

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Jakubowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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 & Jennifer McPeak, Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk Danielle Ingves, Randolph Callaway, Superintendent Public Works & Police Chief David Bauer

Mayor Jakubowski led the audience in the Flag Salute.

Special Presentation – Project Memorial

- Mr. Webb, a history teacher, and Connor Wendell, a senior student, presented "Project Memorial."
- Project Memorial began 32 years ago, initiated by students to honor three Congressional Medal of Honor recipients from Audubon.
- The initiative has expanded to honor all community members who died in service. A granite memorial serves as the tribute.
- This year, six community members who died in past wars will be honored: Joseph R. Paul, William Reckeweg, Walter Hansen, John Schnepf, Gerald Thinnes, and David T. Borland.
- Students, organized into junior and senior teams, research the honorees using sources such as New Jersey servicemen websites, Find a Grave, Ancestry.com, and yearbooks.
- The annual ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 20, at 7:00 PM, featuring a color guard from the New Jersey Third Regiment.
- Attendees are invited to lay a flower at the Medal of Honor memorial after the ceremony while "Taps" is played.

Special Presentation – Autism Awareness

- Commissioner Wendell highlighted Autism Awareness Month, noting the community's progress from awareness to acceptance and action.
- Blue ribbons were available for attendees to show support.
- **Luke's Place:** A local organization supporting young adults with special needs by offering programming, social opportunities, and pathways to independence.
- **Audubon Police Department:** Officers receive training in de-escalation and in recognizing individuals with neurological or cognitive challenges.
 - The department participates in the "AIDE Program" (formerly the Public Safety Alliance for Individuals with Disabilities), a voluntary service that helps first responders assist residents with disabilities.
 - The "Blue Envelope" program helps drivers with autism communicate safely with law enforcement during traffic stops.
 - The department is ordering three "Carter Kits," toolkits designed to create calming environments for individuals who may be overwhelmed.
 - Additional tools under consideration include seatbelt covers and vehicle decals to signal that an individual may need special accommodation.

Meeting Minutes Approval: April 7, 2026 Caucus Meeting Minutes The foregoing motion was made by Mayor Jakubowski and seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in favor motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

2026-07 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 62, TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, ARTICLE II, STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING, DIVISION 1, GENERALLY, SECTION 62-45, PARKING TIME LIMITED, IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON. First Reading April 21, 2026; Second Ready/Public Hearing May 18, 2026. The foregoing motion to introduce was made by Commissioner Wendell and seconded by Commissioner Alemi. Unanimous roll call vote.

2026-08 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 62, TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON First Reading April 21, 2026; Second Ready/Public Hearing May 18, 2026. The foregoing motion to introduce was made by Commissioner Wendell and seconded by Commissioner Alemi. Unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

2026-96 Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of April 2026. The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Alemi and seconded by Commissioner Wendell. Unanimous roll call vote.

2026-97 Authorizing Limited Brewery Off-Premises Events for Farm Truck Brewing LLC 100 W. Merchant Street for the following dates: May 8, 2026, May 9, 2026 & May 10, 2026. The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Wendell and seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in favor motion carried.

2026-98 Resolution Granting a Totally Exempt Veteran Deduction with 1st Quarter 2026 Refunded and Cancellation of Remaining Taxes for Block 130, Lot 44. The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Wendell and seconded by Commissioner Alemi. Unanimous roll call vote.

2026-99 Resolution Proclaiming the month of April in 2026 as Parkinson's Awareness Month. The foregoing motion was made by Commissioner Wendell and seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in favor motion carried.

2026-100 Authorizing The Aubrey Group to make application for the MERP Grant (Management Enhancement Review Program) The foregoing motion was made by Mayor Jakubowski and seconded by Commissioner Wendell. All in favor motion carried.

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

John Poliero, 47 Beloit Ave, asked questions regarding registering for the Townwide Yard Sale on May 16 with the rain date on May 17. The Municipal Clerk answered the questions and instructed him to come to the office for the permit or sign up online at AudubonCivicREACH.org. Permits cost \$10.00 as they are donations for the Audubon Celebration Committee.

Rudy Avizius, 424 W. Pine Street - A resident described a recent success in a Pennsylvania town that blocked a telecom company from installing antennas on local infrastructure. He urged the township to develop a strong local wireless ordinance to guard against similar issues, citing resources from the League of Municipalities.

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER WENDELL: Grass cutting pickup began this week. Just a reminder to residents to please use a separate can or brown paper recycling bags for grass clippings. These will be picked up on your normal trash day, just later in the day. I also want to thank the Borough for the opportunity to attend the Rutgers Local Government class. It was incredibly insightful and helpful as I come to the end of my first year in office. Today, our Young at Hearts group held their April meeting, and we were lucky enough to have the Audubon High School Ensemble come perform for the seniors. It was a wonderful event and truly appreciated by all. Thanks to Mrs. Swinney, the choir director and all the students who participated. As a reminder, Young at Hearts meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 1:00 PM at the Audubon Senior Center — all are welcome. And last, but certainly not least, this Saturday is Audubon Day at Audubon Family Park from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. There will be vendors, food trucks, and plenty of activities for kids including bounce houses, face painting, and balloon art. It looks like it's going to be a great day for our community. The Young at Heart group met and featured a performance by the Audubon High School Ensemble. They meet on the third Tuesday of each month. A new water bottle filling station was installed at Francis J. Ward Park,

COMMISSIONER ALEMI – Had the pleasure to attend the same course online that Commissioner Wendell did. It was very insightful to see other towns and how they manage situations. I had the opportunity to ask questions about how it would apply to our town. I also completed the cyber security class that was required as well. It is always good to refresh. With the help of all the departments, the budget for next month was introduced at the last meeting and we will have the public hearing on May 18. Had the opportunity to learn a lot about every department and what goes into the creation of the budget and to see how all the pieces fit together. So, like the direct this town is moving in a very positive way.

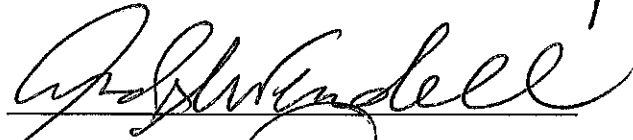
MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI –

I want to thank the Fire Department for assisting with recent fires for two weekends in a row before they helped in two other counties. One of the fires was in West Deptford near the refinery as well as a couple of incidents in Oaklyn. We appreciate the hard work of every volunteer in the fire department. They put their lives on the line for us all of the time. They had no injuries, and I am grateful for that. Every time the chief texts me that, me, I I want to know if anyone is hurt? That is all I want to know first. So, I appreciate all that they do. Thank you to our police department for all the work that they do. And they did win the annual softball game this year against Public Works. I want to remind everyone that I am 2-0 as a Commissioner. Thank you to the volunteers as they work very hard. Anyone looking for volunteer opportunities, please check them out because they are going to be busy the rest of the year with Audubon Day, Fourth of July, and townwide yard sales. Fireworks are on July 3 and the parade and athletic events will remain on the July 4.

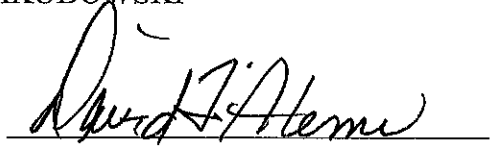
Motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Wendell, seconded by Commissioner Alemi. All in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.




MAYOR ROBERT JAKUBOWSKI



COMMISSIONER ANDREA WENDELL



COMMISSIONER DAVID F. ALEMI

ATTEST 

DANIELLE INGVES, MUNICIPAL CLERK

DATE: May 5, 2026