

**ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING**  
Hammonton, New Jersey, January 1, 2003

PURSUANT to the requirements of law, the Annual Organization Meeting of the Town Council is held in Town Hall, Hammonton, N.J., on Wednesday, January 1, 2003, at the hour of 12:00 noon. The meeting is called to order by Mayor Anthony Ingemi.

**Oath of Office - Councilperson Elect**

Chief Ingemi introduced the Honorable Superior Court Judge Michael Donio.

Judge Donio recognized the presence of Hammonton's Representatives: Congressman LoBiondo, and Freeholders Finnerty, Curcio, Risley. He stated whenever Hammonton is in need our Representatives are there for us. Judge Donio further stated it is everyone's hope that the new Town Hall will come to fruition this year. And, hopefully, within two years we may be able to conduct this ceremony in the new Town Hall.

The Official Oath of Office is administered to Councilpersons Elect: James Bertino, Daniel Chiofalo and Jeanne Sparacino Lewis, by Superior Court Judge Michael Donio.

**Official 2003 Roll Call**

The Official 2003 Roll Call is taken and those present were Councilpersons Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione, Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.

**Mayor's Statement**

This meeting has been properly posted on the bulletin board reserved for such notices on the first floor of the Town Hall and mailed to two newspapers pursuant to law. Please familiarize yourselves with the fire exit drawing to the rear of the Council Chambers. Also, there is to be no smoking in the Town Hall at any time.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS (SOLICITOR ONLY)**

**TOWN SOLICITOR FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #R 1-2003 APPOINTING SAME**

#R 1-2003  
R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Town Solicitor, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for Professional Services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton as follows:

1. THAT, the Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute this agreement with **Frank Olivo**, Town Solicitor.

2. THAT, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law.
3. THAT, a copy of this Resolution shall be published in the official newspaper as required by Law within ten days of its passage.

Motion by Councilperson Chiofalo, seconded by Councilperson S. Lewis, that **Frank Olivo** be appointed as Town Solicitor for a term of one (1) year and adoption of Resolution R#1-2003 appointing same.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: Olivo.

Mayor Ingemi declared the motion carried.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Frank Olivo** is appointed as Town Solicitor for a term of one (1) year and the adoption of Resolution #R1-2003. The Clerk is authorized to have same printed in the newspaper pursuant to law.

The Mayor asks that the Oath of Office be administered to **Frank Olivo** so he may sit with Council should any legal problem arise.

Oath of Office is administered to the Town Solicitor by Superior Court Judge Michael Donio.

The Solicitor took his chair.

Mayor Ingemi congratulated newly elected Councilpersons & thanked the Congressmen & Freeholders for attending.

### Adoption of Rules of Council for the year 2003

Motion by Councilperson S. Lewis, seconded by Councilperson Olivo, that Council adopt the following Rules of Council as listed:

#### RULES OF COUNCIL

##### RULE 1 - MEETING

The regular meeting of Council shall be on the Fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., or as scheduled, and Council may adjourn from time to time, if a quorum is not present, or should there be a quorum, Council may adjourn from time to time until all business before it is completed. Council may schedule such executive meetings as it deems appropriate subject to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act.

In accordance with the provisions of the "Open Public Meeting Act", all meetings of the governing body shall be open to the public at all times. However, nothing in this act shall be construed to limit the discretion of the governing body to permit, prohibit, or regulate the active participation of the public at any meeting. In addition, the governing body may exclude the public from any meeting or portion of the meeting, normally reserved for discussion in a closed session of the governing body.

All Department Heads shall be required to attend the Regular Meetings of Council unless excused by the Mayor. The Department Heads that will be required to attend shall be: Overseer of Highways, Sewer Superintendent, Water Superintendent, Police Chief, Tax Assessor, Construction Official, Tax Collector, and the Town Clerk/Adm.

RULE 2 - QUORUM

A majority of members of Council or Committees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

RULE 3 - VOTING

All voting shall be conducted orally in public and be taken by "Yeas" and "Nays" unless otherwise ordered by the Mayor or Deputy Mayor. Only those members present may participate in the voting.

RULE 4 - REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

All committee chairman shall report at regular meetings of Council or at special meetings of Council called for that purpose, and every report of a committee shall be by a majority of the members thereof; except in the case of sickness, or absence or refusal of the Chairman; in which case it may be presented by any members of the Committee. But this rule shall not be construed to prevent a minority of any Committee from presenting a counter report upon any matter which has first been reported by a majority.

RULE 5 - NOTICE: CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

Every member desiring to speak shall address the chair, and no member shall discuss any subject or engage in conversation during the meeting in any manner to interfere with business.

RULE 6 - PRIVILEGE OF NON-MEMBERS

Person not members of Council shall not speak on any question, or interfere in any manner with the business while Council is in session, except on request and approval of the Chair.

RULE 7 - PAYMENT OF BILLS

All bills presented to Council for payment shall, before being paid, be approved by the Mayor and Chairman of the proper committee; all supplies to be purchased on behalf of Town Council shall first be authorized by a purchase order given by the Town Treasurer. All bills must be presented not later than the Monday prior to the fourth Monday of each month. All bills as submitted shall be on vouchers in such form as is acceptable to the Mayor and Council.

RULE 8 - MAYOR EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

The Mayor shall be a member of all committees by virtue of his/her office.

RULE 9 - RULES OF ORDER

- A. THE Mayor shall preserve order and decorum, and decide questions of Order, subject to appeal of Council, upon a call of one member, on which appeal no member shall speak.

- B. No question on a motion or resolution shall be debated or put unless the same shall be seconded. When a motion or resolution shall be seconded, it shall be so stated by the Mayor. It shall then be read by the Clerk. Any member including the Mayor can request that the Motion or Resolution be reduced to writing if the Motion or Resolution is a matter of substance and not procedure. If such a request is made, the Motion or Resolution dealing with a matter of substance shall not be voted on until the entire Council has an opportunity to review it in its written form.
- C. A Motion to adjourn, shall be in order.
- D. A Motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, or for the previous questions, shall be decided without debate.
- E. If any questions in debate shall contain several distinct propositions, a division shall be made at the request of any member.
- F. When a question has been put and decided, it shall be in order for a member who voted in the majority to move the reconstruction thereof; but no motion for reconsideration shall be in order more than once at the same meeting at which the vote is taken or more than once at the next subsequent meeting of Council and no motion for reconsideration shall be made after said next subsequent meeting.
- G. At the call on one member present, the "Yeas" and the "Nays" shall be ordered and entered on the minutes, and every member shall then be required to vote or abstain of record.
- H. No standing rule of order of Council shall be suspended, altered or amended unless same shall be proposed in writing at a regular or special meeting and adopted at the next meeting by a majority of the members of Council; but any of them may be suspended temporarily with the concurrence of two-thirds of the member of the Council present.
- I. In voting for election of Town Officers, or to fill vacancies in any position, where such election devolves upon council, a majority of the whole Council shall be necessary to elect, unless otherwise provided by statute or Ordinance.
- J. In voting for the payment of bills and other important questions, it shall be the call of the members and it shall be made a matter of record.
- K. All matters to be considered placed on the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council shall have a cut off of 12:00 Noon on the Thursday preceding the Monday regular meeting. Nothing in this section of this rule shall limit the right of the Mayor at his/her discretion to place on the floor for discussion and action if he/she deems necessary matters that are emergent and relate to the health, safety, or welfare of the community.
- L. Vote shall be cast on all matters put before Council in alphabetical order with the exception the Mayor shall cast the last vote.

M. Notwithstanding the above, parliamentary procedure shall be consistent with ROBERT'S RULES OR ORDER."

RULE 10 - ORDER OF BUSINESS

The following shall be the order of business at all non-executive meetings - Roll Call, Mayor's Statement, Pledge of Allegiance, Reading of Minutes, Report of Committees, Consideration of bills, Communications, Unfinished Business, New Business and Public Comment. The Mayor retains the right to change the Order of Business.

Rule 11 - DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor may appoint a Deputy Mayor to serve at the Mayor's pleasure and who shall preside during the Mayor's absence or at any time so called upon to act by said Mayor or a majority of Council. The Deputy Mayor shall act as Chairman of any meetings that occur in the Mayor's absence, but the Deputy Mayor shall have all the rights and obligations of a member of Council while so acting, including the right to make and second motions and resolutions, the right to vote and the right to participate in discussions on all matters before the governing body. Should the Mayor fail to appoint a Deputy Mayor, then in the event of the Mayor's absence Council shall appoint of its members to so act in his/her place and stead.

RULE 12 - CHAIR OR CHAIRMAN

Except where used in Rule 4, the term Chair or Chairman in the Rules of Council shall be defined as the Mayor or in his/her absence the Deputy Mayor.

RULE 13 - STANDING COMMITTEES

The following shall be the Standing Committees which shall be appointed by the Council:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
COMMITTEE ON WATER & SEWER  
COMMITTEE ON LAW & ORDER  
COMMITTEE ON FIRE  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND AIRPORT  
COMMITTEE ON RECREATION AND SENIOR CITIZENS  
COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY & LIGHT  
COMMITTEE ON QUALITY OF LIFE  
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

RULE 14 - DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

Each Committee as designated in Rule 13 shall have the following duties and functions:

1. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.

This Committee will supervise the Highway Department and the Landfill.

2. COMMITTEE ON WATER & SEWER.

This Committee will act in a supervisory capacity in Connection with the Water and Sewer Department Heads.

3. COMMITTEE ON LAW & ORDER.

This Committee will supervise the Police Department, Police Dispatchers, and Judicial Department. (Municipal Court).

4. COMMITTEE ON FIRE.

This Committee will supervise the Fire Department and will coordinate all events when two or more departments are involved in a joint venture.

5. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

This committee shall be composed of all members of Council and shall, amongst other things, prepare the Town's budget. The Town Clerk/Administrator and Auditor, after receipt of proposed budget requests of the Department Heads, and after conferring with the Chairperson of the various committees, shall submit the proposed budget to this committee. Upon completion, it shall be presented at a Council Meeting for consideration. The budget, once presented at the Council meeting, shall be complete, reflecting the total expenditures, both inside and outside the spending CAPS.

6. COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.

This Committee shall supervise the office of the Tax Collector, the Treasurer, the Assessor, the Town Clerk/Adm. and the Rent Control.

7. COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY.

This Committee shall concentrate on the efforts to enhance the Town's commercial and industrial expansion. It will act as liaison with the Merchant's Association the Chambers of Commerce, Service Clubs, the Revitalization Committee, and the Mayor and Council.

8. COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND AIRPORT.

This Committee shall oversee the ever-expanding and overlapping issues that arise in conjunction with all transportation arteries that impact on the traffic flow involved with the Town, and act as liaison between the Mayor and Council and State, Federal, County and local agencies that affect transportation. This Committee shall concentrate on efforts to enhance the Municipal Airport facility by seeking to engender a steady increase in usage and act as liaison between the Airport Committee and Mayor and Council.

9. COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND LIGHT.

This Committee shall manage all real property of the Town including its maintenance and care, shall oversee the Shade Tree Commission, the Building Inspector, the Construction Official and all sub-Code Officials, and the provision and maintenance of street lights and signs, Cable TV and janitorial services of the Town properties.

10. COMMITTEE ON RECREATION AND SENIOR CITIZENS.

This Committee shall supervise the Recreation Department and coordinate all Senior Citizens programs and activities.

## 11. COMMITTEE ON QUALITY OF LIFE.

This Committee shall see that Hammonton does not expand only in quantity but more importantly will expand the quality of life of the Community. They will oversee all related items to the quality of life in Hammonton. This will include, but not be limited to the following: Housing, Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, Parks, Environment, recycling, illegal dumps, revitalization, historical commission, National Organization on Disability and Animal Control.

## 12. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

This Committee shall serve as a liaison between Mayor and Council and the Hammonton Board of Education. The members of the Committee shall be required to attend school board meetings and report to Mayor and Council on all major issues and decision reached at the meetings.

RULE 15 - CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Council shall select one or more Council members to act as liaison to the Chamber of Commerce.

RULE 16 - APPOINTMENTS

No more nominations shall be made for any public office or position over and above the number of vacancies that exists for said office position. Each nominee for said office shall be voted on in turn through the casting of "Yes" or "No" votes until the vacancy is filled.

RULE 17 - COMMITTEE REPORTS

All reports of committees shall be made verbally except where the Mayor requests that the report be reduced to writing. Where the Mayor requests that the report be reduced to writing, it shall be submitted to Council in written form prior to the next subsequent meeting.

RULE 18 - SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

Seating arrangements will be made by the Mayor.

RULE 19 - REFERRALS TO COMMITTEES

All matters brought to the floor by a member of Council or the public which cannot be summarily disposed of at the same meeting shall be referred by the Mayor to the appropriate Committee as determined by him/her at his/her sole discretion.

RULE 20 - STEERING COMMITTEES

The Mayor, may, from time to time, create steering committees and select the members to serve on such committees at the Mayor's pleasure. The Mayor shall inform each such committee the issue or issues that it is to explore and discuss. The steering committee shall report to the regular standing committee and provide input to that committee on various issues and assist the standing committee in its decision making process. The steering committee will not have any authority to vote or commit the Town or Council on any issue, but shall only serve in an advisory capacity. The Mayor shall dissolve the committee at his/her pleasure or when its work is completed.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
 Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
 Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced the Rules of Council adopted for the year 2003.

RESIGNATION-BD.ADJ. (4 year) EXPIRING 12/31/04

Motion by Councilperson Bertino, seconded by Councilperson Clark, accept the resignation of **Michael Pajic**. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term</u>
Barbara Edwards	Environmental Comm.	3 year
Patricia Preim	Environmental Comm.	3 year
Judy Watson	Hist.Pres. Class C	4 year
Keith Kendrex	Hist. Pres. Class C	4 year
Dorothy Mortellite	Hist. Pres. Alt #1	2 year
Margaret Doyle	Hist. Preserv.	4 year
James Bertino	Deputy Mayor	1 year
Russell Clark	Obscenity Review	1 year
William Olivo	Obscenity Review	1 year
Jeanne S. Lewis	Obscenity Review	1 year
Michael Pajic	Plan. Bd.	4 year
Ed Wuillermin	Plan. Bd. Alt 2	2 year
William Olivo	Plan. Bd. (Counc)	1 year
Jeanne S. Lewis	Rep Rev. Comm. (Counc.)	1 year
James Bertino	AltRev.Comm.Rep(Coun.)	1 year

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

SOLICITOR FOR ALL CONFLICT OF INTEREST MATTERS FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #R2-2003.

#R 2-2003

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CONFLICT COUNSEL FOR THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON

WHEREAS, the Town has appointed a Solicitor to handle its general legal matters; and

WHEREAS, in the past conflicts have occurred in certain matters and the Town has had to retain alternate representation; and

WHEREAS, the Town determines that it is in its best interest to designate an attorney to handle all conflict matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY that **Charles Jones**, Esquire shall be designated as the conflict of interest attorney for the Town of Hammonton and that all legal matters that cannot be handled by the Town Solicitor shall be referred to **Charles Jones**, Esquire.

Motion by Councilperson Bertino, seconded by Councilperson Maione, that **Charles Jones** be appointed as Conflict Solicitor for a term of one (1) year and adoption of Resolution #R2-2003 appointing same.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Charles Jones** is appointed as Conflict Solicitor for a term of one (1) year and adoption of Resolution #R2-2003. The Clerk is authorized to have same printed in the newspaper pursuant to law.

TOWN ENGINEER FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #R3-2003.

#R 3-2003  
R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Town Engineer, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for Professional Services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton as follows:

1. That the Mayor and the Town Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute this agreement with **Chris Rehmann**, Town Engineer.
2. That this contract is awarded without competitive bidding and a Professional Service under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law.
3. That a copy of this Resolution shall be published in the official newspaper as required by law within ten days of its passage.

Motion by Councilperson S. Lewis, seconded by Councilperson Chiofalo, that **Chris Rehmann** be appointed as Town Engineer for a term of one (1) year and adoption of Resolution #R3-2003 appointing same.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Chris Rehmann** is appointed as Town Engineer for a term of one (1) year and adoption of Resolution #R3-2003. The Clerk is authorized to have same printed in the newspaper pursuant to law.

ENGINEER FOR THE WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT FOR A TERM OF ONE  
(1) YEAR AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #R4-2003

#R 4-2003  
R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Engineer for the Water and Sewer Departments of the Town of Hammonton, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for Professional Services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton as follows:

1. That the Mayor and the Town Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute this agreement with Chris Rehmann of Adams, Rehmann & Heggan, Engineer for the Water and Sewer Department of the Town of Hammonton.
2. That this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law.
3. That a copy of this Resolution shall be published in the official newspaper as required by law within ten days of its passage.

Motion by Councilperson Bertino, seconded by Councilperson Maione, that **Chris Rehmann** be appointed as Engineer for the Water & Sewer Departments for a term of one (1) year and adoption of resolution #R4-2003 appointing same.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Chris Rehmann** is appointed as Engineer for the Water & Sewer Departments for a term of one (1) year and adoption of Resolution #R4-2003. The Clerk is authorized to have same printed in the newspaper pursuant to law.

ALTERNATE TOWN ENGINEER FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR

Motion by Councilperson Maione, seconded by Councilperson S. Lewis, that **Remington & Vernick** be appointed as Alternate Town Engineer for a term of one (1) year.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Remington & Vernick** is appointed as Alternate Town Engineer for a term of one (1) year.

TOWN AUDITOR FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION  
#R5-2003

#R5-2003  
R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is in need of auditing services in the relation of the preparation and submission of the municipal audit of the Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 198 of the Law of 1971 N.J.S.A. 40:11-1 et seq., requires that all contracts calling for specialized services of both professional and quasi-professional nature, be awarded by Resolution after findings of fact as to the qualifications of the individual, group of individuals or entity so appointed to perform said services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, as follows:

1. It is found as a fact that **Todd Saler** for **Bowman & Company** is a Registered Municipal Accountant (R.M.A.) of the State of New Jersey.
2. It is found as a fact that **Todd Saler** for **Bowman & Company** has assisted in the preparation of the municipal audits.
3. It is found as a fact that **Todd Saler** for **Bowman & Company** has suitably and capably performed services as the municipal auditor for many municipalities in the State of New Jersey in a good, acceptable and workmanlike fashion.
4. It is found as a fact that the services to be rendered are such professional services as fall within Section A2 (6) of Chapter 198 Laws of 1971, as amended, which professional services are specific exceptions to requirements for bidder under Section B5 (1) (a) (i) of said act.
5. The Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton desire to hire **Todd Saler** of **Bowman & Company** as its municipal auditor for said Year on a compensatory basis consistent with professional charges made for such services throughout the field as pursuant to a written contract agreed upon in accordance with budget provisions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that **Todd Saler**, R.M.A. of **Bowman & Company** is hereby appointed auditor for the Town of Hammonton and is hereby authorized and empowered to perform all services necessary for the preparation and submission of said audit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published at least once in the official newspapers pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 198 of the Laws of 1971, as amended.

Motion by Councilperson Bertino, seconded by Councilperson Maione, that **Todd Saler** be appointed as Town Auditor and adoption of Resolution #R5-2003 appointing same.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Todd Saler** is appointed as Town Auditor for the Town of Hammonton for a term of one (1) year and adoption of Resolution #R5-2003. The Clerk is authorized to have same printed in the newspaper pursuant to law.

SOLICITOR, ENGINEER, AND AUDITOR, WWTP PROJECT FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #R6-2003

#R 6-2003

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A SOLICITOR, ENGINEER AND AUDITOR TO HANDLE MATTERS CONCERNING THE TOWN PROJECT AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

WHEREAS, the Town is required in order to comply with Federal, State and County regulations to construct a new Wastewater Treatment Plan; and

WHEREAS, **David DeClement**, Esquire, **David DeLizza**, and **Todd Saler** are serving as Solicitor, Engineer and Auditor, respectively; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town to continue these professionals in the Town's employ to keep continuity at the Wastewater Treatment Plant project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY that **David DeClement**, Esquire be retained as Special Counsel for the Town of Hammonton on the Wastewater Treatment Plant project/Environmental Solicitor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that **David DeLizza** be retained to serve as Engineer for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that **Todd Saler** be retained as Auditor for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project.

Motion by Councilperson Bertino, seconded by Councilperson Chiofalo that **David DeClement**, **David DeLizza**, **Todd Saler** be appointed to provide professional services to the Town of Hammonton for a term of one (1) year and adoption of Resolution #R6-2003.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione, Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **David DeClement**, **David DeLizza**, and **Todd Saler**, are appointed as professionals for a term of one (1) year and adoption of Resolution #R6-2003 appointing professionals. The clerk is authorized to have same printed in the newspaper pursuant to law.

LABOR ATTORNEY FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #R7-2003

#R 7-2003

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Labor Attorney, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for Professional Services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton as follows:

1. That, the Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute this agreement with **Alan R. Schmoll**, Esq., the Municipal Labor Attorney.
2. That, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law.
3. That, a copy of this resolution shall be published in the official newspaper as required by law within ten days of its passage.

Motion by Councilperson S. Lewis, seconded by Councilperson Maione, that **Alan Schmoll** be Appointed as Labor Attorney for a term of one (1) year and adoption of Resolution #R7-2003 appointing same.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Alan Schmoll** is appointed as Labor Attorney for a term of one (1) and adoption of resolution #R7-2003 appointing same.

COURT PROSECUTOR FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR

Motion by Councilperson S. Lewis, seconded by Councilperson Chiofalo, that **Angela Maione Costigan** be appointed as Court Prosecutor for a term of one (1) year.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: Maione.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Angela Maione Costigan** is appointed as Court Prosecutor for a term of one (1) year.

PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR

Motion by Councilperson Bertino, seconded by Councilperson Clark, that **Sam Curcio Jr.** be appointed as Public Defender for a term of one (1) year.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Sam Curcio Jr.** is appointed as Public Defender for a term of one (1) year.

AIRPORT ADMINISTRATOR FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR

Motion by Councilperson Chiofalo, seconded by Councilperson Clark, that **Andrew Kondrach** be appointed as Airport Administrator for a term of one (1) year.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Andrew Kondrach** is appointed as Airport Administrator for a term of one (1) year.

TOWN DOCTOR FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR AND ADOPTION OF  
RESOLUTION #R8-2003 APPOINTING SAME

#R 8-2003  
R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Town Doctor, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (NJSA 40A:11 et seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for Professional Services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton as follows:

1. That, the Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute this agreement with **Kessler Occupational Health Center**.
2. That, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service under the provision of the Local Public Contracts Law.
3. That, a copy of this Resolution shall be published in the official newspaper as required by law within ten days of its passage.

Motion by Councilperson S. Lewis, seconded by Councilperson Maione, that **Kessler Occupational Health** be appointed as Town Doctor for a term of one (1) year and adoption of Resolution #R8-2003 appointing same.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Kessler Occupational Health** is appointed as Town Doctor for a term of one (1) year and adoption of resolution #R8-2003 appointing same. The Clerk is authorized have same printed in the newspaper pursuant to law.

RMC FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR AND RESOLUTION #9-2003

#R 9-2003

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT  
ATLANTIC COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Hammonton has resolved to join the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, a self insurance pooling fund, following a detailed analysis; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of said Fund require that each municipality appoint a Risk Management Consultant to perform various professional services as detailed in the Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws indicate a fee not to exceed 6% of the municipal assessment which expenditure represents reasonable compensation for the services required and was included in the cost considered by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the judgmental nature of the Risk Management Consultant's duties renders comparative bidding impractical;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that M.L. Ruberton Agency of Hammonton, New Jersey, be appointed as its Risk Management Consultant in accordance with 40A:11-5; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Consultant's Agreement annexed hereto and to cause a notice of this decision to be published according to NJSA 40A:11-5 (1),(a),(i).

Motion by Councilperson Olivo, seconded by Councilperson Chiofalo, that **M.L. Ruberton Agency** be appointed as RMC for a term of one (1) year and adoption of Resolution #R9-2003 appointing same.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **M.L. Ruberton Agency** is appointed as RMC for a term of one (1) year and adoption of resolution #R9-2003 appointing same. The Clerk is authorized have same printed in the newspaper pursuant to law.

FIRE CHIEF FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR

Motion by Councilperson S. Lewis, seconded by Councilperson Clark, that **Frank Domenico** be appointed as Fire Chief for a term of one (1) year.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Frank Domenico** is appointed as Fire chief for a term of one (1) year.

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR

Motion by Councilperson S. Lewis, seconded by Councilperson Clark, that **Michael Ruberton** be appointed as Assistant Fire Chief for a term of one (1) year.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Michael Ruberton** is appointed as Assistant Fire Chief for a term of one (1) year.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS

Motion by Councilperson Maione, seconded by Councilperson Olivo, that **Sal Mazza** be appointed a member to the Board of Adjustment for a term of four (4) years.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Sal Mazza** is appointed as a member of the Board of Adjustment for a term of four (4) years.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS

Motion by Councilperson Maione, seconded by Councilperson S. Lewis, that **Lois Morano** be appointed a member to the Board of Adjustment for a term of four (4) years.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Lois Morano** is appointed as a member of the Board of Adjustment for a term of four (4) years.

ALTERNATE #1 MEMBER BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS

Motion by Councilperson Maione, seconded by Councilperson Chiofalo, that **Salvatore Colasurdo** be appointed as an Alternate #1 member to the Board of Adjustment for a term of two (2) years.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Salvatore Colasurdo** is appointed as an Alternate #1 member of the Board of Adjustment for a term of two (2) years.

CONSTABLE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS

Motion by Councilperson S. Lewis, seconded by Councilperson Olivo, that **Sal Mazza** be appointed as a Constable for a term of three (3) years.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Sal Mazza** is appointed as Constable for a term of (3) years.

CONSTABLE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS

Motion by Councilperson Bertino, seconded by Councilperson Olivo, that **Joseph Coia** be appointed as a Constable for a term of three (3) years.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Joseph Coia** is appointed as Constable for a term of (3) years.

CONSTABLE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS

Motion by Councilperson Maione, seconded by Councilperson Chiofalo, that **William Lewis** be appointed as a Constable for a term of three (3) years.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: S. Lewis.

Mayor Ingemi announced **William Lewis** is appointed as Constable for a term of (3) years.

RESIGNATION-ANTHONY MARINO-SHADE TREE COMMISSION ALT.#2  
MEMBER (4 year term initial appt./5 yr. sub.) TO EXPIRE  
12/31/04

Motion by Councilperson Olivo, seconded by Councilperson Clark, accept the resignation of **Anthony Marino**. Motion carried.

\*Council to appoint to unexpired term Anthony Marino at a later date.

SHADE TREE COMMISSIONER FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS

Motion by Councilperson Chiofalo, seconded by Councilperson Maione, that **Anthony Marino** be appointed as Shade Tree Commissioner for a term of four (4) years.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione, Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Anthony Marino** is appointed as a member of the Shade Tree Commission for a four (4) year term.

RESIGNATION-BD.ADJ.ALT.#2-(2 year) EXPIRING 12/31/03

Motion by Councilperson Chiofalo, seconded by Councilperson S. Lewis, accept the resignation of **Jerry Vitalo**. Motion carried.

\*No new appointment at this time.

APPOINT BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBER (4 year) TO UNEXPIRED  
TERM OF MICHAEL PAJIC TO EXPIRE 12/31/04

Motion by Councilperson Bertino, seconded by Councilperson S. Lewis, appoint **Jerry Vitalo** to the unexpired term of Michael Pajic Board of Adjustment Member (4 year) to expire 12/31/04.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione, Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi declared **Jerry Vitalo** is appointed to Board of Adjustment Member (4 year) to expire 12/31/04.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT WITH CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL

**Sandy Santora** PARK COMMISSION 2 Years

Motion by Councilperson Bertino, seconded by Councilperson S. Lewis, that **Sandy Santora** be appointed as a member of the Park Commission for a term of two (2) years.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Clark, Maione, Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: Chiofalo.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Sandy Santora** is appointed as a member of the Park Commission for a term of two (2) years.

**Frank DiMatteo** PARK COMMISSION 2 years

Motion by Councilperson S. Lewis, seconded by Councilperson Olivo, that **Frank DiMatteo** be appointed as a member of the Park Commission for a term of two (2) years.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis.  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: Mayor Ingemi.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Frank DiMatteo** is appointed as a member of the Park Commission for a term of two (2) years.

<b>James Bertino</b>	PARK COM.(COUNCIL MEMBER) 1 year
<b>William Olivo</b>	PARK COM.(COUNCIL MEMBER) 1 year
<b>Dan Chiofalo</b>	PARK COM.(COUNCIL MEMBER) 1 year

Motion by Councilperson Maione, seconded by Councilperson Clark, that **James Bertino, William Olivo** and **Dan Chiofalo** be appointed as members of the Park Commission (Council Members) for a term of one (1) year.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **James Bertino, William Olivo,** and **Dan Chiofalo** were appointed as members of the Park Commission (Council Members) for a term of one (1) year.

<b>Robert Crescenzo</b>	RENT CONTROL-APT. OWNER	2 years
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Motion by Councilperson Bertino, seconded by Councilperson S. Lewis, that **Robert Crescenzo** be appointed as a Member of the Rent Control Board, Apartment Owner, for a term of two (2) years.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Robert Crescenzo** is appointed as a member of the Rent Control (Apartment Owner) for a term of two (2) years.

<b>Helen Fleming</b>	RENT CONTROL TENANT	2 years
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Motion by Councilperson S. Lewis, seconded by Councilperson Maione, that **Helen Fleming** be appointed as a Member of the Rent Control Board, Tenant, for a term of two (2) years.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Helen Fleming** is appointed as a member of the Rent Control Board, Tenant, for a term of two (2) years.

<b>Frank Argentieri</b>	RENT CONTROL TENANT	2 years
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Motion by Councilperson Maione, seconded by Councilperson Clark, that **Frank Argentieri** be appointed as a member of the Rent Control Board, Tenant, for a term of two (2) years.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Frank Argentieri** is appointed as a member of the Rent Control Board, Tenant, for a term of two (2) years.

**Norman LaFreda** RENT CONTROL-COMPLEX OWNER&REP. 3 year

Motion by Councilperson S. Lewis, seconded by Councilperson Bertino, that **Norman LaFreda** be appointed as a member of the Rent Control Board, Complex Owner & Representative, for a term of three (3) years.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Norman LaFreda** is appointed as a member of the Rent Control Board, Complex Owner & Representative, for a term of three (3) years.

**William Olivo** RENT CONTROL-COUNC.MEM. 1 year

**Russell Clark** RENT CONTROL-COUNC.MEM. 1 year

Motion by Councilperson Bertino, seconded by Councilperson Maione, that **William Olivo** and **Russell Clark** be appointed as Rent Control Council Members for a term of one (1) year.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **William Olivo** and **Russell Clark** were appointed as Rent Control Council Members for a term of one (1) year.

**Frank DiMatteo** M.U.A.C. CLASS III 3 years

Motion by Councilperson Bertino, seconded by Councilperson Olivo, that **Frank DiMatteo** be appointed as a Member of the M.U.A.C. Class III for a term of three (3) years.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis.  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: Mayor Ingemi.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Frank DiMatteo** is appointed as a Member of the M.U.A.C. Class III for a term of three (3) years.

**Ralph Morano** M.U.A.C. CLASS II 4 years

Motion by Councilperson S. Lewis, seconded by Councilperson Olivo, that **Ralph Morano** be appointed as a Member of the M.U.A.C. Class II for a term of four (4) years.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **Ralph Morano** is appointed as a Member of the M.U.A.C. Class II for a term of four (4) years.

<b>James Bertino</b>	M.U.A.C. (COUNCIL MEMBER)	1 year
<b>William Olivo</b>	M.U.A.C. (COUNCIL MEMBER)	1 year

Motion by Councilperson Chiofalo, seconded by Councilperson Clark, that **James Bertino** and **William Olivo** be appointed as M.U.A.C. Council Members for a term of one (1) year.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione, Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi announced **James Bertino** and **William Olivo** were appointed as M.U.A.C. Council Members for a term of one (1) year.

**MAYOR INGEMI'S COUNCIL COMMITTEE** (First named Chairman)

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS	<b>Clark &amp; Bertino</b>
COMMITTEE ON WATER & SEWER	<b>Bertino &amp; Olivo</b>
COMMITTEE ON LAW & ORDER	<b>Maione &amp; Chiofalo</b>
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE	<b>Mayor &amp; Council</b>
COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION	<b>Chiofalo &amp; Maione</b>
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & INDUSTRY	<b>S. Lewis &amp; Bertino</b>
COMMITTEE ON FIRE	<b>S. Lewis &amp; Clark</b>
COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY & LIGHT	<b>Olivo &amp; Chiofalo</b>
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT. & AIRPORT	<b>Chiofalo &amp; Clark</b>
COMMITTEE ON RECREATION & SR CITIZENS	<b>Bertino &amp; Chiofalo</b>
COMMITTEE ON QUALITY OF LIFE	<b>Maione &amp; S. Lewis</b>
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION	<b>Olivo &amp; Maione</b>

**Public Official Bonds**

Motion by Councilperson Maione, seconded by Councilperson S. Lewis, there be required of the officials of the Town of Hammonton, the Public Official Bond in the same amount as is required for the year 2002.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione, Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi declared the motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

#R10-2003 Temporary Budget

#R 10-2003  
R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey providing for and making Temporary Appropriations for current needs for operating costs and expenses of the Local Budget for the Town of Hammonton.

WHEREAS, Section 110 of the Local Budget Act provides that where any contract, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2003 Budget, Temporary appropriations shall be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time provided therein; and

WHEREAS, twenty-six and one half percent of the Total Appropriation of the 2002 Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for the debt service and capital

improvement fund in said 2002 Budget is the sum of \$2,053,686.97.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, New Jersey, that the following temporary appropriation be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be filed with the Town Treasurer of the Town of Hammonton for her records.

Administrative & Executive	
Salaries & Wages	90,000.
Other Expenses	12,000.
Financial Administration	
Salaries & Wages	39,000.
Other Expenses	10,000.
Audit Services	
Other Expenses	5,500.
Assessment of Taxes	
Salaries & Wages	23,000.
Other Expenses	5,300.
Collection of Taxes	
Other Expenses	6,000.
Legal	
Salaries & Wages	17,000.
Other Expenses	15,000.
Engineering	
Other Expenses	10,000.
Public Buildings & Grounds	
Salaries & Wages	4,000.
Other Expenses	10,000.
Planning Board	
Salaries & Wages	1,800.
Other Expenses	4,300.
Board of Adjustment	
Salaries & Wages	1,000.
Other Expenses	2,500.
Rent Control	
Salaries & Wages	350.
Other Expenses	250.
Shade Tree Commission	
Salaries & Wages	250.
Other Expenses	4,000.
Environmental Commission	
Salaries & Wages	250.
Other Expenses	300.
Group Insurance Plan	
Other Expenses	200,000.
Insurance	
Other Expenses	80,000.
Workman's compensation	136,326.
Fire	
Other Expenses	20,000.

State Fire Prevention Code	
Salaries & Wages	5,000.
Other Expenses	5,000.
Police	
Salaries & Wages	543,410.97
Other Expenses	73,000.
Economic Development	
Other Expenses	5,000.
Police Radio Communications	
Salaries & Wages	52,000.
Other Expenses	4,500.
Special Services	
Other Expenses	2,500.
Streets & Roads (Highway)	
Salaries & Wages	187,000.
Other Expenses	150,000.
Dog Regulations	
Other Expenses	2,000.
Registrar of Vital Statistics	
Other Expenses	250.
Parks	
Salaries & Wages	1,800.
Other Expenses	2,000.
Recreation	
Salaries & Wages	10,500.
Other Expenses	6,000.
Computer	
Other Expenses	8,000.
Advertising	
Other Expenses	17,000.
Municipal Airport	
Salaries & Wages	600.
Other Expenses	5,000.
Street Lighting	
Other Expenses	63,000.
Telephone & Telegraph	
Other Expenses	15,000.
Social Security	
Other Expenses	50,000.
N.J. Disability	
Other Expenses	5,000.
Gasoline	
Other Expenses	17,000.
Natural Gas	
Other Expenses	8,000.
Electric	
Other Expenses	13,000.

Unemployment Compensation	1,000.
Construction Official	
Salaries & Wages	45,000.
Other Expenses	3,500.
Other Code Enforcement	
Salaries & Wages	5,000.
Other Expenses	3,000.
Municipal Court	
Salaries & Wages	42,000.
Other Expenses	4,500.
<b>TOTAL 2003 MAXIMUM PERMITTED</b>	
<b>TEMPORARY OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>2,053,686.97</b>
Capital Improvement Fund	20,000.
Payment of Bond Principal	378,400.
Interest on Bonds	297,000.
Green Trust Loan Principal & Interest	6,135.02
<u>TOTAL CURRENT FUND DEBT APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>701,535.02</u>
<b>TOTAL 2003 CURRENT FUND</b>	
<b>TEMPORARY BUDGET</b>	<b>2,755,221.99</b>

Motion by Councilperson S.Lewis, seconded by Councilperson Clark, the resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
 Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
 Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi declared the resolution adopted.

#R11-2003 Temporary Budget Town Utilities

#R 11-2003  
 R E S O L U T I O N

Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, making Temporary Appropriations for the operation of Publicly owned and operated utilities of the said Town of Hammonton.

Whereas, Article 2, Section 212 and Article 3 of the Local Budget Act of the State of New Jersey, make it obligatory for the Water Utility and Sewerage Utility of the Town of Hammonton to be operated under the provision of the said Local Budget Act; and

Whereas, Section 110 of the Local Budget Act provides that where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2003 Budget, Temporary Appropriations should be made for the purpose of amounts required.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, New Jersey, that for the **Water Utility** the following Temporary Appropriations be and they are hereby made:

Operating Costs

Salary & Wages	68,000.00
Other Expenses	194,565.00
Unemployment Compensation	1,000.00
Social Security	6,000.00
N.J. Disability Insurance	1,000.00
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Subtotal	270,565.00
Bond Principal	227,000.00
Interest on Bonds	122,000.00
Interest on Notes	25,000.00
NJDEPE Loan-Prin. & Interest	26,000.00
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Subtotal	400,000.00
TOTAL WATER	670,565.00

Be It Further Resolved, that the following Temporary Appropriations for the **Sewerage Utility** be and they hereby are made:

	Operating Costs
Salaries & Wages	78,000.00
Other Expenses	196,712.50
Unemployment Compensation	1,000.00
Social Security	6,500.00
N.J. Disability	2,000.00
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Subtotal	284,212.50
Bond Principal	550,000.00
Bond Interest	920,000.00
Note Interest	15,000.00
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Subtotal	1,485,000.00
TOTAL	1,769,212.50

Be It Further Resolved that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his/her records.

Motion by Councilperson Olivo, seconded by Councilperson Maione, the resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione, Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi declared the resolution adopted.

#R12-2003 Official Signatures and Depositories

#R 12-2003

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is obligated to designate a depository and or depositories in connection with the deposit of all monies received; and

WHEREAS, the proper officials who are authorized to sign all checks, warrants and drafts of the Town of Hammonton should likewise be designated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, that the:

First Union National Bank  
Minotola National Bank  
New Jersey Cash Management  
Fleet Bank  
Sun Bank  
Commerce Bank  
New Jersey Arm

Be and they are hereby designated as the official depositories of the Town of Hammonton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Anthony Ingemi, Mayor, Susanne Oddo, Town Clerk/Administrator and Robert Scharle, C.F.O. be and they are hereby authorized to sign all checks, warrants, and drafts of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the absence of Anthony Ingemi, Mayor and/or Susanne Oddo, Town Clerk/Administrator and/or, Robert Scharle, C.F.O. that, James Bertino, Deputy Mayor, April Boyer Maimone, Deputy Municipal Clerk, or Kathy Velardi, Sr. Clerk Typist, and Rosemarie Jacobs, Treasurer, Tara Parkkonen, Accountant, or Martha Silvesti, Sr. Clerk Typist be and they are hereby authorized to sign all checks, warrants and drafts of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey.

Motion by Councilperson Maione, seconded by Councilperson Clark, the resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi declared the resolution adopted.

#R13-2003 Appointment of Tax Search & Municipal Assessment Officers

#R 13-2003  
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-11 provides that a bonded Municipal official shall be appointed as Municipal Tax Search Officer; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A., 54:5-18.3 provides that either the Municipal Clerk or the Municipal Engineer shall be appointed Municipal Assessment Search officer; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Tax Search officer is entitled to charge for tax search and continuation searches a reasonable fee subject to the limitation imposed by N.J.S.A. 54:5-14 and 15 respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Assessment Search Officer is entitled by N.J.S.A. 54:5-18.4 to charge reasonable fees also subject to the limitation of N.J.S.A. 54:5-14 and 15 for making such searches.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton that the Tax Collector of the Town of Hammonton is hereby designated for the year 2003 as the Municipal Tax Search Officer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-11; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk of the Town of Hammonton is designated as Municipal Assessment Search Officer for the year 2003 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-18.3; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each of said officials shall charge for Tax Searches, Assessment Searches and all continuations thereof reasonable fees not to exceed the limitation set by N.J.S.A. 54:5-14 and 15 respectively; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each of said Officials as aforesaid shall receive as their compensation an additional amount to be included in their yearly salary and to be set by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic when preparing the annual salary.

Motion by Councilperson S. Lewis, seconded by Councilperson Maione, the Resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi declared the resolution adopted.

#R14-2003 Adopting Cash Management Plan

#R14 - 2003

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 requires certain municipalities to adopt Cash Management Plans for certain public funds pending the use of such funds for intended purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is intended to cover the deposit and/or investments of certain accounts identified by the Cash Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Cash Management Plan shall be effective January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY that a Cash Management Plan shall and be hereby adopted effective January 1, 2003 through and including December 31, 2003 consistent with the Cash Management Plan which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer of the Town of Hammonton and the Treasurer of the Town of Hammonton are hereby authorized and directed to make the required deposits and/or investments for the funds referred to in the within Plan.

Motion by Councilperson Bertino, seconded by Councilperson Olivo, the Resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi declared the resolution adopted.

#R15-2003 State Contracts

## Resolution #15 -2003

WHEREAS, it is necessary to create a Listing of State Vendors to be utilized by the Town of Hammonton;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 the following state contracts be awarded for the year 2003:

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>CERTIFICATION NUMBER</u>
A.E. Stone Inc.	49593
Airpower Int'l Inc.	48152
Alesi Graphics	89573
All Industrial Safety Products	51212
Avaya Inc. (Lucent)	42285
Bellmaur Truck Repair Co. Inc.	40953
Berco Fleet Service Inc.	40985
Binder Machinery Inc.	41376
Bomark	88094
Bridgestate Foundry Corp.	51588
Bruno's Auto Parts Inc.	50568
C. Desorte Assoc. Inc.	49859
C.A.M. Company	40934
CCC Heavy Duty Truck Parts Co.	41039
Circle System Group Inc.	89610
Conectiv Power Delivery	44312
Contractor Service Inc.	50605
Crescent Tire Inc.	50879
Danone Waters of North America	40766
Dell Marketing	81247
Ford Motor Credit	49460
Dom's International Inc.	40940
Domore/Sican Corp.	87061
Edmund's Assoc. Inc.	81201
Executive Business Products Inc.	49025
Fairlite Electric Supply	51803
Fisher Scientific Co. Inc.	88676
Frank Mazza & Son Inc.	84599
G-Boys Excavating Co.	44405
Gallo GMC Truck Sales	50547
Garden State Highway Products	49454
General Spring Service Corp.	40981
GF Office Furniture Ltd.	85561
Hach Co. Inc.	89020
Hale Trailer	49924
Helena Chemical Inc.	49843
Horizon Healthcare	48856
Jan Communication & Electronic	42369
Jet-Vac Inc.	41382
Jimmy's Lakeside Garage	40933
Johnson & Towers	86082
Johnstone Supply	46121
Joseph Fazzio Inc	52710
KML Technology Inc.	51010
Lakeview Garage	50812
Lawmen Supply Co. of NJ Inc.	46901
Lawson Products Inc.	46113
Micrographic Computer Services	40012
Oakwood Uniform & Equip., Inc.	51204
Office Business Systems	46717
Old Dominion Brush Inc.	41325
Pedroni Fuel Co.	44178
Photo Center	87641
Pitney Bowes Inc.	82969
PMI Imaging Systems Inc.	89834
QED Environmental Systems	88106
Quality Communications Corp	88804
Ransome Engines	40973
Red the Uniform Tailor Inc.	45784
RFP Solutions Inc.	42293
Rodio Tractor Sales Inc.	41172
S.J. Sanitation Co Inc.	51035
Sam's Auto Care Center Inc.	50825

Sears	52369
Seely Equipment/Supply Co. Inc.	52437
Serners Inc.	46706
Shore Slurry Seal Inc.	51138
Statewide Hi-Way Safety Inc.	52126
Tapper Stationery	49017
Thomas Rodio & Son	50874
Thomas Scientific	89014
Trans Axle Corp.	40922
U.S. Municipal Supply Inc.	52440
Universal Computing Services	48249
Universal Supply Co.	46126
Verizon	81231
Verizon Teleproduct	81231
Verizon Wireless	89590
Vineland Auto Electric	50674
Water Resource Management Inc.	83542
West Publishing Payment Ctr	41595
Wharton Hardware & Supply Co.	52372
Winner Ford Inc.	45069
Winslow Rental & Supply	41160
Yardville Supply Co. Inc.	51621

Motion by Councilperson Clark, seconded by Councilperson Maione, the Resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione, Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi declared the resolution adopted.

ORDINANCE #1-2003 Amend Bond Ord. #20-2001-Sewer Utility

ORDINANCE #1-2003

BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBERED 20-2001 OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY FINALLY ADOPTED APRIL 26, 2001 IN ORDER TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY, (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. Section 3 of Bond Ordinance numbered 20-2001 of the Town of Hammonton finally adopted April 26, 2001 is hereby amended to read as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	Approp. and Est. Cost	Estimated Maximum Amt.of Bonds or Notes	Period of Usefulness
a) Sewer improvements to Bellevue & Valley Rd	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	40 years
b) Sewer improvements to Fairview Road	50,000.00	50,000.00	40 years
c) Replacement of Tilton Street Line	12,310.32	12,310.32	40 years
d) Reconst of Second St	187,689.68	187,689.68	40 years
TOTALS	350,000.00	350,000.00	

Section Two. The capital budget of the Town of Hammonton is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of

this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form 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 is available there for public inspection.

Section Three. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Motion by Councilperson Bertino, seconded by Councilperson Olivo, the ordinance be taken up for first reading. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilperson Bertino, seconded by Councilperson Olivo, the ordinance pass first reading.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione, Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi declared the ordinance passed first reading.

Motion by Councilperson S. Lewis, seconded by Councilperson Maione, the ordinance be given legal publication as required by law and notice that a hearing will be held on January 27, 2003. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2-2003 MERCANTILE LICENSE

ORDINANCE # 2 - 2003

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MERCANTILE LICENSE FOR THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**I. PURPOSE.**

It is declared to be the purpose and intent of this ordinance to protect the public health, safety and welfare, to promote the morals of the community, to promote the stability of the business sector, and to assist the overall economic well being of the Town of Hammonton. A procedure to be established requiring the licensing of all business in the community will promote the efforts established herein.

**II. DEFINITIONS.**

The following terms shall have the following meanings when used in this ordinance, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

- a. "Contractor" shall mean the sale of goods or services provided by a person, company or business being operated within the Town, operating out of a vehicle, truck, trailer or other mobile unit. A person or company shall be deemed a contractor if they provide and or deliver services which shall include and not be limited to building, remodeling, roofing, siding, landscaping, irrigation, painting, masonry, heating & air conditioning installation and repairs, plumbing, electrical repairs and installation, appliance repair or any other service requiring a permit from the office of the building inspector of the Town of Hammonton.
- b. "Business" shall be used in both the singular and plural sense, and is meant to include all kinds of vocations, occupations, professions and enterprises,

establishments and all other kinds of activities and matters, together with all devices, machines, vehicles, appurtenances and property used therein, any of which are conducted for private profit or benefit, either directly or indirectly, on any premises within the Town of Hammonton.

- c. "Owner" shall mean and include the lessee, sublessee, owner, assignee, managing agent or other person having the right of ownership or possession of any real property.
- d. "Real Property" shall mean and include any parcel or parcels of lands or lot or lots, whether or not contiguous, available for building or not, within the Town of Hammonton.
- e. "Commercial Unit" shall mean and include any office, store or business establishment, which is designed for the purpose of carrying on of any trade, profession or business.
- f. "License" shall mean the approval, granted to any business, to begin any marketing activity in the Town of Hammonton.
- g. "License Year" shall mean the period for which the license is issued and in the absence of a specific provision to the contrary relating to any particular business, the license is from March 1 to February 28 of the subsequent year.

### **III. APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.**

Application for the license shall be made to the Code Enforcement Official on forms to be promulgated by the Code Enforcement Official and approved by the Governing Body. No license shall issue until all appropriate fees as required by this ordinance have been paid. Each application shall require a disclosure of ownership, location of the business, telephone number and emergency contact, nature of the business as to the service or product provided, experience in the business enterprise, criminal background, business references, number of employees, and such additional information as may be needed for the proper guidance of the Code Enforcement Official in the issuance of the license applied for.

### **IV. APPLICABILITY OF ORDINANCE.**

The provisions of this ordinance apply to all businesses in the Town of Hammonton, except where an ordinance concerning a particular business contains a specific provision to the contrary. The provisions of this ordinance shall also apply to apartment owners offering two (2) or more residential units for rent or lease and to owners of property who offer commercial real estate for rent or lease.

For the purpose of this ordinance, any person shall be deemed engaging in business and subject to the provisions of this ordinance when he does one (1) act of:

- A. Selling or providing goods or services.
- B. Soliciting business or offering goods or services for sale or hire.
- C. Using any vehicle, machine, or device in providing services on any premises or location within the Town of Hammonton for business purposes.

### **V. LICENSE REQUIRED.**

It shall be unlawful for any contractor, business, owner or rental property owner as defined herein, to engage in such

activity within the Town of Hammonton without first obtaining a mercantile license therefor, in accordance with the provisions of this article. Residential yard sales and casual sales do not require licensing under this article.

**VI. ISSUANCE OF LICENSE.**

The Code Enforcement Official shall examine each application filed under this ordinance for a license and shall make, or cause to be made, such further investigation of the application and the applicant as the Code Enforcement Official shall deem necessary. The license shall issue if the Code Enforcement Official deems the following to be true:

- a. All information in the application is deemed correct.
- b. If requested, the application is referred to other officers or departments of the Town where appropriate and a recommendation is received to grant the license.
- c. The fee of \$35.00 is paid.
- d. All other Town ordinances are complied with.

The license shall be issued or refused in writing not more than thirty (30) days after the application has been made. If the license is refused, the reasons for the refusal shall be given in writing.

**VII. POSTING OF LICENSE.**

It shall be the duty of any person conducting a business in the Town to keep his license posted in a prominent place on the premises used for such business at all times. In the case of a Contractor, he shall maintain a copy of the license at the location where the work is being delivered or performed.

**VIII. APPEALS.**

Any person aggrieved by any decision relating to the issuance of a license or the refusal to issue the license, may file an appeal of the respective action to the Mayor and Council. All appeals must be set forth in writing and filed with the Code Enforcement Official within fourteen (14) days after the Code Enforcement Official has either granted or refused the respective application. Appeals shall be heard at the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

**IX. EXEMPTION FOR CHAPTER 204 MERCHANTS.**

Peddlers, Solicitors, Canvassers, Seasonal & Transient Merchants as defined in Chapter 204 of the Code of the Town of Hammonton are exempt from the provisions of this Chapter provided the provisions of Chapter 204 are fully complied with and the fees as set forth in Chapter 204-22 are paid.

**X. CHANGE OF LOCATION.**

The location of any licensed business may be changed, provided, however, that five (5) days notice of such change is provided to the Code Enforcement Official.

**XI. NUMBER OF LICENSES.**

In the absence of a specific provision to the contrary, no ordinance is to be interpreted as limiting the

number of licenses that may be issued or as limiting the number of business enterprises of any particular kind that may be operated in the city.

A business owner is required to obtain a mercantile license for any business, which is intended to deal with the public. Specifically exempted from the requirements of this ordinance are tax exempt organizations, charitable organizations, religious organizations, and any other business entity that does not conduct a business enterprise with third parties. Also exempt from this ordinance are the U.S. Postal Service, governmental agencies and/or departments, and those businesses that may be exempt under state or federal law.

**XII. PROFESSIONAL EXEMPTIONS.**

This ordinance shall not apply to attorneys appearing before the Municipal Court or any municipal board and visiting doctors providing services at Hospitals or Health Care facilities, unless they maintain offices at the hospital or maintain offices located in the Town, in which case a mercantile license shall be required.

**XIII. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTY.**

Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not more than \$500.00. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

**XIV. SEVERABILITY.**

The provisions of this ordinance are severable. If any provisions of this ordinance is held invalid, it shall be restricted from the ordinance but the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

**XV. REPEALER.**

Any other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance shall be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency. The provisions of any ordinances of the Town of Hammonton, including those specifically referred to herein, not inconsistent with this ordinance and the provisions of any amendments not inconsistent with this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect as though expressly and fully set forth herein.

**XVI. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

Motion by Councilperson Bertino, seconded by Councilperson Olivo, the ordinance be taken up for first reading. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilperson Bertino, seconded by Councilperson Olivo, the ordinance pass first reading.

ON THE QUESTION:

Councilperson S. Lewis stated she would like it to be placed on record that she did receive two phone calls from citizens concerning proposed amendments to this ordinance.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.

Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi declared the ordinance passed first reading.

Motion by Councilperson S. Lewis, seconded by Councilperson Olivo, the ordinance be given legal publication as required by law and notice that a hearing will be held on January 27, 2003. Motion carried.

#R16-2003 Designating Official Newspaper

\*Read by Town Clerk/Administrator in full.

Resolution #016-2003

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:53-1 provides that the governing body of every municipality may designate an official newspaper or newspapers for the publication of all advertisements and notices required by law to be published; and

WHEREAS, the Hammonton Gazette and the Press maintain the requisite qualifications for said designation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY as follows:

The Hammonton Gazette and the Press are and shall be designated as the official newspapers in and for the Town of Hammonton for the year 2003.

Motion by Councilperson Olivo, seconded by Councilperson Bertino, the resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Bertino, Chiofalo, Clark, Maione,  
Olivo, S. Lewis and Mayor Ingemi.  
Nays: None.

Mayor Ingemi declared the resolution adopted.

PUBLIC HEARD

No one desired to be heard.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS

I would like to thank you all for attending today. This is the end of my first year as the mayor of our town, and I would like to highlight some of the accomplishments that our town council and I have achieved this year.

We have been able to obtain grants to start construction on the downtown sidewalks to bring them into compliance with the Federal A.D.A. requirements. You will be seeing more of this construction in the months ahead.

We have been successful in obtaining grants from the United States Department of Agriculture and the R.D.A. We have used these funds to improve our town's infrastructure.

We have purchased a new fire truck for Fire Company #2, and have continued to improve the town's water & sewer system. We are also constantly seeking to find additional grant money for the needed improvements in our downtown area.

1-1-2003

In the last five years our town has seen a tremendous amount of growth in business development. There have been four hundred and fifty new jobs and sixty new businesses created. Many of these professional and commercial enterprises. As we all know, new commercial development increase the town's tax ratables, and this helps us keep our taxes down.

This year, Town Council and I have worked hand in hand to keep the expense of running our government in line. We will work hand in hand to do the same this year.

We have completed contract negotiations with all the town employees and look forward to a good relationship with our hard working town employees.

We intend to move forward to expand recreational opportunities for town residents. The Town Council and I are committed to seeking grants and other funding to a make our dream of a new Hammonton Performing Arts Center come true.

Last year, I promised to preserve Hammonton's Unique Character. I think I have been successful in this goal. I will work hard in the coming year to continue reaching for my goals for our town. I ask all of you to work with me towards this end.

ADJOURN

Motion by Councilperson S. Lewis, seconded by Councilperson Chiofalo, the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Town Clerk/Administrator