

**1MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY
HELD ON MAY 4TH, 2026**

A regular meeting of Borough Council for the Borough of Audubon Park, was convened in the Audubon Park Town Center, 2 Road C, Audubon Park, NJ at 7:00 P.M on May 4 , 2026

Mayor Brian Burns called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Ryan Giles performs a roll call.

Councilman Goebel	HERE
Councilman Hassett	HERE
Councilwoman Lowe	HERE
Councilwoman Paratore	HERE

Justin Strausser, Esq. was also present.

Councilwoman Foti and Councilwoman Lewis were absent.

Ryan Giles, Clerk, announced this meeting was advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, and complies with all the laws therein.

Ryan Giles asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting held April 4th, 2026.

Councilwoman Paratore makes a motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting held April 4th, 2026.

Councilwoman Lowe seconds the motion

All members vote in favor

Motion Carries

CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

ENGINEER'S REPORT - There is no changes from the previous meeting.

Ryan Giles

Old Business

Ordinance #2026:02 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SALARIES TO BE PAID TO EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING THE VARIOUS POSITIONS, AMOUNTS OF SALARY AND TIME OF PAYMENT.

Ryan Giles ask for a motion to open to the public for Ordinances #2026-02 only

Motion to open to the public comment:

Councilwoman Paratore makes a motion to open to public comment for Ordinance #2026:02

Councilman Goebel seconds the motion

All in Favor

Motion Carries

Floor is open to the public for comment on Ordinance #2026:02 only.

No Public Comment

Councilman Goebel makes a motion to close the floor to the public

Councilwoman Paratore seconds the motion

Floor is closed to the public

Councilwoman Paratore makes a motion to adopt Ordinances #2026:02

Councilman Goebel seconds the motion.

Councilman Goebel	YES
Councilman Hassett	YES
Councilwoman Lowe	YES
Councilwoman Paratore	YES

MOTION CARRIES: VOTE 4 -0

#2026:02

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
SALARIES TO BE PAID TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE**

BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING THE VARIOUS POSITIONS, AMOUNTS OF SALARY AND TIME OF PAYMENT

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Audubon Park, County of Camden and State of New Jersey, Section 1. of the aforesaid Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. The following salaries shall be paid at the time designated to the employees of the Borough of Audubon Park, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, who hold or are appointed to the positions enumerated below, beginning January 1, 2026, date of appointment or as specifically noted.

POSITION	PAYROLL PERIOD	2026 ANNUAL SALARY/RANGE
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REVENUE AND FINANCE

Deputy Municipal Clerk	Bi-weekly	\$40,000.00-\$45,000.00
Municipal Clerk	Annually	\$24,500 (Shared Service)
Treasurer		
QPA		
Tax Collector		
Office Assistant	Bi-weekly	\$17.00-\$19.00 per hour
CFO	Quarterly	\$24,500 (Shared Service)
Accounting Clerk	Bi-weekly	\$6,367.25
Communication/Social Media	Bi-weekly	\$3,000.00

PUBLIC SAFETY AND AFFAIRS

Registrar of Vital Statistics	Annual	\$2,080.80
Deputy Registrar	Annual	\$1,000.00
Fire Marshall	Bi-weekly	\$6,702.00
Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator	Quarterly	\$2,500.00
Crossing Guard/Substitute	Bi-weekly	\$17.00 per hour

LIBRARY

Librarians	Bi-weekly	\$17.00 per hour
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TAX ASSESSOR

Tax Assessor	Bi-annually	\$1,275.00
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PARKS

Municipal Recycling Coordinator "MRC"	Annually	\$1,000.00
Temporary Seasonal Helper	Bi-weekly	\$15.92 - \$19.00 per hour

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this amending Ordinance be and they are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies only.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its due passage and publication according to law.

Date of Introduction: April 6, 2026

Date of Adoption: May 4, 2026

Ryan Giles moves on to new business. He announces that we have two ordinances to introduce tonight.

ORDINANCE #2026:03 - BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO MUNICIPAL PROPERTY IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$225,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$92,922; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Councilwoman Paratore makes a motion to introduce Ordinances #2026:03

Councilman Hassett seconds the motion

Councilman Goebel	YES
Councilman Hassett	YES
Councilwoman Lowe	YES
Councilwoman Paratore	YES

MOTION CARRIES: VOTE 4 -0

BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE #2026:03

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO MUNICIPAL PROPERTY IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$225,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$92,922; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Audubon Park, County of Camden, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law"), as follows:

Section 1. The purposes described in Section 7 hereof are hereby authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by the Borough of Audubon Park, County of Camden, New Jersey ("Borough").

Section 2. It is hereby found, determined and declared as follows:

(a) the estimated amount to be raised by the Borough from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$225,000;

(b) the estimated amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$92,922; and

(c) a down payment in the amount of \$5,000 for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is currently available in accordance with the requirements of Section 11 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11*.

Section 3. The sum of \$92,922, to be raised by the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes, together with the sum of \$5,000, which amount represents the required down payment, and the sum of \$127,078, which amount represents grants heretofore approved from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (Local Recreation Grant), are hereby appropriated for the purposes stated in this bond ordinance ("Bond Ordinance").

Section 4. The issuance of negotiable bonds of the Borough in an amount not to exceed \$92,922 to finance the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 hereof is hereby authorized. Said bonds shall be sold in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law.

Section 5. In order to temporarily finance the purposes described in Section 7 hereof, the issuance of bond anticipation notes of the Borough in an amount not to exceed \$92,922 is hereby authorized. Pursuant to the Local Bond Law, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver the same to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their date to delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this Bond Ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 6. The amount of the proceeds of the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance which may be used for the payment of interest on such obligations, accounting, engineering, legal fees and other items as provided in Section 20 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20*, shall not exceed the sum of \$75,000.

Section 7. The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which said obligations are to be issued; the estimated costs of each said purpose; the amount of down payment for each said purpose; the maximum amount of obligations to be issued for each said purpose and the period of usefulness of each said purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law are as follows:

	<u>Purpose/Improvement</u>	<u>Estimated Total Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Amount of Obligations</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
A.	Improvements to Various Municipal Property including, but not limited to, Acquisition and Installation of a Pavillion/Gazebo and an ADA Compliant Swing Set at the Corner of Road A and Road B, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor	\$225,000	\$127,078	\$5,000	\$92,922	15 years

Section 8. The average period of useful life of the several purposes for the financing of which this Bond Ordinance authorizes the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized for said several purposes, is not less than 15 years.

Section 9. Grants or other monies received from any governmental entity, if any, will be applied to the payment of, or repayment of obligations issued to finance, the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 above.

Section 10. The supplemental debt statement provided for in Section 10 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:2-10, was duly filed in the office of the Clerk prior to the passage of this Bond Ordinance on first reading and a complete executed duplicate original thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. The supplemental debt statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:2-43, is increased by this Bond Ordinance by \$92,922 and that the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 11. The full faith and credit of the Borough are irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance, and to the extent payment is not otherwise provided, the Borough shall levy *ad valorem* taxes on all taxable real property without limitation as to rate or amount for the payment thereof.

Section 12. The applicable Capital Budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this Bond Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith, and the resolution promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended Capital Budget and Capital Program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

Section 13. The Borough hereby declares its intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance pursuant to Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(e), promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), for "original expenditures", as defined in Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(c)(2), made by the Borough prior to the issuance of such bonds or bond anticipation notes.

Section 14. The Borough hereby covenants as follows:

(a) it shall take all actions necessary to ensure that the interest paid on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by the Bond Ordinance is exempt from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income taxation purposes, and will not become a specific item of tax preference pursuant to Section 57(a)(5) of the Code;

(b) it will not make any use of the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes or do or suffer any other action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "arbitrage bonds" as such term is defined in Section 148(a) of the Code and the Regulations promulgated thereunder;

(c) it shall calculate or cause to be calculated and pay, when due, the rebatable arbitrage with respect to the "gross proceeds" (as such term is used in Section 148(f) of the Code) of the bonds or bond anticipation notes;

(d) it shall timely file with the Internal Revenue Service, such information report or reports as may be required by Sections 148(f) and 149(e) of the Code; and

(e) it shall take no action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code.

Section 15. The improvements authorized hereby are not current expenses and are improvements that the Borough may lawfully make. No part of the cost of the improvements authorized hereby has been or shall be specially assessed on any property specially benefited thereby.

Section 16. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 17. In accordance with the Local Bond Law, this Bond Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Date of Introduction: May 4, 2026

Date of Final Adoption: _____, 2026

Notice of Pending Bond Ordinance and Summary.

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Audubon Park, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, on May 4, 2026. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Audubon Park to be held at the Audubon Park Town Center, 2 Road C, Audubon Park, NJ 08106, on _____, 2026 at _____ o'clock ____M. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Borough Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: **BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO MUNICIPAL PROPERTY IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$225,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$92,922; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**

	<u>Purpose/Improvement</u>	<u>Estimated Total Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Amount of Obligations</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
A.	Improvements to Various Municipal Property including, but not limited to, Acquisition and Installation of a Pavillion/Gazebo and an ADA Compliant Swing Set at the Corner of Road A and Road B, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor	\$225,000	\$127,078	\$5,000	\$92,922	15 years

Appropriation: \$225,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$92,922
Grants: \$127,078
Section 20 Costs: \$75,000
Useful Life: 15 years

RYAN GILES, Borough Clerk

This Notice is published pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17*

Bond Ordinance Statements and Summary

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Audubon Park, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey on _____, 2026 and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Borough Clerk's office at the Audubon Park Town Center, 2 Road C, Audubon Park, New Jersey 08106, for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

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A.	Improvements to Various Municipal Property including, but not limited to, Acquisition and Installation of a Pavillion/Gazebo and an ADA Compliant Swing Set at the Corner of Road A and Road B, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor	\$225,000	\$127,078	\$5,000	\$92,922	15 years

Appropriation:	\$225,000
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Grants:	\$127,078
Section 20 Costs:	\$75,000
Useful Life:	15 years

RYAN GILES, Borough Clerk

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ORDINANCE #2026-04 - BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK;

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$420,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$89,772; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Councilman Goebel makes a motion to introduce Ordinance #2026:04

Councilwoman Paratore seconds the motion

Councilman Goebel	YES
Councilman Hassett	YES
Councilwoman Lowe	YES
Councilwoman Paratore	YES

MOTION CARRIES: VOTE 4 -0

BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE #2026-04

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$420,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$89,772; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Audubon Park, County of Camden, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law"), as follows:

Section 1. The purposes described in Section 7 hereof are hereby authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by the Borough of Audubon Park, County of Camden, New Jersey ("Borough").

Section 2. It is hereby found, determined and declared as follows:

(a) the estimated amount to be raised by the Borough from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$420,000;

(b) the estimated amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$89,772; and

(c) a down payment in the amount of \$5,000 for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is currently available in accordance with the requirements of Section 11 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11*.

Section 3. The sum of \$89,772, to be raised by the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes, together with the sum of \$5,000, which amount represents the required down payment, and the sum of \$325,228, which amount represents grants heretofore approved from the New Jersey Department of Transportation, are hereby appropriated for the purposes stated in this bond ordinance ("Bond Ordinance").

Section 4. The issuance of negotiable bonds of the Borough in an amount not to exceed \$89,772 to finance the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 hereof is hereby authorized. Said bonds shall be sold in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law.

Section 5. In order to temporarily finance the purposes described in Section 7 hereof, the issuance of bond anticipation notes of the Borough in an amount not to exceed \$89,772 is hereby authorized. Pursuant to the Local Bond Law, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver the same to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their date to delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this Bond Ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 6. The amount of the proceeds of the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance which may be used for the payment of interest on such obligations, accounting, engineering, legal fees and other items as provided in Section 20 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20*, shall not exceed the sum of \$100,000.

Section 7. The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which said obligations are to be issued; the estimated costs of each said purpose; the amount of down payment for each said purpose; the maximum amount of obligations to be issued for each said purpose and the period of usefulness of each said purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law are as follows:

	<u>Purpose/Improvement</u>	<u>Estimated Total Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Amount of Obligations</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
A.	Reconstruction and/or Resurfacing of Various Streets and Roads within the Borough, including but not limited to Ibis	\$420,000	\$325,228	\$5,000	\$89,772	10 years

	<u>Purpose/Improvement</u>	<u>Estimated Total Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Amount of Obligations</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
	Street and Jackdaw Street, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefore and related thereto					

Section 8. The average period of useful life of the several purposes for the financing of which this Bond Ordinance authorizes the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized for said several purposes, is not less than 10 years.

Section 9. Grants or other monies received from any governmental entity, if any, will be applied to the payment of, or repayment of obligations issued to finance, the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 above.

Section 10. The supplemental debt statement provided for in Section 10 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:2-10, was duly filed in the office of the Clerk prior to the passage of this Bond Ordinance on first reading and a complete executed duplicate original thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. The supplemental debt statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:2-43, is increased by this Bond Ordinance by \$89,772 and that the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 11. The full faith and credit of the Borough are irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance, and to the extent payment is not otherwise provided, the Borough shall levy *ad valorem* taxes on all taxable real property without limitation as to rate or amount for the payment thereof.

Section 12. The applicable Capital Budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this Bond Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith, and the resolution promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended Capital Budget and Capital Program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

Section 13. The Borough hereby declares its intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance pursuant to Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(e), promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), for "original expenditures", as defined in Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(c)(2), made by the Borough prior to the issuance of such bonds or bond anticipation notes.

Section 14. The Borough hereby covenants as follows:

(a) it shall take all actions necessary to ensure that the interest paid on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by the Bond Ordinance is exempt from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income taxation purposes, and will not become a specific item of tax preference pursuant to Section 57(a)(5) of the Code;

(b) it will not make any use of the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes or do or suffer any other action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "arbitrage bonds" as such term is defined in Section 148(a) of the Code and the Regulations promulgated thereunder;

(c) it shall calculate or cause to be calculated and pay, when due, the rebatable arbitrage with respect to the "gross proceeds" (as such term is used in Section 148(f) of the Code) of the bonds or bond anticipation notes;

(d) it shall timely file with the Internal Revenue Service, such information report or reports as may be required by Sections 148(f) and 149(e) of the Code; and

(e) it shall take no action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code.

Section 15. The improvements authorized hereby are not current expenses and are improvements that the Borough may lawfully make. No part of the cost of the improvements authorized hereby has been or shall be specially assessed on any property specially benefited thereby.

Section 16. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 17. In accordance with the Local Bond Law, this Bond Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Date of Introduction: May 4, 2026

Date of Final Adoption: _____, 2026

Notice of Pending Bond Ordinance and Summary.

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Audubon Park, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, on May 4, 2026. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Audubon Park to be held at the Audubon Park Town Center, 2 Road C, Audubon Park, NJ 08106, on _____, 2026 at _____ o'clock ____M. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Borough Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: **BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$420,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$89,772; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**

	<u>Purpose/Improvement</u>	<u>Estimated Total Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Down Payment</u> <u>t</u>	<u>Amount of Obligations</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
A.	Reconstruction and/or Resurfacing of Various Streets and Roads within the Borough, including but not limited to Ibis Street and Jackdaw Street, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefore and related thereto	\$420,000	\$325,228	\$5,000	\$89,772	10 years

Appropriation: \$420,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$89,772
Grants: \$325,228
Section 20 Costs: \$100,000
Useful Life: 10 years

RYAN GILES, Borough Clerk

This Notice is published pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17*

Bond Ordinance Statements and Summary

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Audubon Park, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey on _____, 2026 and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Borough Clerk's office at the Audubon Park Town Center, 2 Road C, Audubon Park, New Jersey 08106, for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: **BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$420,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$89,772; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**

	<u>Purpose/Improvement</u>	<u>Estimated Total Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Down Paymen t</u>	<u>Amount of Obligations</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
A.	Reconstruction and/or Resurfacing of Various Streets and Roads within the Borough, including but not limited to Ibis Street and Jackdaw Street, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefore and related thereto	\$420,000	\$325,228	\$5,000	\$89,772	10 years

Appropriation: \$420,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$89,772
Grants: \$325,228
Section 20 Costs: \$100,000
Useful Life: 10 years

RYAN GILES, Borough Clerk

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Ryan Giles moves on to the resolutions. He states the items listed below are considered to be routine by the Borough of Audubon Park and will be enacted by one motion. There

will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Ryan Giles asked for a motion to accept Resolution #2026:45 - #2026:50

Councilwoman Paratore makes a motion to accept Resolutions #2026:42-#2026:50

Councilwoman Lowe seconds the motion

Councilman Goebel	YES
Councilman Hassett	YES
Councilwoman Lowe	YES
Councilwoman Paratore	YES

MOTION CARRIES: VOTE 4 -0

Councilwoman Paratore absentee from Resolution #2026:46

Resolution #2026:45

TO AMEND CAPITAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the **Borough of Audubon Park**, County of **Camden** desires to amend the **2026** Capital Budget by inserting thereon or correcting the items as shown in such Budget for the following reasons:

Add certain project(s) not previously described, and amend certain project(s) previously described in the 2026 Adopted Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the **Governing Body** of the **Borough of Audubon Park**, County of **Camden** that the following changes be made to the Capital Budget of the year **2026**:

**AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE
Borough of Audubon Park
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY
Project Schedule for 2026
Method of Financing**

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>ESTIMATED COST</u>	<u>CAPITAL IMP FUND FUND BALANCE</u>	<u>GRANTS IN AID</u>	<u>DEBT AUTHORIZED</u>
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*General
Improvements:*

Add:

Road Improvements	\$ 420,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 325,228.00	\$ 89,772.00
Park Improvements	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 127,078.00	\$ 92,922.00

ADOPTED by the Governing Body for the Borough of Audubon Park, State of New Jersey at a meeting held on May 4, 2026.

**BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK
COUNTY OF CAMDEN
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION #2026:46

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK, COUNTY OF CAMDEN,
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF INVOICE FOR 4TH OF
JULY 2026 NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500.00**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council that the Borough of Audubon Park will pay an invoice not to exceed \$1,500.00 for the Audubon Park Celebration Committee 2026

**BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK
COUNTY OF CAMDEN
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION #2026:47

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY SUMMER HOURS FOR
OPERATION OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

WHEREAS, Audubon Park Municipal Building will commence summer hours beginning Monday, May 25, 2026 through Friday, August 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, during that period, normal business hours at the Municipal Building will be 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM Monday through Thursdays, Friday will be 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council that Temporary Summer Hours for Operation of the Municipal Building will begin Monday, May 25th, 2026 through Friday, August 28, 2026 and office hours will be Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM and Friday from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM

RESOLUTION # 2026:48
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF
CONFLICT
COUNSEL FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Audubon Park is in need of legal representation in connection with certain matters in which the Municipal Attorney has determined that a conflict of interest exists or may exist; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the laws of the State of New Jersey, including but not limited to *N.J.S.A. 40A:9-139* and other applicable statutes, a municipality may appoint special counsel where necessary; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Borough to appoint qualified conflict counsel to represent the Borough in such matters; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose and have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Audubon Park, County of Camden, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Appointment

The law firm of Thatcher Passarella, P.C., with its office located at 128 Ganttown Road, Turnersville, New Jersey 08012, is hereby appointed as Conflict Counsel to represent the Municipality in matters where a conflict exists for the Municipal Attorney.

2. Scope of Services

Conflict Counsel shall provide legal services as directed by the Governing Body and/or appropriate municipal officials, limited to those matters where a conflict has been identified.

3. Compensation

Compensation for services shall be at the rate of \$350.00 per hour, or pursuant to the fee schedule attached hereto, and shall not exceed the sum of \$3,500.00 without further authorization of the Governing Body.

4. Term

This appointment shall be effective from May 5, 2026 through December 31, 2026, unless sooner terminated by the Governing Body.

5. Certification of Funds

The Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for this purpose.

6. Compliance

This appointment is made in compliance with the Local Public Contracts Law, where applicable, and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law (*N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.*). The appointee shall provide all required disclosures and certifications prior to the execution of a contract.

7. Execution of Agreement

The Mayor and/or Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this appointment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be made available for public inspection at the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

**RESOLUTION #2026:49
BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK
COUNTY OF CAMDEN**

**RESOLUTION OF ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION AND
BANK CHANGE**

WHEREAS, 1st Colonial Community Bank has been acquired by Mid Penn Bank;
and

WHEREAS, as a result of this acquisition, all accounts previously held with 1st Colonial Community Bank are now maintained under Mid Penn Bank; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to update the bank information and reauthorize the designated signers on the account to reflect this change;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the organization acknowledges the transition of its banking relationship from 1st Colonial Community Bank to Mid Penn Bank and authorizes the update of all related account records accordingly; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Audubon Park, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that all checks upon accounts of the Borough of Audubon Park in Mid Penn Bank shall require three of the following signatures, effective January 1, 2026:

Mayor
Municipal Treasurer/ Municipal Clerk
Jamesen Schell, Deputy Clerk

-or-

Councilwoman Lewis
Councilwoman Lowe
Councilwoman Paratore

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said Mid Penn Bank is hereby authorized and instructed to honor checks, executed as aforesaid, upon any of the checking accounts of the Borough of Audubon Park, until further notice, unless specifically otherwise authorized by Resolution of the Borough Council

BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK
COUNTY OF CAMDEN
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION 2026:50

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK, COUNTY OF CAMDEN
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPLICATION FOR RAFFLE LICENSES FOR
AUDUBON PARK CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, there exists a need to approve an application for Raffle License #2026:01 from Audubon Park Celebration Committee

WHEREAS, said application appears to be in order and said license will benefit Audubon Park Celebration Committee

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of Borough of Audubon Park, New Jersey, that the application for Raffle License as submitted by

Audubon Park Celebration Committee is hereby approved and the Municipal Clerk is authorized to issue Raffle License #2026:01

End of Consent Agenda

Ryan Giles ask for a motion to approve Resolution #2026:51

Councilwoman Lowe makes a motion to approve Resolution #2026:51

Councilman Hassett seconds the motion

Councilman Goebel	YES
Councilman Hassett	YES
Councilwoman Lowe	YES
Councilwoman Paratore	YES

MOTION CARRIES: VOTE 4 -0

**BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK
COUNTY OF CAMDEN
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND/OR AUTHORIZING THE LEASE AND/OR RENTAL
OF A PORTION OF THE AUDUBON PARK MUNICIPAL BUILDING TO THE BOARD
OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING
EXECUTION OF A LEASE DOCUMENT IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH – No.
2026:51**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Audubon Park (the "Borough") owns the building located at 2 Road C in the Borough of Audubon Park, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, now and/or formerly known as the "Audubon Park School"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Borough of Audubon (the "Board") seeks to utilize certain rooms and/or spaces within the Audubon Park School to provide classrooms for early education students attending school within the Audubon School

District, including without limitation such students from the Borough which attend the Audubon School District pursuant to a certain Shared Services Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has the authority to lease municipally-owned property to a public body, such as the Board, without the necessity of a bid pursuant to the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14(b);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Audubon Park hereby authorizes the lease and/or rental to the Board of that certain portion of the Audubon Park School which is more fully described in a certain Lease Agreement to be executed by the parties, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Borough Solicitor are authorized to execute such documents as may be necessary to implement the lease and/or rental of same as authorized by this resolution, including but not limited to the Lease Agreement in the form attached hereto Exhibit "A."

Ryan Giles moved on to Items of Discussion.

June Meeting Date Change

Ryan discussed moving the June meeting from June 1st to June 8th due to the election being held the day after the originally scheduled meeting. Council agreed to reschedule the meeting to June 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Chicken Ordinance Discussion

Ryan then moved on to the discussion regarding chickens. Due to Councilwoman Lewis's absence, Council agreed to table the discussion until the next meeting.

Shredding Event

Ryan moved on to discuss the upcoming shredding event. Mayor Burns informed Council that the Borough of Oaklyn has invited Audubon Park to participate in its shredding event, which will be held on October 15th. He advised that informational flyers would be distributed as the event date approaches.

Coffee with Council

Ryan turned the discussion over to Councilwoman Paratore regarding Coffee with Council. Councilwoman Paratore expressed her excitement that Camden County Commissioner Louis Cappelli would be joining the next Coffee with Council event on Saturday, May 16th, at 10:00 a.m. Council discussed whether to hold the event in the Library or move it to the meeting room. It was decided to keep the event in the Library to maintain a more casual atmosphere.

Key Engineers - Pavilion Project

Ryan addressed the next item of discussion regarding Key Engineers. Jamesen Jeffers reported that Key Engineers had contacted her concerning the pavilion project. They requested that Council and the Mayor select a pavilion design as soon as possible so they could continue moving forward with the project. After discussion, Council selected Pavilion Design No. 5173 and directed Jamesen to notify Key Engineers of their decision.

Ryan Giles moves on to bills & vouchers, we need a motion to pay all the bills and vouchers that are in order of \$243,082.35

Councilwoman Lewis makes a motion to accept bills & vouchers that are in order

Councilman Hassett seconds the motion

Ryan Giles calls the roll call

Councilman Goebel	YES
Councilman Hassett	YES
Councilwoman Lowe	YES
Councilwoman Paratore	YES

MOTION CARRIES: VOTE 4 -0

Councilwoman Paratore abstains from voting for Check number 11988 due to conflict..

Ryan Giles moves on to the public portion, he states individuals must state their name and address for the record and respect the five-minute time limit while addressing the Governing Body. He ask for a motion to open to the public

Councilwoman Paratore makes a motion to open to the public

Councilwoman Lowe seconds the motion

All in favor

Motion carries

Floor is now open to the public

Fran Carter, 5 Lark Lane, addressed Council regarding the proposed pavilion project. Ms. Carter asked several questions concerning the pavilion's specifications and design. Council discussed the various features and specifications of the selected pavilion and answered her questions regarding the project.

Barbie Ledyard, Principal of Audubon Preschool, thanked the Audubon Park community for approving the lease agreement and allowing the preschool to move forward. She reported that the recent parent orientation was well attended and had a great turnout. Ms. Ledyard also noted that the roof did not leak during the most recent rainstorm, which was encouraging news for the preschool. She concluded by reminding everyone about the upcoming St. Jude Trike-A-Thon event.

Corinne Jacoby, 10 Albatross Road, addressed Council regarding grant opportunities related to the waterfront area and mosquito control. Ms. Jacoby asked questions about potential grants that may be available for improvements to the waterfront and for addressing mosquito concerns. Council discussed the topics and provided information regarding the available options and ongoing efforts.

Councilwoman Lowe make a motion to close the floor to the public

Councilman Goebel seconds the motion

All in favor

Motion carries

Floor is now closed to the public

Ryan Giles moves on to Mayor and Council reports

Councilwoman Paratore speaks about the upcoming Book Club on Thursday night. She also speaks about the sign for the Audubon Park Library.

Council discussed the lawn mower currently being stored in the shed and considered options for disposing of the equipment through a public sale.

Council also discussed the recent Town Clean-Up event, noting that it was a successful event and that significantly less trash was collected compared to previous years. Council recognized this as a testament to Mike's continued efforts in helping to keep the Borough clean and well maintained.

Ryan Giles ask for a motion to adjourn

Councilwoman Lowe makes a motion to adjourn

Councilman Goebel seconds the motion

All in Favor

Motion Carries

Meeting is adjourned at 7:26pm