

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

August 19, 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, Commissioner Wendell, Commissioner Alemi, Solicitor Sal Siciliano, Municipal Clerk Danielle Ingves, RJ Callaway, Assistant Superintendent Public Works & Police Chief Dave Bauer

Mayor Jakubowski led the audience in the Flag Salute.

Commissioner Wendell made a motion to approve the Caucus Meeting Minutes from August 5, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in favor motion carried.

Commissioner Wendell made a motion to approve the Closed Meeting Minutes from August 5, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in favor motion carried.

OATH OF OFFICE: Audubon Police Department administered the Oath of Office to Patrolman Patrick Brunett.

ORDINANCES:

2025-08 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES OF THE CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON FOR THE YEAR 2025.

RESOLUTIONS:

2025-148 Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of August 2025. The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Wendell; seconded by Commissioner Alemi. Unanimous roll call vote.

2025-149 Authorizing the Award of BID to Jessco Construction, Inc., in the amount of

88,950.00 for the Senior Center 1st Floor Lobby Renovation (CDBG FY2025).
The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Alemi and seconded by
Commissioner Wendell. Unanimous roll call vote.

OPEN SESSION: Commissioner Wendell made a motion to open the meeting to the public; seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in favor motion carried.

Rudy Avizius, 424 W. Pine Street, welcomed the new members of the Board of Commissioners. He questioned the Borough about the installation of internet antennas throughout the borough. He mentioned a letter that he has received stating that they were going to be able to get internet without installers coming and expressed concern about 5G radiation and additional antenna towers located hundreds of feet apart and all over the borough. High levels of radiation were of great concern. Per Solicitor Siciliano, the Borough is not aware of anything like this, and he added that anything having to do with utilities, and the board of public utilities is strictly regulated at the state level first. We have heard nothing along those lines and stated that it is probably a sales promotion. He also stated that such a plan would be a multi-year process.

Kevin Moran, 126 E. Military Drive, National Park questioned the traffic light timing and road improvement concerns highlighting the longstanding issues at the White Horse Pike and Black Horse Pikes drawing comparisons to the Route 42/Bellmawr area.

He then expressed disapproval for the American flag with the thin blue line in the municipal building that hangs in the lobby and believed it to be considered a desecration of the flag and a code violation and suggested hanging it in an alternate location like a locker room.

Both Chief Bauer and Solicitor Siciliano explained that the wooden replica of the flag that he was referring to be a gift from the family of one of their officers who is recently deceased by suicide, Officer McCausland, and it will remain. It was also noted that there are nuances of flag code application, noting it may not apply to wooden replicas.

Commissioner Alemi made a motion to close the meeting to the public; seconded by Commissioner Wendell. All in favor motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER WENDELL – Let me begin by thanking you for your patience as we, your new team of commissioners, continue to learn and grow in our roles. Every decision we make is rooted in one priority: the well-being of the Audubon community.

You may have noticed some changes throughout town, including new signage and parking updates. These adjustments are not made lightly. They are guided by our ordinances and are designed to enhance both the appearance of our town and, most importantly, the safety of our roads and intersections. If you ever have questions, I encourage you to ask. In addition, our borough website is a valuable resource where you can review and better understand the ordinances that shape these changes.

I also want to share an update on trash collection. Beginning with Labor Day week, we will be conducting a *trial run* for holiday schedules. When a holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday, trash pickup will shift by one day for the remainder of the week. For example, during Labor Day week (Monday, September 1st): Monday pickup will move to Tuesday. Tuesday pickup will move to Wednesday. Wednesday pickup will move to Thursday. Thursday pickup will move to Friday. This “domino effect” allows our Department of Public Works to stay on track with the many other responsibilities they manage, including tree work, road repairs, grass cutting, and sign replacement—services that benefit both Audubon and our shared work with Haddon Heights. Finally, I want to let residents know that we will be providing a community update on the Recycle Coach app at our next caucus meeting on September 2nd. This free mobile and web application is designed to help residents manage recycling and waste disposal more effectively. It provides collection schedules, educational resources, and even a helpful “What Goes Where?” search tool to make recycling easier and more efficient for everyone.

Thank you again for your patience, your partnership, and your pride in our community. Together, we’re moving Audubon forward.

COMMISSIONER ALEMI – Tax bills were mailed out. They were due on August 1, but the grace period goes to August 29. We used a third-party vendor and that was way more efficient this year. Second half of the year sewer bill is due October 1 and there is no grace period for that. I have also met with our consultant, Dominic Vesper, and the CFO, Jack Bruno, to discuss what is going on with all of our departments. We will find ways to be more efficient and smarter. We are excited about the direction we are going. We have a great team, and we are moving forward.

MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI – Expressed joy for swearing in a new police officer. We have another quality candidate coming from the academy soon. You see all our police are here and we have one of the best departments. Acknowledged Former Chief, Tom Tassi’s presence and praised the department’s continued improvement and forward momentum. We have shown that in the last few months, the APD hasn’t lost a beat.

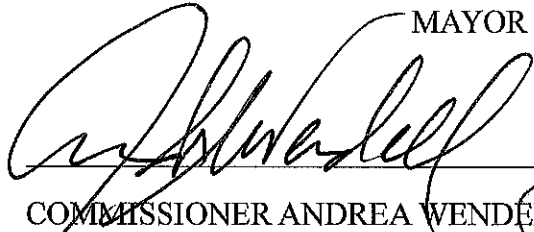
Resolution 2025-151 to go into Closed Session for matters of Litigation. The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Wendell and seconded by Commissioner Alemi was made at 7:27 pm. All in favor motion carried.

Motion was made to come out of closed session by Commissioner Wendell and seconded by Commissioner Alemi at 7:43 pm. All in favor motion carried.

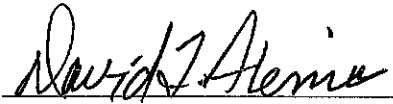
Motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Wendell, seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.



MAYOR ROBERT JAKUBOWSKI

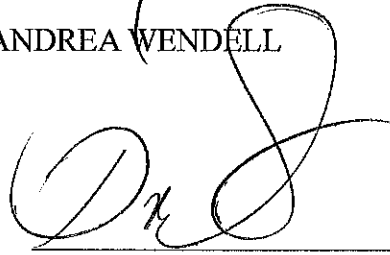


COMMISSIONER ANDREA WENDELL



COMMISSIONER DAVID F. ALEMI

ATTEST:



DANIELLE INGVES, MUNICIPAL CLERK

DATE:

9/16/2025
