

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2023**

The COUNCIL Meeting of the Borough of Lawnside was called to order by Acting Mayor Wright-McLeod on **September 6, 2023 at 7:00p.m.** Via Microsoft Teams.

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

Roll Call showed present:

Ronald DeAbreu	Councilperson
Robert Lee	Councilperson
Steven Pollard	Councilperson
Rhonda Wardlow-Hurley	Councilperson
Dawn Wright-McLeod	Councilperson

Also present were:

Edward H. Hill	Borough Solicitor	ARRIVED AT 7:04pm
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	

Acting Mayor Wright-McLeod declared the meeting officially open and the 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 Pollard and seconded by Wardlow-Hurley to **Open Public Comments**

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

A motion was made by DeAbreu and seconded by Wardlow-Hurley to **Close Public Comments**

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Special Council Meeting – August 2, 2023

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

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

THE NEW BUSINESS STATEMENT WAS READ BY THE BOROUGH CLERK

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Resolutions:

1. Resolution No. 79-2023 – Amend the 2023 Capital Budget
2. Resolution No. 80-2023 – Authorizing Refund for Zoning Application Fees Due to Needless Application Submission

B. PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Wardlow-Hurley and seconded by DeAbreu to **Adopt Resolutions and Payment of Bills**

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

JULY 2023 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS:

BOROUGH CLERK	\$ 10,346.11
CONSTRUCTION	\$ 23,946.00
DOG ACCOUNT	\$ 3,979.24
TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 87,106.77
SEWER RENTALS	\$ 19,822.59
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 14,793.73
PRO CHAMPS –	\$ 0.00 Program is temporarily suspended
Defaulted Mortgage Registration Program	\$ 3,800.00 - 2023 YTD TOTAL

A motion was made by Wardlow-Hurley and seconded by DeAbreu to **Accept Monthly Financial Reports**

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

INTRODUCTION:

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 DeAbreu and seconded by Wardlow-Hurley to **Introduce Bond Ordinance No. 08-2023**

Roll Call Vote: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox Absent; Wright-McLeod y; 5Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. 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 Lee and seconded by Wardlow-Hurley to **Introduce Ordinance No. 09-2023**

Roll Call Vote: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard Abstain; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox Absent; Wright-McLeod y; 4Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 Abstention. Motion declared carried.

Special Presentation: The Following Officers were sworn in by Councilman Pollard

- Patrolman Brandon Joyner
- Sergeant Chase
- Sergeant Hernandez
- Lieutenant Hendricks


REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

- **Acting Mayor Wright-McLeod** - Thanked the Police Officers for their service in the Borough of Lawnside.
- **Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley** – Congratulated The Officers. Acknowledged the opening day of school prayer. Asked everyone to be safe with the COVID-19 uptick, and advised everyone to be safe in the extreme heat.
- **Councilman Pollard** – Congratulated the Officers. Advised residents to be careful, drive safely, school is back in session and please watch out for the children. Be prepared with the weather, asked everyone to be vigilant and look out for little town as we are a transient community.
- **Councilman Lee** – Concurred with Councilman Pollard. Advised residents to be careful in the community and the world; Thanks the Officers for their work and efforts in their law enforcement roles.
- **Councilman DeAbreu** – Thanked the Officers for being a great example to our youth, i.e., new Patrolman Joyner and for his maturity in the role. He also concurred with Councilman Pollard and advised everyone to be safe, keep cars and doors locked, be a part of the town watch to keep our neighborhood safe.
- **Chief Drumm** – Announced Fire Prevention Day will be Wednesday, October 11th. Advised everyone to stay safe, watch out for the school bus traffic and congratulated the men of the public department.
- **Captain Plenty** – Thanked Mayor, Council & Ms. Rankins for their dedication and support to the Police Department with hiring and approving promotions within the department.

At 7:27pm there was a Motion Made by DeAbreu and seconded by Wardlow-Hurley to Adjourn the Meeting.

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

**Meeting Adjourned 7:27 P.M.
BOROUGH OF LAWNESIDE**


PAMELA SCOTT-FORMAN, RMC, CMR
BOROUGH CLERK


MARY ANN WARDLOW
MAYOR