

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2026

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, Solicitors Sal Siciliano and Jennifer McPeak, Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk Danielle Ingves, Randolph Callaway, Superintendent Public Works & Police Chief David Bauer, and Captain John Gaspari

Mayor Jakubowski led the audience in the Flag Salute.

Meeting Minutes Approval: January 06, 2026, Caucus Meeting Minutes & January 6, 2026 Closed Caucus Meeting Minutes. The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Wendell, seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in favor motion carried.

ORDINANCES: N/A

RESOLUTIONS:

2026-41 Authorizing the payment of bills for January 2026. The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Alemi and seconded by Commissioner Wendell. Unanimous roll call vote.

2026-42 Authorizing the Appointment of Borough of Audubon Probationary Police Officer, Dylan Carpenter effective January 12, 2026 The foregoing motion was made by Mayor Jakubowski and seconded by Commissioner Wendell. Unanimous roll call vote.

2026-43 Resolution to cancel the 2026 property taxes due to tax assessor granting a Totally Disabled Veteran Status for Block 87, Lot 3 The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Wendell and seconded by Commissioner Alemi. Unanimous roll call vote.

2026-44 Authorizing the Appointment of Sanaa Talwasa as Trustee of the Free Public Library of Audubon for the unexpired term, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2029. The foregoing motion was made by Mayor Jakubowski and seconded by Commissioner Wendell. All in favor motion carried.

2026-45 Authorizing Basket Raffle, License #2026-01, for Audubon Band Booster, Inc. for March 21, 2026, at FJW Rec & Com Center, 602 Hampshire Ave. The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Wendell and seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in favor motion carried.

2026-46 Authorizing 50/50 Draw Raffle, License #2026-02, for Band Booster, Inc. for March 21, 2026 at FJW Recreation & Community Center, 602 Hampshire Ave. The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Wendell and seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in favor motion carried.

2026-47 Approving Agreement By and Between the Borough of Audubon and PBA Local #328 effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028. The foregoing motion was made by Mayor Jakubowski and seconded by Commissioner Wendell. Unanimous roll call vote.

2026-48 Authorizing an application to be filed with the State of NJ Department of Law and Public Safety Office of the Attorney General for the New Jersey Law Enforcement Wellness and Resiliency Grant to promote employee wellness, resiliency, and employee wellbeing within a law enforcement agency. The foregoing motion was made by Mayor Jakubowski and seconded by Commissioner Wendell. All in favor motion carried.

2026-49 Approving a Social Affairs Permit for Tavistock Hills Swim Club for Saturday, March 14, 2026 at the FJW Recreation and Community Center. The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Wendell and seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in favor motion carried.

2026-50 Authorizing the Appointment of Ernest Busch as Fire Official for 2026. The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Wendell and seconded by Commissioner Alemi. Unanimous roll call vote.

2026-51 Authorizing the Appointment of Gene Sheppard as Fire Marshal/Inspector for 2026. The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Wendell and seconded by Commissioner Alemi. 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.

John Polerio, 47 Beloit, expressed Happy New Year.

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER WENDELL – Appreciation was expressed for the thoughtful feedback received from the community survey on the Audubon Family Park. This feedback, which highlighted the park's value and resident support for accessibility and safety improvements, will

directly inform Borough's Green Acres grant application. Another community hearing for the grant is scheduled for February 10 at 6:00 pm, here at the municipal building.

I would like to take the time to commend DPW for its response to the recent snow event, where crews used 25-20 tons of salt as they prepared for a major snowstorm that was expected to bring 14-20 inches of snow and residents were reminded to keep cars off the streets and shovel sidewalks within 24 hours. There was significant push for Audubon Alerts sign-ups with registrations increasing from 390 to over 700, though this still only represents about 8% of the town's population. Residents were encouraged to sign up by 4:00 pm on Friday before the storm to receive the updates.

COMMISSIONER ALEMI – I will echo Commissioner Wendell's thoughts on public works. Will be working with our CFO in the upcoming weeks to discuss the budget.

MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI – Expressed pleasure with the approval of the new three-year police contract, stating it makes the borough's salaries competitive again and will help attract and retain officers. He highlighted the department's positive direction with a new chief, experienced officers, and two new recruits in the academy.

Finally, a tribute was paid Danielle Ingves for her years of dedicated service as president of our public library Board of Trustees. Her leadership was praised and the commissioners welcome a replacement to the opening on the board. The new board member is a high-user of the library and we expect her to bring a fresh perspective.

Motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Alemi, seconded by Commissioner Wendell. All in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.



MAYOR ROBERT JAKUBOWSKI

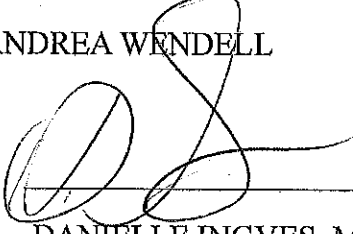


COMMISSIONER ANDREA WENDELL



COMMISSIONER DAVID F. ALEMI

ATTEST:



DANIELLE INGVES, MUNICIPAL CLERK

DATE: February 3, 2026