

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council – January 23, 2012  
Town Hall Council Chambers, 100 Central Avenue  
Executive Session 6:00 P.M.  
Public Session 7:00 P.M.

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Carpo - Present

Esposito - Present

Furgione - Present

Pullia - Present

Rodio – Present

Torrissi - Present

Mayor DiDonato - Present

PRESENT ALSO

Brian Howell, Town Solicitor

Executive Session

#R017A-2012

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton that, in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act,” an Executive Session is authorized on this below adopted date, for the purpose of discussing and/or acting upon:

1. Discuss Safety Director Position and Salary
2. Update Sick Leave of Absence Status Dispatcher
3. Review Police Officer Request to amend retirement date from 3/1/12 to 6/1/12
4. Airport:
  - Eviction
  - Thru the Fence Agreement
  - Fatality Litigation
5. Berenato Litigation (former dump)
6. Pulte/Traditions at Blueberry Ridge
  - Tax Lien
  - Conference with Travelers
7. Treatment Solutions Litigation
  - Insurance Coverage
  - Outside counsel v. inside counsel
8. Rt. 54 Tort claims notice re: disposal of construction debris
9. Rescue vehicle
10. Folsom Volunteer Fire Co. Closure

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of any matters discussed in Executive Session shall be released to the public as soon as reasonably possible after Mayor and Council conclude that the basis for exclusion of the public ceases to exist.

Motion by Councilperson Torrissi, seconded by Councilperson Carpo, the resolution is adopted.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

- Carpo - Yes
- Esposito - Yes
- Furgione - Yes
- Pullia - Yes
- Rodio - Yes
- Torrissi - Yes
- Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

- Carpo - Present
- Esposito - Present
- Furgione - Present
- Pullia - Present
- Rodio - Present
- Torrissi - Present
- Mayor DiDonato - Present

PRESENT ALSO

- Brian Howell, Town Solicitor
- Bob Vettese of ARH, Town Engineer

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of this meeting has been posted and given to official newspapers. Please familiarize yourselves with the fire exits to the right and rear of the Council Chambers. Please do not proceed beyond the front benches without invitation from the Mayor to do so.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARD FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

No one desired to be heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Executive Session – December 19, 2011
- Regular Meeting – December 19, 2011

Motion by Councilperson Esposito, seconded by Councilperson Torrissi, the minutes of the executive session and regular session of December 19, 2011 are approved.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

- Carpo - Abstain
- Esposito - Yes
- Furgione - Abstain
- Pullia - Yes
- Rodio - Yes
- Torrissi - Yes
- Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Organization Meeting – January 1, 2012

Motion by Councilperson Furgione, seconded by Councilperson Carpo, the minutes of the reorganization meeting are approved.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Carpo - Yes

Esposito - Yes

Furgione - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Hearing NW Water Extension

Mr. Brian Howell, Town Solicitor, advised that Councilperson Furgione is recused from participation in the Hearing on NW Water Extension but will remain at his council seat.

Mr. Joseph Pantalone, of ARH Town Engineers, gave a presentation on the NW Water Extension.

Mayor DiDonato opened the hearing to the residents.

Nort Davis - Pine Road

Mr. Davis questioned if he will be permitted to reapply for a new well permit after his well is sealed?

Mr. Pantalone advised that the department to which Mr. Davis will make application for new well will not allow a new well in the contaminated area.

Councilman Torrissi questioned the procedure for wells that were previously contaminated but have since improved.

Mr. Pantalone responded there would need to be an overall improvement, not to just one well.

Mr. Davis stated he is against the water extension project.

Art McDaniels – Basin Road

Mr. McDaniels stated he is in favor of the project, however, he requested that the Town does not charge the residents for the \$1500.00 hook up fee.

Richard Traycner – Pine Road

Mr. Traycner asked who makes the decision to extend water service? He is for the project.

Mr. Pantalone responded it is a governing body decision.

Ken Tomasello – Pine Road

Mr. Tomasello stated he was one of the first to be informed his well was contaminated and currently has the poet system. He is in favor of hooking up to town water. However, many residents including himself are upset about their wells having to be sealed as they wished to keep their wells for irrigation only. He also stated his well contamination has improved.

Mayor DiDonato clarified the town's water is safe.

Mr. Pantalone questioned if Mr. Tomasello's household has changed over the years which may be a reason his well improved?

Mr. Tomasello stated no.

Dennis latta - Pine Road

Mr. latta read a letter to council concerning the quality of his well water inwhere his well met operating standards. He questioned will he be forced to tie into city water or does he have a choice? Mr. latta stated he does not wish to tie into the city water.

Mr. Pantalone advised that according to the chart he is still in the contaminated area, however, he will have to look into the matter for Mr. latta.

Christine Harper – Pine Road

Ms. Harper stated she contacted the DEP herself and they advised her that the town was no longer involved. She has paid for her own poet system since the time she purchased her house. She does not wish to tie into town water.

Mr. Pantalone advised that if the resident is in the groundwater contamination area and the project causes damage to private property, it will be repaired by contractor.

Ms. Harper also questioned who will pay the portion of the water extension not covered by grant?

Mr. Pantalone advised the water users will pay.

Sandy Piccari – Pine Road

Mrs. Piccari stated she also received a letter stating her well was no longer contaminated but she's still hooked up to the poet system and is paying for same. She is not in favor of water extension.

Larry Delaney – Broadway

Mr. Delaney questioned will the loop be Union Road? Mr. Delaney questioned how will the water users pay for the extension not covered by grant? And has anyone done a projection to give the water users at least an idea as to how much the water increase would be?

Mr. Pantalone advised yes, the loop will be Union Road and the water users would pay for same via a water rental increase.

Mayor advised it could very well be a 12 percent increase across the board.

Catherine Bilyou – Oak Road

Ms. Bilyou, who was present for an elderly person who received the letter concerning water extension, asked will there be any financial aid given to someone on a fixed income?

Councilman Pullia responded the minimum is \$36.75 per quarter for those on a fixed income which comes to approximately \$13.00 per month.

Dave Noto – Pine Road

Mr. Noto contacted the state and was advised that if enough residents signed a letter stating how many thousand square feet of grass are being watered per day, it could save the residents from having to close their wells.

Mr. Pantalone stated he was not aware of this choice and in his experience this has never been a choice. However, he will reach out to DEP to inquire as to their conversation with Mr. Noto. He wanted to caution that due to a water restriction imposed on the town by the DEP, the town had to strengthen their water conservation ordinance and possibly restructure their water fees. Hammonton has one of the highest per capita water uses in this area. If water is not conserved we will lose our rights as a town to grow.

Mr. Noto advised he is against the water extension, unless he can keep his well.

Councilman Torrisi questioned the deadline for decision?

Mr. Pantalone responded this project has been on the books with DEP since 2007 so we certainly have a tight timeline in that surely other applicants would want the funding Hammonton is being offered if Hammonton declines. He feels the February or March meeting would be speculative timelines only.

Mayor questioned timeline for award of contact?

Solicitor advised 60 days unless contractor agrees to extension.

Nort Davis – Pine Road

Mr. Davis stated at the first meeting they were told that the reason they could not keep their well is that they may cross connect public water and private well and contaminate the public water.

Mr. Pantalone is not sure that would be a viable reason because one cannot cross connect public water and private well.

Mayor suggested the Town request DEP to allow the residents to keep their wells for watering lawns?

Mr. Pantalone stated that he can prepare a letter for Mayor to sign.

Mayor asked the residents in attendance if they were allowed to retain their private wells for watering only, would they still be opposed to water extension.

Ms. Harper was the only resident who responded and she responded with yes she would still be opposed to water extension.

Mr. Pantalone stated he will follow through with resident and council suggestions to DEP and report back.

Councilman Torrissi questioned if Mayor petitioned DEP to allow wells to remain open, would those residents who wished to seal their well still be able to do so?

Mayor responded, yes, he will make his request to that affect.

Councilman Pullia also stated there are backflow preventers to prohibit contaminated water from flowing into city water for those who are concerned about that.

Rock Colasurdo – Boyer Avenue

Mr. Colasurdo questioned what if residents started a garden club, will that help save their wells?

Mayor stated the DEP would probably require proof.

Authorize Letter DEP and Extension of Award of Contract

Motion by Councilperson Pullia, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, authorize Mr. Pantalone to draft a letter to DEP and authorize Mayor to sign the letter requesting those residents in the NW Water Exertion Project who wish to retain their wells be allowed to do so and also to authorize Solicitor to negotiate with contractor an extension on award of contract deadline.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Carpo - Yes

Esposito - Yes

Furgione - Recused

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

- 1a. Presentation Sustainable Energy Bronze Community Plaque to Green Committee
- 1b. Mayor's Power Point Presentation of Governor's Plan to move School Election to November

Motion by Mayor DiDonato, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, adopt a resolution to move the school election to the general election per Governor Christie's bill.

A discussion of the Governing Body ensued concerning the pros and cons of moving the school election to the general election at which time it was on motion by Councilperson Torrissi, seconded by Councilperson Furgione, to table the motion to adopt a resolution moving the school election to the general election. Further, authorize the Clerk to schedule a special meeting of Mayor and Council for February 13, 2012 at 7:00 pm to discuss and possibly act on the resolution.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Carpo - Yes

Esposito - Yes

Furgione - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Torrissi - Yes  
Mayor DiDonato - No

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

2. Hearing Ordinance 1-2012 Board/Commission Secretary Salary

Motion by Councilperson Torrissi, seconded by Councilperson Esposito, the ordinance be taken up for second reading and public hearing. Motion carried.

No one desired to be heard.

Motion by Councilperson Torrissi, seconded by Councilperson Esposito, the hearing be closed, the ordinance pass second reading and be adopted.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

- Carpio - Yes
- Esposito - Yes
- Furgione - Yes
- Pullia - Yes
- Rodio - Yes
- Torrissi - Yes
- Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration -Councilperson Esposito  
Report on Adm Comm Mtg held 1/12/12

#R021-2012 Amending 153-07 Appointing Safety Director with no pay

#R021-2012

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 153-07 APPOINTING SAFETY DIRECTOR  
FOR THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON

WHEREAS, the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund requires all participating municipalities to appoint a Safety Director to oversee the safety programs of the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that it would be beneficial to the Town to have the Risk Manager (RMC) conduct all necessary work pertaining to the Town of Hammonton Safety Program; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that the Safety Director position will run concurrently with the Risk Manager (RMC) position; and

WHEREAS, the Risk Manager (RMC) has agreed to the appointment of Safety Director at no additional cost to the Town of Hammonton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, Atlantic County, New Jersey that effective 2/1/12 and expiring 12/31/12 PJ Pullia of MLR Risk Management LLC is appointed to the position of Safety Director for the Town of Hammonton at \$-0-; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is directed to forward one certified copy of this resolution to Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

Motion by Councilperson Furgione, seconded by Councilperson Carpo, the resolution be tabled.

Mayor DiDonato advised on the reason for his no vote to the appointment of Risk Manager on January 1, 2012.

Councilman Rodio also explained his no vote to the appointment of Risk Manager.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Carpo - Yes

Esposito - Yes

Furgione - Yes

Pullia - Recused

Rodio - No

Torrissi - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - No

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Business & Industry-Councilperson Esposito

Report on Hammonton revitalization committee retreat

Welcomed new businesses to Hammonton

Education-Councilperson Furgione

Funding approved for 21<sup>st</sup> century classroom

Report on Board of Education Meeting

Public Works & Transportation-Councilperson Rodio

Defer to Engineer report

Thanked all highway workers for leaf pickup

Advised public on trash, bulky and brush pickup

Law & Order-Mayor DiDonato

Report on Law & Order Committee Meeting

Reported on Police Departments achievements under direction of Chief Robert Jones

Quality of Life – Councilperson Torrissi

Authorize Purchase Order – Clean Flow Service

Motion by Councilperson Torrissi, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, authorize a purchase order to Clean Flow International not to exceed \$450 for clean flow service to prevent break downs of system.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Carpo - Yes

Esposito - Yes

Furgione - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Councilman Torrissi report continued

Advised March 10, 2012 at 10:00 am is Hammonton Lake Cleanup Day for those who wish to participate  
Thanked individuals and groups for their help in this event

Water & Sewer – Councilperson Pullia

Report on radium update letter sent with water bills  
Update on NW Water Extension

ENGINEER REPORT

**SEWER & WATER ACTION ITEMS**

***NO ACTION ITEMS AT THIS TIME***

**PUBLIC WORKS ACTION ITEMS**

***NO ACTION ITEMS AT THIS TIME***

**SEWER & WATER INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**1. Hammonton Water System - Radium (ARH #11-30150):**

Filter Media Re-Bid:

Last we reported that the contract language presented by Water Remediation Technologies LLC (WRT) has been under review and only minimal disagreement about certain provisions existed. The final version of the agreement has been accepted and the Mayor will execute same. As a reminder, there is no extreme urgency since the actual need for the media purchase does not take effect until the equipment is installed and operational.

ACO Status:

The current ACO schedule is shown for convenience:

- a) Submit to the Department's Bureau of Water Systems and Well Permitting an administratively complete permit application for construction of treatment facilities no later than January 1, 2012.
- b) Begin Construction of treatment facilities: no later than April 1, 2012.
- c) Complete construction and commence operation of treatment facilities: no later than April 1, 2013.
- d) Comply with Gross Alpha and Radium 226 & 228 MCLs: no later than May 1, 2013.

Most importantly, the design plans and specification were hand delivered to NJDEP on December 29, 2011, thus assuring that the ACO requirements were met. On the same day, the plans were submitted to the Pinelands.

Design Contract:

ARH worked on the design plans and specifications with a partial allocation of funds since an Ordinance would need to be introduced for the entire radium abatement effort. The Town still must adopt an ordinance to appropriate the expenditure for the filter media as well as the capital improvements for the radium treatment. Also included in the upcoming ordinance will be the professional service fees. From the existing ordinance associated with radium, a partial coverage of the engineering services contract was the source of the award so that the ACO schedule can be met which is the submission to NJDEP on or before January 1, 2012. The total proposal is valued at \$60,000.00 for design and permitting and

\$50,000.00 for construction management for a total of \$110,000.00. The first phase appropriation for the initial design is \$24,000.00.

Radium Testing:

As required quarterly testing of all wells for radium must be performed. Test results show levels above the MCL at Well #5 therefore requiring a public notice to the Town's consumers for both the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of 2011. The public notice must still be provided even though Well #5 and #7 were essentially removed from service during the latter part of the third quarter and all of the fourth quarter except for an emergency event due to the Skinner building fire.

As a reminder, the EPA has established MCLs for Gross Alpha and Combined Radium 226 and 228 of 15 picocuries per liter and 5 picocuries per liter, respectively.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2011 reading for Well #5 taken on 7/27/11 was 19.11 pCi/L and 4.49\* pCi/L Ra  
 The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2011 reading for Well #5\*\* taken on 12/28/11 was 22.37 pCi/L and 6.46 pCi/L Ra

*\*Although this reading is within the limits of the MCL, the running average for combined Ra is above the limit.*

*\*\*Well #5 was not operative during this quarter except for 2 hours due to a major fire whereby it pumped approximately 150,000 gals. Other times it ran was simply to take the mandated sample for the quarter.*

**2. Pine, Basin & Oak Road Water Main Extension, Well Contamination, Cultural Resource Quotes (ARH #11-30138):**

To take advantage of the attractive financing available for this project, bids were received on December 29, 2011. Within the bidding process there were three (3) separate bids solicited:

- Contract 1A and 1B – Water main extension
- Contract 2 – On-site service connection from curb line to structure
- Contract 3 – Well Sealing

There were nine (9) bids submitted. Only one (1) bid each was presented for Contracts 2 and 3. Based on our recommendation, these bids were rejected on January 1, 2012 and have since been re-advertised for a re-bid on January 18, 2012.

With regard to Contract 1A and 1B, and their respective alternates, the lowest responsible bidder is Lafayette Utilities from Pleasantville, NJ. Contracts 1 thru 3 are funded in part by New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Fund (NJEIT) as well as the NJDEP Wellfield Remediation Program. Under each program there are certain eligible versus ineligible costs. Upon review from the agencies to date, we believe that all but full width restoration beyond the area of Contaminated Known Extent (CKE) will be covered under their respective programs. Therefore, the decision before the Town is as follows with the respective costs based on the lowest bidder's pricing:

Choice	Bid Decision	Total Cost	Town Share*
1	Base Bid (no full width restoration)	\$2,204,078.50	\$ -
2	Base Bid, + Alternate A (full width restoration HMA)	\$2,894,999.50	\$268,630.90
3	Base Bid, + Alternate B (full width restoration micro-surfacing)	\$2,430,645.50	\$174,147.20

*\*Contract 2 value was \$436,000.00 and Contract 3 value was \$75,100.00 for a total of \$511,100.00 leaving \$258,840.00 to be applied to eligible portions of Contracts 1A & 1B. The above chart earmarks the bid values for Contracts 2 and 3, which will be re-bid on January 18, 2012. With a re-bid, we are predicting that pricing for Contracts 2 and 3 will be less, and therefore the Town share could be reduced.*

Per the chart above, the range of project cost is from \$2.2M to approximately \$2.9M. The range of Town participation is from approximately \$0.00 to \$270,000.00. The Town's decision is to consider the importance of increasing the project cost to include full width restoration using either HMA or microsurfacing along the entire project scope.

- The increase in cost to implement full width restoration using HMA is \$690,921.00 of which the Town is responsible for **\$268,630.90**
  - The HMA option includes laterals to the curblin for all lots fronting the project limits (\$226,280.00 lateral cost)
- The increase in cost to implement full width restoration using microsurfacing is \$226,567.00 of which the Town is responsible for **\$174,147.20**
  - The microsurfacing option only includes laterals to the curblin for CKE properties
- The difference between the HMA and microsurfacing is \$464,354.00 of which the increase in Town share is \$94,483.70.
- For the cost of the HMA option, the laterals to all non-CKE properties are included and funded by NJEIT

As for full width restoration, it has always been the goal of the Town to eliminate the scaring of roadways caused by trench restoration only. **Therefore, if funds are available to cover the full extent of the project intent, which is full width restoration with HMA, it is the opinion of our office to award the Contract to Lafayette Utilities in the amount of \$2,894,999.50.** Our recommendation is subject to the acceptance of NJEIT and NJDEP Wellfield Remediation. **Official award of this contract cannot occur until these programs have consented to same.** The award package was submitted to NJEIT on January 9, 2012 and we have received a letter allowing us to award the contract conditionally.

The low bid was within the range of the engineer's estimated cost. Their bid is acceptable and they met the bid requirements.

The strategy of moving forward on this project is to take advantage of attractive financing offered to the Town. As a reminder, this project is funded by NJDEP-Wellfield Remediation in the amount of \$770,000.00, which is all grant. The balance, for the most part, is covered by NJEIT which offers 75% of the remaining eligible project costs at zero percent interest and the remaining portion at half of the market rate. Additionally, there is an opportunity at the end of the project that 20% from NJEIT could be eligible for loan forgiveness.

At the upcoming meeting, a public information session will be conducted. Certified mailings to all affected property owners were issued inviting all to the session. Mayor and Council are interested in obtaining the current opinion about the project not only from the 30 residents who are non-voluntarily included in the project but as well as those who could participate on their own accord. The feedback received from the residents will be important in the ultimate decision to proceed with this project.

**3. Water Diversion Permit (ARH #11-30088):**

With the passage of second reading of the amended water conservation ordinance, one of the two conditions has now been achieved to allow connection of projects to the public water system. The second condition still remains to be accomplished which involves a modification of a rate schedule affecting the excess charges. Mayor and Council plan to introduce this revision shortly.

**4. Route 54/Bellevue Avenue Utilities (ARH #11-50120):**

*As previously reported;* we have issued a punch list and close out requirements to the Contractor. We are currently waiting for all items to be addressed. Until the Contractor produces the required documentation

and finishes the remaining outstanding items we are unable to close out this Contract. Since the Contractor has yet to complete the remaining outstanding items, we are preparing a proposed course of action to be discussed with the Town's Solicitor. *Since the last reporting period*; we have met on-site with one of the sub-contractors and their portion of the punch list is scheduled to be complete by this meeting.

5. **Mandatory Sanitary Sewer Connection Waiver Ordinance Modifications (ARH #11-01000):**

We have reviewed the Ordinance modifications as prepared by the Town Solicitor and have made some minor revisions to same which we forwarded to his office. The revisions will be reviewed by the PWTC. Once approved, the Ordinance should be introduced for one of the early meetings in 2012. Once adopted, the property owners along portions of the White Horse Pike, Moss Mill Road and Boyer Avenue will be notified of the Ordinance revisions and be given one year to connect into the sanitary sewer main if they have not already completed their connection.

6. **Old Forks Road Sanitary Sewer Extension – Phase II (ARH #11-50141):**

We have completed the revisions as requested and have reviewed same with the PWTC. The costs for construction will be reviewed and if accepted, possible funding could be established in the 2012 budget.

7. **Boyer Avenue Land Application and Surface Water Permit Appeal (ARH #11-50058):**

We have yet to receive feedback from the progress report as prepared by Omni Environmental that was submitted to Pinelands and NJDEP on November 1, 2011.

**PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION ITEMS**

8. **Boyer Avenue Recreation Complex (11-75003):**

*Contract #1: Previously;* bids were received on November 17, 2011; the Town had nine bidders submit prices for this project. The low bid was approximately \$1.5 Million. It was our understanding the Town had \$1.05 Million available in the form of a low interest loan from the Green Acres Program. All bids were rejected at the December meeting due to the unavailability of funds.

*Currently;* we have made a few minor revisions to the plan, which if acceptable we can re-bid the project.

9. **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding (ARH #11-40044):**

We have forwarded the bid documents to the Solicitor and the ACIA for review and approval. Once we receive their review, the contracts for the program will be sent to the contractor for signature. We did receive a letter from the contractor indicating they are agreeable with delaying the start of the work until the spring of 2012. Once everything is signed by the contractor and the Town we will set up a preconstruction meeting prior to the start of work. We will keep Council informed of further progress.

10. **Fiscal Year 2012, NJDOT, Federal Aid Safe Routes to School Program (11-01071.02):**

As authorized by Council at the last meeting, our office prepared and submitted an application to NJDOT for this program for sidewalk improvements along the following streets:

1. *North Street*
2. *Fourth Street*
3. *Walnut Street towards Old Forks Road*
4. *Tilton Street*
5. *Fairview Avenue*

A total of \$625,000.00 was requested from NJDOT to help fund these improvements. The application was submitted on December 21, 2011.

11. **Stockton College Parcel Property Remedial Investigation/ Action – Front Street (ARH #11-40042):**

Henry Weigel from the ARH Environmental Staff provided the Mayor, the Solicitor and the Downtown Advocate with a summary report related to the status of the environmental work at the Stockton Building Site (formerly Wallace Realty). We will provide further updates as information becomes available.

**12. Hammonton Tax Map Revisions, Property Revaluation (P2011.0485):**

We met with the Mayor, Solicitor, Tax Assessor and various members of Council at different times to discuss the tax map related items and options involved with the upcoming revaluation which is mandated by the courts. The Mayor asked for a proposal for two tax mapping options which were provided and discussed to include the following:

1. A new State-certified, digital tax map consistent with standards presently being considered by the State that would also provide a long term benefit and multi uses to the Town and its various departments.
2. Completion of revisions to the present tax map consistent with the State Division of Taxation review for the existing map with the intent to have the current map approved for the revaluation purposes only.

The last State certification of the Tax Map was 1977 and the last revaluation completed in 1997. Upon recent discussions with the State Division of Taxation, there is a strong possibility that a revaluation review (#2 above) will not be an available option. Due to the age of the map, the State indicated that it may only perform a full review of the existing map and tax records so that the map will comply as close as possible to present standards.

In order to have a better understanding of how the State's review will impact our final scope of work, we will schedule a meeting with the Division of Taxation to seek their opinion on the condition of the existing tax map. We would like the Tax Assessor to attend that meeting as a representative of the Town, at a minimum. Once that is conducted, we will provide the Council with a revised cost to address the State's requirements. Based on the revaluation schedule, we would like have the State meeting as soon as possible.

It is our understanding that the revaluation schedule has been discussed with the courts. Whatever direction is selected by the Town for completion of the Tax Map revisions, the funding and authorization to start the process must begin immediately. The goal is to complete the required work and meet the deadlines established by the Court while allowing sufficient time for the revaluation process to occur.

**13. Multimodal Grant Applications (ARH #11-01053): - No Status Change**

As previously reported, the NJDOT has announced they will be receiving applications for the Multimodal Grant program. As authorized, our office worked with L.R. Kimball to submit an application for a new taxiway and runway lighting system.

It is anticipated NJDOT will announce award allotments in early 2012.

**14. Municipal Aid Applications (ARH #11-40041): - No Status Change**

As previously reported, the NJDOT has announced they will be receiving applications for Municipal Aid, Bikeway and Safe Streets to Transit programs. As authorized we have applied for the following projects:

Municipal Aid – Pratt Street from Egg Harbor Road to Tilton Street

Bikeways – Phase I to provide a link from NJTRANSIT Train Station to the Lake Park. Phase I would utilize existing ROW and easements to extend from Eleventh Street to the Veterans Place rail road crossing.

Safe Streets to Transit – This would extend decorative sidewalk from Historic Train Station to Peach Street. Along with sidewalk along Front Street between Passmore Avenue and Line Street on the Fire Station side.

It is anticipated NJDOT will announce award allotments early in 2012.

15. **Drainage Projects: Anderson Avenue (ARH #11-60208.01), Lakeshore and White Horse Pike (ARH #11-60202.03), Jacobs Street/First Road Intersection (ARH #11-60207.01):**  
We have completed a conceptual design for the First Road/Chew Road area along with the Anderson Avenue/Egg Harbor Road area. We have briefly discussed same with the PWTC and are scheduled to meet with representatives from Atlantic County on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> to review the concept plans. If the plans seem feasible to the County, we will contact the affected property owners to receive their input.
16. **2012 Roadway/Drainage Projects**  
We will be meeting with the PWTC to discuss various roadway and drainage projects that may be discussed for this year and the budgetary estimates associated with each project.
17. **Berenato/Cioffi Second Road Property (ARH #11-01083.02): No Status Change**  
We will need to meet with the PWTC and the Solicitor to further discuss this property and seek direction on how to proceed.
18. **Myrtle Street Pinelands Application (ARH #11-01000):**  
We will be preparing a proposal to the Town that would provide a cost to respond to the Pinelands inquiries related to roadway surface improvements.
19. **Atlantic County Recreation and Open Space Funds (ARH #11-01070):**  
There have been some general discussions about possibly requesting the County to allow for the reallocation of the present acquisition funds for use in construction of the fields at the Boyer Avenue site rather than the purchase of additional ground. We will await Council's direction associated with their inquiries with the County and be available to discuss this project with the PWTC and Solicitor as directed at the appropriate time.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Award Bid – Airport Restaurant

RFP Results-Mary's Restaurant

Years 1-3 no fee in exchange for installation of kitchen equipment

Years 4-5 \$650.00 per month

Lease to begin April 1, 2012 and expire on March 31, 2017

Motion by Councilperson Esposito, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, award RFP for airport restaurant to Mary's Restaurant and authorize Solicitor to enter into lease.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Carpo - Yes

Esposito - Yes

Furgione - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Pulte/Traditions at Blueberry Ridge

- Landscaping/site issues
- R&V Report
- Striping/signs
- Travelers Bond
- Opra Request
- Adjourning Lot Tax Lien
- Schedule Meeting

Revaluation schedule

Rescue Vehicle

MAYOR REPORT

Appoint Denise Damico Park Commission Alt 2 Member 1 year term to expire 12/31/12

\*Mayor Appt with confirmation of Council

Motion by Councilperson Rodio, seconded by Councilperson Esposito, appoint Denise Damico to the position of Park Commission Alternate 2 Member for a one year term to expire 12/31/12.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

- Carpo - Yes
- Esposito - Yes
- Furgione - Yes
- Pullia - Yes
- Rodio - Yes
- Torrissi - Yes
- Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Mayor announced he will be attending the remainder of parks meetings concerning soccer fields.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

1. Approve new member Fire Co 1 Israel Mercado (police & fire chief approved)
2. Approve new members Fire Co 2 David Gulig Jr. & Joseph Kendall II (pol & chief approved)
3. Accept Resignation Michele Rodio Oliveras Lake Quality Secretary (board member will handle duties)
4. Approve \$1200 Lake Quality Secretary salary be placed in 2012 Water OE budget
5. Approve \$1200 Environmental Commission Secretary salary be placed in 2012 EnvCommOE budget
6. Approve 400 watt light at Park Bandstand Pavilion \$960.42 installation, \$24.70 monthly fee
7. Approve PlanBd recommendation waive sidewalk & curb Block 1101, Lot 2.02 John Colarelli
8. Accept retirement Angel Mojica effective 3/1/12
9. Accept retirement Lance Schiernbeck effective 4/1/12
10. Accept retirement Gerardo "Jerry" Martinez effective 3/1/12

Motion by Councilperson Esposito, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, town clerk report items 1- 10 are approved.

Mayor commended Mr. Schiernbeck for his hard work and dedication to the Town.

Councilman Rodio extended thanks and good luck to Mr. Schiernbeck.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Carpo - Yes

Esposito - Yes

Furgione - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes (recused on 7 only)

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

APPROVE BILL LIST & PURCHASE ORDERS

Motion by Councilperson Torrissi, seconded by Councilperson Carpo, the bill list and purchase orders for January 2012 are approved.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Carpo - Yes

Esposito - Yes

Furgione - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#R018-2012 Appoint Tax Assessor to Act as Agent for Hammonton

RESOLUTION #018-2012

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ASSESSOR AS AGENT FOR TOWN OF HAMMONTON

WHEREAS, from time to time the Assessor discovers an error in calculation, transposing, measurement, computer of typographical errors in the Tax Assessments on the Tax List after the time the County Board of Taxation has certified the tax rate for the tax year; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Taxing District of the Town of Hammonton is desirous that every taxpayer pays his fair share of taxes; and

WHEREAS, if the above discovered errors are not corrected the taxpayers affected would be paying more than their fair share of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the method of correcting such errors is to file a Petition of appeal for the current year with the Atlantic County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the error was not caused by the taxpayer.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Town of Hammonton that the Assessor is hereby authorized to act as an agent for the Taxing District and file a Petition of Appeal(s) for the **year 2012** with the Atlantic County Board of Taxation to correct such errors and lower such assessments to the current value; and

That a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Hammonton Tax Assessor to forward to Atlantic County Board of Taxation with any such Petition of Appeal.

#R019-2012 Approve Sale of town surplus on Govdeals

#R 019 -2012

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is desirous of selling said surplus property in an "as is" condition without express or implied warranties.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through GovDeals pursuant to State Contract A-70967 / T2581 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals is available online at govdeals.com.
2. The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is govdeals.com.
3. The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9.
4. Below is a list of surplus property to be sold:

Year	Model	Serial Number	Minimum Bid	
1993	Chevrolet Pickup	1GCCS 14Z8P O1771 67	\$800.00	
1974	Case Backhoe	8729135	\$8,000.00	
	8 Michelin Tires 12R22.5		\$800.00	For all 8 tires
	Pro Seeder Hydraulic Unit	2353	\$500.00	

#R020-2012 Award Bid Airport Runway End Identifier Lights

#R 020-2012

WHEREAS, there has been an advertisement for bids for the installation of Runway End Identifier Lights (REIL'S) at the Hammonton Municipal Airport as required by the Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Gary Kubiak & Sons, is the low bidder, who submitted a conforming bid to meet the Town's requirements at a total project rate of \$81,617.50.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the bid for the installation of Runway End Identifier Lights is awarded to Gary Kubiak & Sons.

#R022-2012 Authorizing a transfer of funds

#R 022-2012

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS  
IN TOWN OF HAMMONTON MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey, that there be and hereby is authorized the following transfers from the budget appropriations:

FROM: IN CAP	
Police S&W (1-01-25-119-100)	\$7,374.10
TO: IN CAP	
Recycling OE (1-01-36-146-200)	\$ 674.10
TO: IN CAP	
Highway OE (1-01-26-123-200)	\$6,700.00
FROM: IN CAP	
Admin S&W (1-01-20-101-100)	\$300.00
TO: IN CAP	
Highway OE (1-01-26-123-200)	\$300.00
FROM: IN CAP	
Police S&W (1-01-25-119-100)	\$4,724.45
TO: In CAP	
Airport O&E (1-01-30-137-200)	\$4,724.45
FROM: In CAP	
Admin. S&W (1-01-20-101-100)	\$375.55
TO: In CAP	
Airport O&E (1-01-30-137-200)	\$375.55
FROM: In CAP	
Admin. S&W (1-01-20-101-100)	\$2,172.03
TO:Legal OE (1-01-20-106-200)	\$2,172.03
FROM: In CAP	
Planning Brd S&W (1-01-21-109-100)	\$901.92
TO: Legal OE (1-01-20-106-200)	\$901.92
FROM: In CAP	
NJ Disability (1-01-23-148-200)	\$2,577.21
TO: Legal OE (1-01-20-106-200)	\$2,577.21

FROM: In CAP Radio S&W (1-01-25-120-100)	\$1,808.22
TO: Legal OE (1-01-20-106-200)	\$1,808.22
FROM: In CAP Highway S&W (1-01-26-123-100)	\$3,713.65
TO: Legal OE (1-01-20-106-200)	\$3,713.65
FROM: In CAP Public Bldgs/Grds S&W (1-01-26-108-100)	\$818.08
TO: Legal OE (1-01-20-106-200)	\$818.08
FROM: In CAP Recreation S&W (1-01-28-131-100)	\$3,282.02
TO: Legal OE (1-01-20-106-200)	\$3,282.02
FROM: In CAP Social Security OE (1-01-36-145-200)	\$6,844.05
TO: Legal OE (1-01-20-106-200)	\$6,844.05
FROM: In CAP Engineering OE (1-01-20-107-200)	\$1,920.34
TO: Legal OE (1-01-20-106-200)	\$1,920.34
FROM: In CAP Election OE (1-01-20-102-200)	\$528.34
TO: Legal OE (1-01-20-106-200)	\$528.34
FROM: In CAP Computer OE (1-01-20-133-200)	\$434.14
TO: Legal OE (1-01-20-106-200)	\$434.14
FROM: In CAP Computer OE (1-01-20-133-200)	\$1,200.00
TO: Admin OE (1-01-20-101-200)	\$1,200.00
FROM: In CAP Computer OE (1-01-20-133-200)	\$280.83
TO: Recreation OE (1-01-28-131-200)	\$280.83

#R023-2012 Authorize Refund Walmart

#R 023-2012

WHEREAS, the following outside detail account from Wal-Mart is no longer needed.

WHEREAS, Wal-Mart has requested the said balance on account to be refunded to them.

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 Frank Zuber, Town Accountant, is hereby authorized to refund the following outside detail escrow:

Wal-Mart \$1,547.50

#R024-2012 Approve Amendments to Tax and Utility Billings

#R 024-2012

WHEREAS, Rosemarie Jacobs, Tax Collector, has approved the following cancellations and refunds to the accounts listed below:

B&L OR ACCT. #	NAME	ADDRESS	AMT.	ACCT.	REASON	PER
787-0	Golembiewski	135 S 1st Rd	400.00	sewer	Remove fire	Roe

WHEREAS, the above amounts have been corrected in the utilities screen's and or tax screen to show the correct amount due. However, a requisition form will not be presented for any refunds until approval by Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, if any of above referenced are not approved by Mayor and Council a retraction of same will take place.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton authorize and direct the tax collector to take the above said action.

Motion by Councilperson Torrissi, seconded by Councilperson Furgione, resolutions 18-24 are adopted, excluded is Resolution #021-2012 which was taken up under Councilman Esposito's Administration Committee Report earlier this evening.

ROLL CALL

- Councilpersons:
- Carpo - Yes
- Esposito - Yes
- Furgione - Yes
- Pullia - Yes
- Rodio - Yes
- Torrissi - Yes
- Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Authorize Clerk to advertise Highway Department Head/Business Administrator opening

Motion by Councilperson Rodio, seconded by Councilperson Esposito, authorize advertise highway department head/business administrator position.

ROLL CALL

- Councilpersons:
- Carpo - No
- Esposito - Yes
- Furgione - Yes

Pullia - Yes  
Rodio - Yes  
Torrissi - Yes  
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARD

Mark Santora – Old Forks Road

Mr. Santora once again gave his opinion on how to rectify the Drainage Basin at Pulte.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Councilperson Torrissi, seconded by Councilperson Furgione, the meeting is adjourned.  
Motion carried.

April Boyer Maimone, Municipal Clerk