

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW
JERSEY, HELD JUNE 6, 2016 IN THE ANNEX BUILDING AT 7:00 PM.**

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Audubon Park was convened in the Annex Building, 504 Road A, Audubon Park, NJ on Monday, June 6, 2016, at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Pennock requested all stand for the flag salute.

Mayor Pennock announced that Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 requires adequate notice of this meeting be provided. This was done by placing Annual Notice in the Courier-Post and Retrospect Newspapers and by posting on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL: Councilman Carpinelli, Councilman Delengowski, Councilwoman DiPasquale, Councilwoman Hook and Councilwoman Lewis. Councilwoman Jones (excused) was absent. Stuart Platt, Esq. was also present.

Motion made by Councilman Delengowski to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on Monday, April 18, 2016 and the Regular Minutes of Monday, May 2, 2016, seconded by Councilwoman DiPasquale. Roll call vote: Councilman Carpinelli, Councilman Delengowski-yes, Councilwoman DiPasquale-yes, Councilwoman Hook-yes and Councilwoman Lewis-yes.

ORDINANCES:

The Clerk read the following Ordinance by Title:

#2016-05 – 2016 Salary Ordinance

Motion made by Councilman Delengowski and seconded by Councilwoman Lewis that the aforementioned ordinance introduced at this time be approved on the first reading and remain on file with the Clerk for public inspection until the public hearing thereon and further consideration thereof which will be on August 1, 2016, in the Annex Building. The Clerk was further directed to publish said ordinance together with the notice of such hearing in the manner required by law in the Retrospect Newspaper and also to post copies on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building prior to the second reading and make copies available to the general public of the Borough who shall request same. Roll Call: Councilman Carpinelli-yes, Councilman Delengowski-yes, Councilwoman DiPasquale-yes, Councilwoman Hook-yes, and Councilwoman Lewis-yes.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION 2016:48
BILL RESOLUTION (PAYMENT OF CLAIMS)
(June 2016)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Audubon Park, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the claims for payment detailed in the attached voucher list are hereby approved with the following totals:

Current Fund	\$295,014.19
Dog Trust	\$ 127.80
MPB Fund	\$ 200.00

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO OVERSEE THE
BOROUGH BUSINESS IN JULY
No. 2016:49**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Audubon Park, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that due to the fact that there are no meetings in the month of July that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any pertinent Borough business matters during that month to include but not limited to payment of claims/bills.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHAPTER 159 REVENUE FOR CLEAN
COMMUNITIES GRANT – No. 2016:50**

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Audubon Park, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey hereby request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2016 in the sum of \$4,000.00, which is now available from an entitlement from the Clean Communities Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$4,000.00 and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from an entitlement from the Clean Communities Grant in the amount of \$4,000.00.

Motion made by Councilwoman Lewis to adopt Resolutions #2016:48 through #2016:50, seconded by Councilman Delengowski. Roll call vote: Councilman Carpinelli-yes, Councilman Delengowski-yes, Councilwoman DiPasquale-yes, Councilwoman Hook-yes and Councilwoman Lewis-yes.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The following item was discussed by the Mayor and Borough Council:

- Peddler & Solicitation Correspondence from CherylLynn Walters, Esquire – Mr. Stuart Platt, Esquire explained the new legislation requiring municipalities to accept certain state criminal background checks regarding potential peddlers and solicitors.
- Courtesy School Busing – Mayor Pennock explained that multiple Council Members asked him to put Courtesy Busing on the agenda for discussion. Stuart Platt, Esquire pointed out that Courtesy Busing is not mandatory. Mayor Pennock requested that Council make a motion to open the meeting to the public to discuss Courtesy Busing only:

Motion made by Council Delengowski to open a public hearing to discuss Courtesy Busing only, seconded by Councilwoman DiPasquale. All yes.

Arthur Glantz, 12 Oriole Drive – Mr. Glantz asked what other towns do. Mayor Pennock explained that Busing is only required by Board of Educations for individuals that live more than 2 miles from the school they attend.

Mr. Platt commented that you should notify the residents of the decision and outline the reasoning for the decision.

Councilwoman DiPasquale commented on the number of people that drive to the bus stops and wait for the bus and then pick up their kids and drive them home. She also noted that cars keep going around the bus when children are loading and unloading.

Mayor Pennock asked Mr. Platt if the Borough is liable for children that may get hurt due to drivers that disregard the bus.

Mr. Platt responded that the Borough could be liable.

Cindy Hassett, 10 Kingfisher Court - Mrs. Hassett commented that she agrees the busing should end.

Paul Frantz, 15 Pelican Drive – Mr. Frantz stated he thought busing was mandatory. He further stated that nowadays everyone has a car. He stated the kids don't behave for the 5-10 minute bus ride to school. He believes it's time for the Courtesy Busing to end.

Councilwoman DiPasquale points out that the reason we have an aid on the bus is because the children were not behaving and they were a distraction for the bus driver.

Arthur Glantz, 12 Oriole Drive – Mr. Glantz commented that it's a courtesy for him to stop when the bus is loading and unloading kids.

Motion made by Councilwoman Lewis to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Delengowski. All ayes.

Motion made by Councilman Delengowski to suspend courtesy school busing from September 1, 2016 through the end of the school year, June 2017, with proper notice to 499 homes, seconded by Councilwoman DiPasquale. Roll call vote: Councilman Carpinelli-yes, Councilman Delengowski-yes, Councilwoman DiPasquale-yes, Councilwoman Hook-yes and Councilwoman Lewis-yes. Mayor Pennock agrees with the decision made by Borough Council.

The Clerk was asked to prepare a Draft Letter and send to Mr. Platt for review.

REPORTS:

Councilwoman DiPasquale reported that she, along with Councilwoman Lewis, planted flowers in the flower beds in front of the Memorial at 20 Road C and in front of the School Building.

Councilman Delengowski reported that the Memorial Day Service was nice.

Councilwoman Hook asked about parameters for how the Garden Committee functions. Mr. Platt explained that you do not need a formal board. Mayor Pennock suggested that they reach out to other communities with Community Garden. Councilwoman Hook reported that they could meet once a month.

Councilman Delengowski offered to make the gate for the Community Garden.

Mayor Pennock reported on the following:

- Fence at school being hit by a resident and that he is looking to get it fixed and the resident will pay.
- Construction meeting for HVAC this week.
- Appointment of QPA makes it easier for the Borough to higher contractors to do small jobs.
- Scheduling of meetings as needed to approve contracts for school.

Motion made by Councilman Delengowski to open the public hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Hook. All ayes.

Arthur Glantz, 12 Oriole Drive – Mr. Glantz asked if the Borough gets rid of busing, what happens with the bus. Mayor Pennock responds that we would find other uses for the bus.

Councilwoman Lewis points out that the Audubon School District has the Keys Program for kids before and after school for a small fee so parents can drop off and pick up their kids around their work hours.

Mayor Pennock points out that Borough Council believes busing has outlived its usefulness.

Motion Made by Councilman Delengowski to close the public portion, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis. All ayes.

Motion made by Councilwoman DiPasquale to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM, seconded by Councilman Delengowski. All ayes.

DAWN M. PENNOCK, RMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK