, the paving and reconstruction of the roads should start about mid-October. Some streets may be left behind until spring because NJAW work is not completed yet. Wyoming and a couple of streets off of Wyoming, per D. Taraschi, may have to wait until the spring, but the vast majority of will be starting in October.

**MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI:** We have had some big storms recently. Asking residents if you live near a storm drain to help our guys and clear the storm drains if you see any debris. Our PW tries their best but help from residents would be extremely helpful. Thank you to the Borough staff for all you do.

**OPEN SESSION:**

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

John Poliero, 47 Beloit Ave. Had a chance to meet with the new Fire Chief at the fire department because he had a fire going in his backyard and he was told that he cannot have an open fire. Mr. Poliero then pointed out that he has his bucket and hose. During the course of the conversation, the Fire Chief mentioned that the fence between his property and the fire department is decaying. They agreed to communicate especially if the fence is going to be taken down. Mr. Poliero would not like his property to go unprotected for any period of time.

Mr. Poliero had concerns about people he had brought to court and their continuing to hold grudges against him. He now has a broken window on his truck. He acknowledges that he consumes so much of the police time to protect his property.

Mayor Jakubowski questioned the fence being installed and D. Taraschi stated the fire department needs to reach out to the borough about the fence installation for the proper zoning approval. Mr. Poliero then asked for consideration

regarding the fence installation as well as special events that the fire department hosts. He deals with footballs etc. coming over to his property. He is living here now full-time, and he is out there every week taking care of his property.

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

**2023-135 RESOLUTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR POSSIBLE LITIGATION**

The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman and seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor-motion carried at 7:12 pm.

Commissioner Lee made a motion to come out of closed session and seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor-motion carried at 7:30 pm.

Mayor Jakubowski made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Whitman.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

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MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI

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COMMISSIONER WHITMAN

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COMMISSIONER LEE

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
DANIELLE INGVES, MUNICIPAL CLERK

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_