

**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**

**October 15, 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 Whitman, Commissioner Lee, Borough Administrator David Taraschi, Solicitor Sal Siciliano, Municipal Clerk Danielle Ingves, Police Chief Tom Tassi, RJ Callaway, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works.

Mayor Jakubowski led the audience in the Flag Salute.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Lee to approve the Meeting Minutes from October 1, 2024; seconded by Mayor Jakubowski. All in favor motion carried. Commissioner Whitman abstained.**

**ORDINANCES FOR ACTION:**

**2024-08 Ordinance Establishing the salaries of certain officers and employees of the Borough of Audubon for the Year of 2024.**

First Reading September 17, 2024, Second Reading/Public Hearing – October 15, 2024

The foregoing motion to open to the public for discussion was made by Commissioner Whitman; Seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor motion carried.

No comments from the public.

The foregoing motion to close to the public was made by Commissioner Lees; Seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor motion carried.

The foregoing motion to approve the Ordinance # 2024-08 was made by Commissioner Whitman; Seconded by Commissioner Lee. Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

**2024-09 Ordinance to prevent stored salt and other solid de-icing materials from being exposed to stormwater.**

First Reading September 17, 2024; Second Reading/Public Hearing – October 15, 2024.

The foregoing motion to open for discussion to the public was made by Commissioner Lee; seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor motion carried.

The foregoing motion to close to the public was made by Commissioner Lee; Seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor motion carried.

The foregoing motion to approve Ordinance # 2024-09 was made by Mayor Jakubowski; Seconded by Commissioner Lee. Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

**2024-10 Ordinance of the Borough of Audubon, County of Camden and State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 62, Traffic and Vehicles, in the code of the Borough of Audubon on Street Handicap Parking – Block 75, Lot 2 – 130 Walnut Street.**

First Reading September 17, 2024; Second Reading/Public Hearing – October 15, 2024.

The foregoing motion to open to the public for discussion was made by Commissioner Lee; seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor motion carried.

No comments from the public.

The foregoing motion to close to the public was made by Commissioner Lee; Seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor motion carried.

The foregoing motion to approve Ordinance # 2024-10 was made by Commissioner Lee; Seconded by Commissioner Whitman. Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

**2024-11 Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Various Pieces of Equipment and Completion of Capital Improvements.**

First Reading/Introduction October 15, 2024; Second Reading/Public Hearing November 19, 2024

The foregoing motion to introduce Ordinance 2024-11 was made by Commissioner Lee; Seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor motion passed.

**2024-12 Ordinance of the Borough of Audubon, County of Camden and State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 62, Traffic and Vehicles, Sec. 62-86, in the code of the Borough of Audubon, Handicap Parking in Municipal Parking Lots – to install two (2) handicap spaces at 602 Hampshire Ave, Block 145, Lot 4 (Francis J. Ward Recreation and Community Center)**

First Reading/Introduction October 15, 2024; Second Reading/Public Hearing November 19, 2024.

The foregoing motion to introduce Ordinance 2024-12 was made by Commissioner Whitman, Seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor motion passed.

**RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION:**

**2024-132 Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of October 2024.** The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Lee; Seconded by Commissioner Whitman. Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

**2024-133 Authorizing the Acceptance of the 2023 Municipal Audit.** The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman; Seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor motion carried.

**2024-134 Authorizing the Approval of a 50/50 Raffle License #06-2024 for the Audubon Band Boosters for December 14, 2024 event.** The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Lee; Seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor motion carried; Mayor Jakubowski Abstained.

**2024-135 Authorizing the Approval of Social Affairs Permit for Audubon Fathers' Association at the Francis J. Ward Recreation and Community Center, 602 Hampshire Ave, on December 14, 2024.** The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman; Seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor motion carried; Mayor Jakubowski Abstained.

**2024-136 Authorizing the Approval of Change Order Number 1 (Final) for the FY 2021 NJDOT Trust Fund, Resurfacing of East Merchant Street, Phase 3 & East Pine Street.** The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Lee; Seconded by Commissioner Whitman. Unanimous Roll Call.

**2024-137 Authorizing the Approval of a 50/50 Raffle Application/License #07-2024 for Mansion PTA Grade School for December 7, 2024.** The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman; Seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor motion carried.

**2024-138 Authorizing the Approval of a Basket Raffle Application/License #08-2024 for Mansion Aven Grade School for December 7, 2024 event.** The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Lee; Seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor motion carried.

**Discussion: Best Practices Survey.** D. Taraschi, Borough Administrator stated that we completed our survey and we have scored enough in the affirmative to receive State Aid as in past years.

**COMMISSIONER LEE:** Receives a lot of feedback as he walks his dog. There have been a lot of complaints regarding loose rock on Kings Highway and ends up on the road on the Audubon side. He has reached out to Mr. Harris to address our concerns. They will remove all the rubble concrete and replace it with aggregate soil and they are going to sweep the two lanes of traffic on a daily basis. Larger vehicles pick up the rock and kick it into lanes of traffic and surrounding yards. We are grateful to the county for taking care of this right away. The county has been really great at responding to our concerns.

Per T. Tassl they are replacing the sewer lines in Haddon Heights and it is a substantial project. D. Taraschi stated that he will ask our engineers why Audubon's sewer lines are not being repaired as well.

Com. Lee asked residents to please drive more carefully and use common sense through this project.

Added note that one of our residents celebrated three years ago for her 100 birthday passed last week at 103 years old. Our condolences go out to the family. Dorothy Beers.

**COMMISSIONER WHITMAN:** November 1 taxes are due. The Anchor Program checks will be going out soon. Keep an eye out for them.

**MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI:** Leaf season has begun. Public Works will try to get to each street once per week. Per D. Taraschi, when the leaves are heavy, it isn't as easy, but they strive for once a week per street.

Our neighbors in Haddon Heights in coordination with Audubon Civic REACH and the businesses on Merchant Street hosted an Oktoberfest and it was a nice event. Beautiful weather and it was nice to see the street full of people.

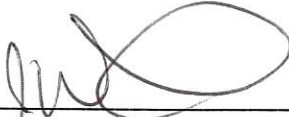
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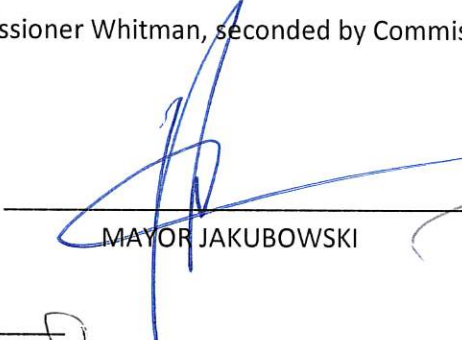
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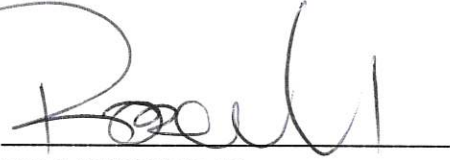
Rudy Avizius, 424 West Pine Street. – Asked when the final paving will be done on Kings Highway. The Commissioners responded how that will be the last portion of the project when all the work is completed.

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

Motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Whitman, seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

  
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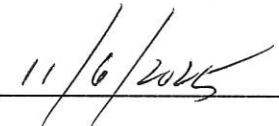
  
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