

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2024

5:00 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 5:00 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, Borough Administrator David Taraschi, Solicitor Sal Siciliano, Municipal Clerk Danielle Ingves, Police Chief Tom Tassi, RJ Callaway, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works.

Absent: Commissioner Lee

Mayor Jakubowski led the audience in the Flag Salute.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Whitman to approve the Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2024; seconded by Mayor Jakubowski. All in favor motion carried.**

### ORDINANCES FOR ACTION:

#### **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 open to the public for discussion was made by Commissioner Whitman; Seconded by Mayor Jakubowski. All in favor motion carried. (Commissioner Lee - Absent)

No comments from the public.

The foregoing motion to close to the public was made by Commissioner Whitman; Seconded by Mayor Jakubowski. (Commissioner Lee -- Absent) All in favor motion carried.

The foregoing motion to approve/adopt the Ordinance # 2024-11 was made by Mayor Jakubowski; Seconded by Commissioner Whitman. Unanimous Roll Call Vote. (Commissioner Lee -- Absent)

**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)**

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No comments from the public.

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The foregoing motion to approve/adopt the Ordinance # 2024-12 was made by Commissioner Whitman; Seconded by Mayor Jakubowski. Unanimous Roll Call Vote. (Commissioner Lee – Absent)

**RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION:**

**2024-144** Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of November 2024. The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman; Seconded by Mayor Jakubowski. Unanimous Roll Call Vote. (Commissioner Lee – Absent)

**2024-145** Authorizing the Extension of the Contract for Traffic Signal And School Flasher Emergency Response and Signal Modifications and Miscellaneous Electric Service with an Option for Maintenance and Inspection under Cherry Hill Cooperative Pricing System Identifier #37-CHCPS. The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman; Seconded by Mayor Jakubowski. All in favor motion carried. (Commissioner Lee – Absent)

**2024-146** Authorizing an Award of Contract to The Aubrey Group for Grant Writing Services effective January 1, 2025. The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Mayor Jakubowski; Seconded by Commissioner Whitman. Unanimous Roll Call Vote. (Commissioner Lee – Absent)

**2024-147** Authorizing the Borough of Audubon and its partner, Sustainable Audubon, to make a Grant Application to NJ Urban Community Forestry Program – Green Communities Grant – to assist in the writing and implementation of a comprehensive Community Forest Management Plan. The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Mayor Jakubowski; Seconded by Commissioner Whitman. Unanimous Roll Call Vote. (Commissioner Lee – Absent)

2024-148 Authorizing the Municipal Clerk to Receive RFQ Submissions for Borough Auditor for the 2024 Municipal Audit. The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman; Second by Mayor Jakubowski. All in favor motion carried. (Commissioner Lee – Absent)

2024-149 Authorizing the Municipal Clerk to Receive RFQ Submissions for Municipal Public Defender and Municipal Prosecutor for FY2025. The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman; Second by Mayor Jakubowski. All in favor motion carried. (Commissioner Lee – Absent)

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

**COMMISSIONER LEE** - Absent

**COMMISSIONER WHITMAN** -- Bills have been paid. Expressed concerns with Chief Tassi regarding traffic lights near the Chic-fil-A as he sat there for five lights and with the holiday season coming up, it would be helpful if that was addressed. Chief Tassi stated that he will check with DOT to make sure it works correctly.

**MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI** – Leaf season continues. DPW is doing a great job, and I want to thank the whole team. I know there are a lot of new guys. Thank you all. Receives many compliments from residents who appreciate DPW's work. Fire Department's Parade of Lights will be on Saturday, November 30, at 7:00 pm. Small Business Saturday is also November 30. Please shop small and shop local.

## **OPEN SESSION:**

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

Rudy Avizius, 424 West Pine Street. – Questioned why the meeting time change. Mayor Jakubowski explained that it was moved due to League of Municipalities annual meeting. Most years we remember to move to Mondays, but this year we just adjusted the time. Questioned regarding the lights, who programs those lights? Per Com. Whitman, the Department of Transportation is in charge of programming those lights. Per D. Taraschi, there is a sensor in the road that is controlled by the DOT.

John Poliero – 47 Beloit – Interested in the grant that the Borough is applying for regarding the trees and stated that he had experience and knowledge regarding trees. Per Mayor Jakubowski, the Borough has the option to apply for one of two types, one is for \$5,000 which is just for trees, both require a 25% match. We are going to be applying for a \$20,000 one, which would, if funded, allow the Borough along with Sustainable Audubon, to be able to map our trees; where they all are and then rank them as to how healthy they all are and will allow us to add trees to develop our canopy. Mr. Poliero had concerns about the type of trees that are being planted and questioned their hardiness and if they are native to Audubon. He was assured that we have an employee from DPW and a Sustainable Audubon Volunteer who are both certified to choose the correct trees. Sustainable Audubon's volunteer is a horticulturist. There will also be a meeting/seminar in December to educate on Right Tree/Right Place.

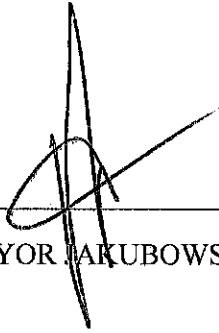
Mr. Poliero did take a moment to express his anger about a party on his block and his concerns regarding obscene language, loud noise and people in his driveway. He did call the police that evening, and the police responded appropriately. He advised Chief Tassi that he will pick up the police report soon.

No other comments from the public.

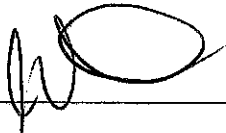
Commissioner Whitman made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mayor Jakubowski. All in favor- motion carried.

Motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Whitman, seconded by Mayor Jakubowski. All in favor motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 P.M.



MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI

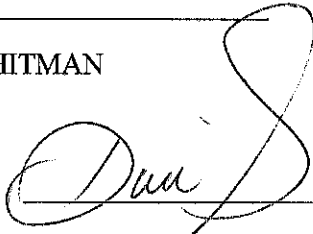


COMMISSIONER WHITMAN



COMMISSIONER LEE

ATTEST:



DANIELLE INGVES, MUNICIPAL CLERK

DATE:

