

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

July 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.

Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve meeting minutes from June 5, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor-motioned carried.

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION:

2024-05 Ordinance of The Board of Commissioners of The Borough of Audubon, County of Camden and State of New Jersey Amending Ordinance No. 2024-04 Tree Removal-Replacement Ordinance, Section III Regulated Activities, Subsection B. Tree Replacement Requirements The Code of The Borough Of Audubon

First Reading – July 16, 2024 – Second Reading/Public Hearing – August 20, 2024

The foregoing motion to introduce the ordinance/first reading was made by Commissioner Whitman and seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in-favor motion carried.

2024-06 Ordinance of the Borough of Audubon, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 62, Traffic and Vehicles in the Code of Borough of Audubon – On-Street Handicap Parking – Block 38, Lot 29 – 137 Lafayette Road

First Reading July 16, 2024, Second Reading/Public Hearing – August 20, 2024

The foregoing motion to introduce the ordinance/first reading was made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in-favor motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION:

2024-105 Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of July 2024. The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman and seconded by Commissioner Lee. Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

2024-106 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement By and Between The Borough of Audubon and the Borough of Gibbsboro regarding Municipal Court Services The foregoing motion was approved by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Whitman. Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

2024-107 Authorizing the Appointments of Members to the Joint Land Use Board *Jeffrey Whitman, Class III, January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 Dave Taraschi Class II, July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025*
The foregoing motion was approved by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Whitman.
All in favor motion carried.

2024-108 Approving a Social Affairs Permit for Community Rocks Corp for Friday, August 16, 2024 at 100 W. Merchant Street, Third Friday Event. The foregoing motion was approved by Commissioner Whitman and seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor motion carried.

2024-109 Authorizing the Cancellation of Tax Account Balance on Block 94, Lot 22 for 2nd Quarter 2024. The foregoing motion was approved by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Whitman. Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

2024-110 Authorizing the Submission of the FY2024 American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant Application. The foregoing motion was approved by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Whitman All in favor motion carried.

COMMISSIONER LEE: National Night Out is Tuesday, August 6, 2024. The event runs from 6:00-8:30 pm and will take place at the FJW Rec & Com Center. There will be food trucks, vendors, live music, bouncy house and face painters. Come out and meet your Audubon Police Department as well as your neighbors. I will be missing NNO and the Caucus meeting prior to that due to vacation. The fireworks were a success. I was a block from home, and it was lovely to watch.

COMMISSIONER WHITMAN: The tax bills have not gone out yet. We are still waiting on numbers from the county and state. Once those numbers are provided, we will generate and mail out the tax bills. They are still due on August 1, but the grace period will be extended. Please look closely at your bill for that grace period date. Thank you to all the volunteers for all their hard work for the July 4th weekend. Hopefully, next year will be a one-day event. Thank you to Chief Tassi and all the law enforcement involved especially with the heightened security needs! Thank you to Public Works as well!

MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI: Thank you to the Audubon Celebration Committee for a fabulous job on July 4's three days of events. Murray-Trout, Lions Club and the Fathers' Association for their add on event the second evening. Thank you to all the law enforcement involved and I would like highlight Kurt Bicking, OEM Coordinator and his top-notch job that he does part-time for us. Thank you to the fire department and especially our amazing Public Works. We could not do it without all these different departments working together.

The fireworks company did an excellent job, and we would like the opportunity to work with them again next year. There are other vendors that we could look into as well. Thanks again to RJ for all he did to lead the Public Works Department for this holiday.

Chief Tassi agreed that it was a group effort by several law enforcement agencies. It was a good opportunity for a training experience, but they were ready for it if anything transpired.

OPEN SESSION:

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

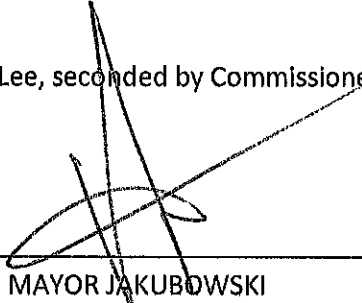
John Poliero, 47 Beloit, took the floor at 7:10 pm to express his ongoing concerns regarding the fire department. He stated that he is being called names and people are watching him through the new privacy fence that the fire department recently installed on their property. He would like to be called Mr. Poliero and not referred to as John,

he/him and various other names. He claims that someone has been spraying his bushes/fruit at the back of his property. He feels his privacy is being invaded. Mr. Poliero spoke about his ongoing concerns until 7:17 pm.

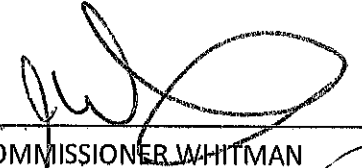
No other public comments.

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


Motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.



MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI



COMMISSIONER WHITMAN



COMMISSIONER LEE

ATTEST: 

DANIELLE INGVES, MUNICIPAL CLERK

DATE: 
