

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2024

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 Jennifer McPeak, Municipal Clerk Danielle Ingves, Police Chief Tom Tassi, RJ Callaway, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works.

Mayor Jakubowski led the audience in the Flag Salute.

Mayor Jakubowski made a motion to approve meeting minutes from April 2, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor-motioned carried. Commissioner Whitman abstained.

Mayor Jakubowski made a motion to approve meeting minutes from March 19, 2024, second by Commissioner Whitman . All in favor-motion carried. Commissioner Lee abstained.

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION:

2024-02 An Ordinance by the Board Of Commissioners Amending The Borough Audubon Code Of Ordinances to Repeal Chapter 109 and to Adopt A New Chapter 109; to Adopt flood Hazard Maps; To Designate A Floodplain Administrator; and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date. First Reading – March 19, 2024, Second Reading – April 16, 2024

The motion to open to the public was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman; seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor; motion carried.

John Poliero, 47 Beloit, asked for a copy of the flood map. Our engineer has requested a copy of the map, per D. Taraschi. We will provide one to Mr. Poliero if he would like it once we receive it. Mr. Poliero was mainly concerned about how his property is affected. D. Taraschi stated that it is not affected and therefore, Mr. Poliero stated that he was satisfied.

There were no additional public comments.

The motion to close the meeting to the public was approved by motion of Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-02 was made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Whitman. Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

2024-04 An Ordinance by the Board of Commissioners to establish requirements for tree removal and replacement in the Borough of Audubon to reduce soil erosion and pollutant runoff, promote infiltration of rainwater into the soil, and protect the environment, public health, safety, and welfare. *First Reading - April 16, 2024, Second Reading/Public Hearing - May 21, 2024* The motion to approve the first reading was made by Mayor Jakubowski, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in Favor motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION:

2024-62 Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of April 2024. The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

2024-63 Authorizing the Suspension of a Portion of Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages, in the Code of the Borough of Audubon for specific dates in 2024. The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman, seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor motion carried.

2024-64 Authorize Veteran Deduction in 2024 for Block 112/13 The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

2024-65 Resolution Authorizing the Application to be filed with the Camden County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, for the Borough of Audubon, County of Camden, State of New Jersey. The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman, seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor motion carried.

COMMISSIONER LEE: Nothing to report.

COMMISSIONER WHITMAN: Finalized the budget last month. It was nice to attend opening day of Little League and Audubon Girls Softball. Congratulations to Chief Tassi as he was nominated into the Hall of Fame for Little League. Thank you for serving “the town” and serving outside/around the town.

MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI: Audubon Day is April 27. Day time from 10-3 and evening from 6-10. Philly Phanatic will be there in 11:00 hour. We will be unveiling a few things that morning. We are hoping for nice weather. For Seniors, we are working with the County Commissioners to offer transportation back and forth from Borough Hall to the park so that all can enjoy the day without worrying about parking. We are looking forward to a great time.

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. Where is Audubon Day? What Park? He was provided with the address for Audubon Day. Mr. Poliero then stated that he comes to meetings to learn about what is going on. He is mainly concerned about the solution at home and how it is not changing with his neighbors. He states that there are constant problems with noise and other disturbances. He has been to mediation, and it has not worked. He wants to know what to do. Commissioner Whitman stated that he must file a complaint and go to court. Mr. Poliero stated that he does not have a court date yet as he just filed the complaint a week ago. He is concerned that we do not have the instruments to measure noise.

Mr. Poliero also expressed concerns that the fire department's fence is coming down and he has concerns that it will end in his yard. He stated that he was instructed by a fireman to file a complaint with the fire department.

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

Closed Session: 2024-66 Motion to go into closed session for Policy & Litigation Discussion. Motion was made by Commissioner Whitman, seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor motion carried. Closed session began at 7:18 pm.

Commissioner Whitman a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Jakubowski. All in favor-motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lee to come out of closed session, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor motion carried at 7:54.

Motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI

COMMISSIONER WHITMAN

COMMISSIONER LEE

ATTEST: _____
DANIELLE INGVES, MUNICIPAL CLERK

DATE APPROVED: _____