

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 4, 2023**

The COUNCIL Meeting of the Borough of Lawnside was called to order by Mayor Wardlow on **October 4, 2023 at 7:02p.m.** Via Microsoft Teams.

Following a Prayer and Flag Salute led by Councilwoman Wright-McLeod, The Deputy Borough Clerk called the roll.

**Roll Call showed present:**

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| Ronald DeAbreu        | Councilperson | <b>**Audio and Connection Malfunctions throughout meeting**</b> |
| Robert Lee            | Councilperson |   |
| Steven Pollard        | Councilperson |   |
| Rhonda Wardlow-Hurley | Councilperson |   |
| Eric Wilcox           | Councilperson |   |
| Dawn Wright-McLeod    | Councilperson |   |

**Also present were:**

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| Edward H. Hill    | Borough Solicitor       |
| Sean Smith, Sr.   | Borough Engineer        |
| Angelique Rankins | Business Administrator  |
| Marsharee Wright  | Deputy Borough Clerk    |
| Rafiq Golphin     | Public Works Supervisor |
| Captain Plenty    | Public Safety           |
| Chief Drumm       | Fire Department         |

Mayor Wardlow declared the meeting officially open and the Deputy Borough Clerk read that the meeting had been properly publicized as to the time, date, and place, in accordance with P.L. 1985, Chapter 231.

**REMARKS BY CITIZENS:**

A motion was made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by Pollard to **Open Public Comments**

**Roll Call Vote:** DeAbreu no response; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 5Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 No reply.  
Motion declared carried.

- Ms. Tutt – 110 Williams Avenue: Thanked DPW for fixing the potholes at Charleston Avenue and Lions Gate and stated the agenda was posted on website only one day before the meeting. She expressed that if someone works for the Borough, volunteers for the Borough and represents the Borough they should be current in their taxes and Borough officials should take an initiative towards enforcing that policy. Ms. Tutt also stated she sent a letter to Captain Plenty via certified and regular mail dated 8/9/2023 and as of today she still has not received a response, in which her letter stated she is requesting a response in writing to be delivered via US Mail to her.

A motion was made by Pollard and seconded by Lee to **Close Public Comments**

**Roll Call Vote:** DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6Ayes, 0 Nays.  
Motion declared carried.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

Council Meeting – September 6, 2023

A motion was made by Pollard and seconded by Lee to **Adopt Meeting Minutes.**

**Roll Call Vote:** DeAbreu no response; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 5Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 No reply.  
Motion declared carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION:**

**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 08-2023**

**BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$80,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$76,000, MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**

A motion was made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by Lee to **Open Public Hearing on Bond Ordinance No. 08-2023**

**Roll Call Vote:** DeAbreu no response; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 5Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 No reply.  
Motion declared carried.

- NONE

A motion was made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by Lee to **Close Public Hearing on Bond Ordinance No. 08-2023**

**Roll Call Vote:** DeAbreu no response; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 5Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 No reply.  
Motion declared carried.

A motion was made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by Wardlow-Hurley to **Adopt Bond Ordinance No. 08-2023**

**Roll Call Vote:** DeAbreu Abstain; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 5Ayes, 0 Nays.  
1 Abstention, Motion declared carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 09-2023**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES AND OTHER COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

A motion was made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by Lee to **Open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 09-2023**

**Roll Call Vote:** DeAbreu Abstain; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox no response; Wright-McLeod y; 4Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention, 1 No response. Motion declared carried.

- NONE

A motion was made by Pollard and seconded by Lee to **Close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 09-2023**

**Roll Call Vote:** DeAbreu no response; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 5Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 No reply.  
Motion declared carried.

A motion was made by Lee and seconded by Wright-McLeod to **Adopt Ordinance No. 09-2023**

**Roll Call Vote:** DeAbreu Abstain; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 5Ayes, 0 Nays.  
1 Abstention, Motion declared carried.

**THE NEW BUSINESS STATEMENT WAS READ BY THE BOROUGH CLERK**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. Resolutions:**

1. Resolution No. 81-2023 – Authorizing Refund to DSHC Enterprises, LLC for Tax Sale Monies
2. Resolution No. 82-2023 – Authorizing Deer Carcass Removal Services as Camden County Cooperative Pricing System
3. Resolution No. 83-2023 – Authorizing Bid Advertisement for Construction of the Bikeway Path
4. Resolution No. 84-2023 – Proclamation in Memory of Kevin Gaines

5. Resolution No. 85-2023 – Authorizing Bid Advertisement for Treatment of Spotted Lanternflies
6. Resolution No. 86-2023 – Adopting the Camden JIF Civil Rights Policy
7. Resolution No. 87-2023 – Adopting Revised Personnel Policies and Procedures
8. Resolution No. 88-2023 - Authorizing The Shared Services Agreement With Camden County Improvement Authority For The Participation In A County-Wide Foreclosure Registration Program – Hera Property Registry, LLC

#### B. PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Lee and seconded by Wardlow-Hurley to **Adopt Resolutions 81-85, and 88 and Payment of Bills**

**Roll Call Vote:** DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion declared carried.

\*\*\*Resolutions 86-87 were pulled off the agenda for further consideration.\*\*\*

#### AUGUST 2023 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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| BOROUGH CLERK                           | \$ 13,005.57                             |
| CONSTRUCTION                            | \$ 30,901.24                             |
| DOG ACCOUNT                             | \$ 3,972.24                              |
| TAX COLLECTOR                           | \$ 2,232,540.37                          |
| SEWER RENTALS                           | \$ 9,270.01                              |
| MUNICIPAL COURT                         | \$ 9,213.97                              |
| PRO CHAMPS –                            | \$ 0.00 Program is temporarily suspended |
| Defaulted Mortgage Registration Program | \$ 3,800.00 - 2023 YTD TOTAL             |

A motion was made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by DeAbreu to **Accept Monthly Financial Reports.**

**Roll Call Vote:** DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion declared carried.

#### REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

- **Mayor Wardlow** – Apologized for conducting this meeting while at another function. Thanked The Planning Board, and the Clerk and Construction Offices for their work to get the NJAW project going and to all who attended in the NJAW ribbon cutting ceremony.
- **Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley** – Thanked Mayor, fellow Councilpersons, Sean Smith, the Clerk & Construction Office for their work and attending the NJAW ribbon cutting ceremony; pictures will be on the website. Encouraged resident to attend the Movie Night on 10/20, the Trunk or Treat on 10/21 and attend the PTA and School Board Meetings on 10/12.
- **Councilman Lee** – Thanked Rafiq, Captain Plenty and Sean Smith for their due diligence with the hole on the NJTP bridge; reiterated that the bridge needs to be repaired.
- **Councilman Pollard** – Thanked Ms. Rankins and Councilwoman Wright-McLeod for their approval on their repairs of the concession stand.
- **Councilwoman Wright-McLeod** – Asked everyone to be mindful of their background noise and learn online meeting etiquette. She stated that the NJAW ceremony was nice and thanked everyone who partake in the event and DPW for their work on the concession stand. Councilwoman also encouraged residents to visit the website for updated event information.

**At 7:31pm there was a Motion Made by Wright-McLeod and seconded by Lee to Adjourn the Meeting.**

The Voice Vote was unanimous in the affirmative action. Motion declared carried

Meeting Adjourned 7:31 P.M.

BOROUGH OF LAWNSIDE

  
PAMELA SCOTT-FORMAN, RMC, CMR  
BOROUGH CLERK

  
MARY ANN WARDLOW  
MAYOR