

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
December 20, 2022
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 Borough Clerk Bonnie Taft.

Mayor Jakubowski led the audience in the Flag Salute.

Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 6, 2022 seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor-motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2022-148-AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO RECEIVE RFQ SUBMISSIONS FOR MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

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

RESOLUTION 2022-149- AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT CHABOT, ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON

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

RESOLUTION 2022-150-AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE VOORHEES ANIMAL ORPHANAGE AS THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON'S ANIMAL SHELTER FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, JANUARY 27, 2023 TO JANUARY 27, 2025

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

RESOLUTION 2022-151 – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES FOR BLOCK 42 LOT 2

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

RESOLUTION 2022-152 – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES FOR BLOCK 98 LOT 19

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

RESOLUTION 2022-153 – AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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

RESOLUTION 2022-154 – AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2022

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

RESOLUTION 2022-155 – AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BOWMAN & COMPANY, LLP AS BOROUGH AUDITOR FOR 2023

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

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Lee- During the Holiday Season please drive safe and be cautious walking. Try to support local businesses. The PSE&G project continues. Should end mid February. The Police Department would like to add a K9 unit. Members of the Police Department were in attendance to discuss the benefits of a K9 Unit. Officers Clouden and Perone gave a brief presentation. Chief Tassi discussed the benefits of a K9 Unit. They also answered questions from the Mayor and Commissioners. After a brief discussion, the Mayor and Commissioners decided to move forward with the K9 unit.

Commissioner Whitman- Preparing for the 2023 Municipal Budget. The increase in the State Health Benefits will have a big impact on the budget. Happy Holidays to everyone.

Mayor Jakubowski- There is a proposal from state the state legislature to help local governments with the increase in the health insurance. Leaf collection has ended. Please bag all leaves and place at the curb on trash day. Thank you to the Public Works Department for all their hard work. This year's volunteer of the year was Audubon Peer to Peer Aide and the Employee of the year was Vickie Tortoreto. Congratulations!

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

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

RESOLUTION 2022-156– AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION FOR A PERSONNEL MATTER

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

Those present: Mayor Jakubowski, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Whitman, Borough Administrator Dave Taraschi, Solicitor Sal Siciliano and Municipal Clerk Bonnie Taft.

Discussion was had as to a personnel matter.

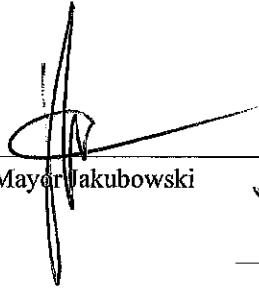
Commissioner Lee made a motion to come out of closed session, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor, motion carried.

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

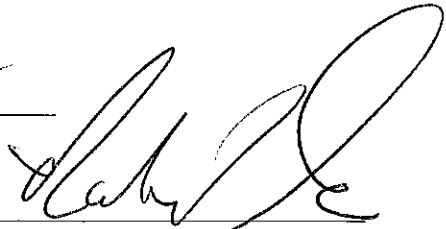
Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 P.M.




Commissioner Whitman



Mayor Jakubowski



Commissioner Lee

ATTEST: 
Bonnie Taft, Borough Clerk

DATE APPROVED: 1/3/2023