

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2025

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, Commission Lee, Commissioner Whitman, Solicitors Sal Siciliano, Municipal Clerk Danielle Ingves, Police Chief David Bauer

Mayor Jakubowski led the audience in the Flag Salute.

Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from April 1, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor motion carried.

Commissioner Whitman made a motion to approve Closed Meeting Minutes listed below, seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor motion carried.

March 7, 2023	February 6, 2024	January 7, 2025
May 2, 2023	March 5, 2024	
June 7, 2023	May 7, 2024	
July 5, 2023	June 5, 2024	
September 5, 2023	July 2, 2024	
November 8, 2023	November 6, 2024	

Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve Closed Meeting Minutes listed below, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor motion carried.

March 21, 2023	April 16, 2024	February 18, 2025
June 20, 2023	May 21, 2024	March 18, 2025
September 19, 2023		
October 17, 2023		
November 21, 2023		
December 19, 2023		

Mayor Jakubowski made a motion to approve Closed Meeting Minutes from December 17, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor motion carried. (Commissioner Lee Abstained)

Commissioner Whitman made a motion to approve Closed Meeting Minutes from July 18, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor motion carried. (Mayor Jakubowski Abstained)

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION: N/A

RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION:

2025-79 Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of April 2025. The foregoing motion was approved by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Whitman. Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

2025-80 Authorizing the Refund Overpayment of the 1st Quarter 2025 Property Taxes for Block 147.01, Lot 27. The foregoing motion was approved by Commissioner Whitman and seconded by Commissioner Lee. Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

2025-81 Authorizing the Refund Overpayment of 2nd Quarter 2025 Property Taxes for Block 44.02, Lot 17. The foregoing motion was approved by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Whitman. Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

2025-82 Authorizing the Designation of an Added Bus Stop along West Kings Highway. The foregoing motion was approved by Commissioner Whitman and seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor motion carried.

2025-83 Resolution to Affirm the Borough of Audubon's Civil Rights Policy. The foregoing motion was approved by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER LEE – This is my last meeting as Commissioner except for the caucus meeting coming up. So, it's the last in person meeting. It has been a true pleasure to serve the community and thanks to everybody who has given me the opportunity. I look forward to still being involved in a different capacity in town.

COMMISSIONER WHITMAN – This is my last meeting. Taxes are due May 1, and I am sorry to be the bearer of that bad news. To Bob's sentiments, it has been an honor to serve. There is not a lot of publics here tonight but thank you for the opportunity. Thank you, Bob, for your eight years of service. To Mayor Jakubowski, I wish you and your new Commissioners all the best of luck.

MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI – Audubon Day is Saturday, April 26 from 11:00 to 7:00 pm so it is a little shorter time this year. I want to thank both Commissioners for your dedication to this town. It is not just your time here, but years of service on the school board as well. It is appreciated. We hope that you will join us on the 20th so that we can thank you properly. The May 20th Commissioner's meeting will be at the FJW Rec & Com Center at 7:00 pm.

SPECIAL OPEN SESSION: BUDGET DISCUSSION

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

No questions from the public regarding the proposed budget. Commissioner Whitman stated that it was a tough budget with no highlights. Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

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

OPEN SESSION:

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

Resident Tom Aaron, 114 Oakland Avenue, thanked Public Works for picking up the paint cans in Wright Alley. Questioned the area along Atlantic Avenue and the cleaning up of the trees. Concerns about wild raspberry and blackberry bushes taking over. Per Mayor Jakubowski, my understanding is that it is not Audubon's responsibility anymore. Conrail used to pay Audubon to take care of those areas, but the County is overseeing both sides of Atlantic now.

Mr. Aaron also questioned the complaints regarding the juveniles banging on windows and who is addressing this problem. Per Chief Bauer, the APD is aware of the situation, and it is being addressed.

Mr. Aaron also commented that Verizon has been knocking on doors as solicitors without permits. Danielle Ingves, Municipal Clerk, stated that she would reach out to Verizon.

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

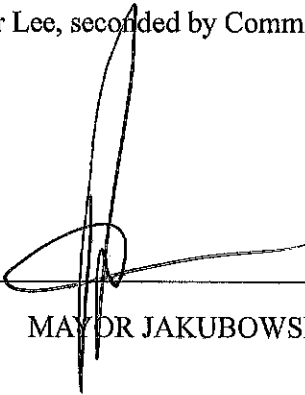
2025-84 Resolution to go into closed session was made by Commissioner Lee for matters of Litigation Updates, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor motion passed. No action will be taken during or after the closed session.

The closed session started at 7:12 pm.

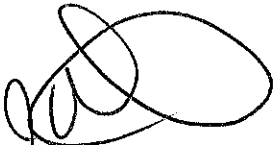
Motion was made by Commissioner Whitman and seconded by Commissioner Lee to come out of closed session. All in favor motion carried at 7:33 pm. No action was taken during closed session.

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

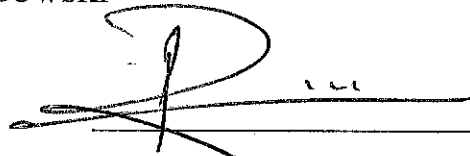
Meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.



MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI



COMMISSIONER WHITMAN



COMMISSIONER LEE

ATTEST:



DANIELLE INGVES, MUNICIPAL CLERK

DATE:

5/6/2038