

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2022

5:00 P.M.

***MEETING WAS HELD VIA "ZOOM" APPLICATION WITH MEETING ID #811 4738 9245

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, Borough Engineers Steve Bach and Craig Reilly, Police Chief Tom Tassi, John Dymond, Tax Assessor, Fire Chief Pat Slemmer, Tax Collector Megan Giordano, Jean Philips, Court Administrator and Brian Conte, EMS.

Mayor Jakubowski led the audience in the Flag Salute.

The minutes of the November 22, 2022 meeting were approved by motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor-motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022-146-AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF OVERPAYMENTS OF TAXES FOR BLOCK 43.05 LOT 12

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

Department Reports:

Borough Administrator /DPW Superintendent-Leaf Collection will end on December 15th. Remaining leaves should be bagged and placed at the curb on trash day.

Chief Finance Officer – No report

Borough Clerk- Pet Licenses will renew on January 1st. Do not have a list of rabies clinics for 2023 yet. Will share as soon as it is received.

Tax Collector – Report Attached. Tax Sale was December 1st. Went well.

Tax Assessor – No Report

Construction Code/Zoning Report- Report Attached

Library- Report Attached. Library Director has completed her probationary period. Working out very well.

The Recreation Center-Report Attached. Seven events are currently scheduled for December.

Police Chief-Report Attached. There were some safety concerns on Merchant Street with all the constructions. Larger signs have been installed at the four way stop.

Fire Chief – Report Attached.

OEM-Report Attached

EMS Report-Report Attached

Municipal Court-Jean Murphy retired today. Violations Clerk job opening has been posted.

Engineer- Attached

Solicitor- No Report

Sustainable Jersey- No report

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

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

Board of Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Whitman- The Fire Department did a great job with the Parade. Department of Public works is doing a great job with leaf pickup.

Commissioner Lee- The current Public Defender will not be returning next year. Will be doing an RFP for someone to take his place. The PSE&G project is continuing . Please do not place leaves in the streets.

Mayor Jakubowski- Please check sewer grates near you for leaves blocking drainage. Attended the Hight School Christmas Concert and it was wonderful! The Music Department at the High School is outstanding. Fire Truck parade was fantastic.

RESOLUTION #2022-147-AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION FOR A CONTRACT AND LITIGATION MATTER

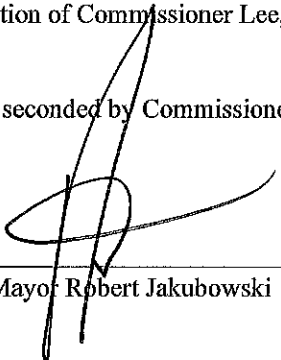
The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor-motion carried.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 5:46 P.M.



Commissioner Whitman




Mayor Robert Jakubowski



Commissioner Lee

ATTEST:



Bonnie L. Taft, Borough Clerk

DATE APPROVED: 12-20-22