

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
MAY 20, 2025
7:00 P.M.
FRANCIS J. WARD RECREATION AND COMMUNITY CENTER
602 HAMPSHIRE AVE, AUDUBON, NJ 08106

Municipal Clerk Danielle Ingves called the meeting to order.

MUNICIPAL CLERK DANIELLE INGVES 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".

Sean Alemi led the audience in the Flag Salute.

Audubon High School Select Choir performed the National Anthem.

Chief David Bauer gave the invocation.

At this time, Danielle Ingves, Municipal Clerk, certifies the May 13, 2025 Municipal Election results as follows:

These are the unofficial results from election night. The official results will be provided by the Board of Elections.

Robert Jakubowski	763
David F. Alemi	746
Andrea Wendell	742
Total number of registered voters:	7,231
Total Ballots Cast:	2,223

OATHS OF OFFICE:

Robert Jakubowski was sworn in by Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez with brief congratulatory remarks following.

Andrea Wendell was sworn in by her parents, John and Ellie Kuzma.

David F. Alemi was sworn in by Honorable Alfred Murray with brief congratulatory remarks by Honorable Alfred Murray.

2025-93 APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT JAKUBOWSKI AS MAYOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON. The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Commissioner Wendell, seconded by Commissioner Alemi. Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

2025-94 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS:

Director of Public Affairs/ Revenue and Finance– Dave Alemi – The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Wendell seconded by Mayor Jakubowski. All favor motion passed.

Director of Public Safety – Robert Jakubowski – The foregoing motion was made by Mayor Jakubowski, seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All favor motion passed.

Director of Public Works/Public Parks/Public Property – Andrea Wendell – The foregoing motion was made by Mayor Jakubowski, seconded by Commissioner Wendell. All in favor motion passed.

Comments from Visiting Dignitaries, Mayor, and New Commissioners

Commissioner Wendell spoke thanking the town for their support and trust. "Our platform of Pride, Progress and Partnership comes from real experience. We are proud of our Audubon history, and we are committed to thoughtful growth, and believe deeply in working together to make life better for everyone. That is what this campaign was about and that is how we will be leading together."

Mayor Jakubowski thanked everyone for their support and not just at the ballot box. It's when we do events and when Sustainable Audubon or any other organization does something.

Mayor Jakubowski then invited Commissioners Whitman and Lee to join him, and plaques were presented to both Commissioners for their years of service to the Borough of Audubon. "You both served with dignity and the town of Audubon is very proud that you have both been public servants for us."

Special presentation to the NJ League of Municipality Contest Winner. Those that entered were as follows:

Finola Witherington, Ava Badaracca, Ella Braddock, Ryan Kucharski, Joelle Jakubowski, Jane Poponi

The winner that was decided by the Library Board Director and two members of the Library Board in Audubon was Finola Witherington.

RESOLUTION 2025-95 RESOLUTION DECLARING THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE TO BE NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY. *The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Alemi; seconded by Commissioner Wendell. All in favor motion passed.*

RESOLUTION 2025-96 AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2025 *The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Wendell; seconded by Commissioner Alemi. Unanimous Roll Call Vote.*

RESOLUTION 2025-97 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT JAKUBOWSKI JOINT INSURANCE FUND ALTERNATE *The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Wendell; seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in favor motion passed.*

RESOLUTION 2025-98 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANDREA WENDELL CDBG REPRESENTATIVE *The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Alemi; seconded by Commissioner Wendell. All in favor motion passed. Mayor Jakubowski Abstained.*

RESOLUTION 2025-99 AUTHORIZING THE SIGNATURES OF THE APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS FOR ALL BANKING INSTITUTIONS *The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Wendell; seconded by Commissioner Alemi. Unanimous Roll Call Vote.*

RESOLUTION 2025-100 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVE ALEMI, CLASS III MEMBER OF THE JOINT LAND USE BOARD *The foregoing motion was made by Mayor Jakubowski; seconded by Commissioner Wendell. All in favor motion passed.*

RESOLUTION 2025-101 AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF OFF PREMISE DRAW RAFFLE LICENSE #02-2025 FOR PEOPLE FOR POOR *The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Wendell; seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in favor motion passed.*

RESOLUTION 2025-102 CALLING FOR THE RESTORATION OF ENERGY TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES *The*

foregoing motion was made by Mayor Jakubowski; seconded by Commissioner Wendell. All in favor motion passed.

The foregoing motion to open the meeting to the public made by Commissioner Wendell; seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in favor motion passed.

Leslie Kirsch, 236 Maple Ave, Audubon, took the time to congratulate the Mayor and new Commissioners and thank them for their leadership. She also used her time to elaborate on the resolution that was passed declaring the first Friday in June to be National Gun Awareness Day. She is here as a representative of Moms Demand Action and emphasized the importance of using existing tools (e.g., BeSmartForKids.org) to education and safeguard residents. Links can be found on the Borough of Audubon's website.

The foregoing motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Commissioner Wendell; seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in favor motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2025-103 CLOSED SESSION FOR PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS. *The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Wendell; seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in favor motion passed.*

The foregoing motion to come out of closed session was made by Commissioner Wendell, seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in favor motion passed.

2025-104 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PARKER MCCAY AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON. *The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Alemi; seconded by Commissioner Wendell. All in favor motion passed.*

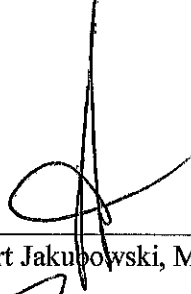
2025-105 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BACH & ASSOCIATES AS ENGINEER FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON. *The foregoing motion was made by Mayor Jakubowski; seconded by Commissioner Wendell. All in favor motion passed.*

2025-106 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SICILIANO & ASSOCIATES AS SOLICITOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON. *The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Wendell; seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in favor motion passed.*

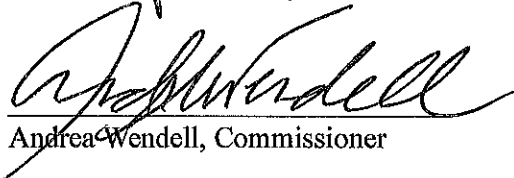
2025-107 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PARKER MCCAY AS SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON. *The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Alemi; seconded by Commissioner Wendell. All in favor motion passed.*

2025-108 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF T & M ASSOCIATES AS SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEER FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON. *The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Wendell; seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in favor motion passed.*

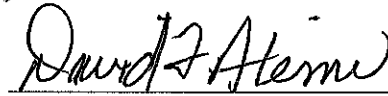
The foregoing motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm was made by Commissioner Wendell, seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in favor motion passed.



Robert Jakubowski, Mayor



Andrea Wendell, Commissioner

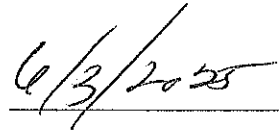


David F. Alemi, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Danielle Ingves, Municipal Clerk



Date