

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council
Town Hall Council Chambers
100 Central Avenue, Hammonton, N.J.
Executive Session August 22, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.
Public Session 7:00 P.M.

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Present
Esposito - Present
Gribbin - Present
Pullia - Present
Rodio - Present
Torrissi - Present
Mayor DiDonato - Present

PRESENT ALSO

Brian Howell, Town Solicitor

#R086A -2011 Executive Session

#R 086A-2011

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. Rescue Squad Agreement
2. Hammonton Municipal Airport

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 y Councilperson Gribbin, seconded by Councilperson Esposito, enter into executive session.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Yes
Esposito - Yes
Gribbin - Yes
Pullia - Yes
Rodio - Yes
Torrissi - Yes
Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Present

Esposito - Present
Gribbin - 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

Joint Meeting May 18, 2011
Joint Meeting July 6, 2011
Joint Meeting August 3, 2011
Regular Meeting July 25, 2011

Motion by Councilperson Torrissi, seconded by Councilperson Gribbin, the minutes be approved as recorded by the Clerk and the Secretary to Boards.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:
Barberio – Yes (recused on July 6 only)
Esposito - Yes
Gribbin - Yes
Pullia - Yes
Rodio - Yes
Torrissi - Yes
Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Local Channel 9 Report

Upon complaints from citizens that the live broadcast of the regular meeting of council had no sound at home, Mr. Nick DeStefano advised he is recording sound, that the problem is with Comcast who are aware of same and it will be corrected shortly. He reminded everyone that the meeting will be replayed each Monday at 7:00 p.m. with sound.

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Mr. Rock Colasurdo, Airport Administrator, reported on the mid air collision that occurred this past weekend. He assured the public that this incident lies within FAA jurisdiction and that they are conducting an investigation into same. He also updated Mayor and Council concerning the “thru the fence” agreement negotiations. He also reported on the finalization of the permission agreement for

the State Police to house their emergency helicopter at the Hammonton Municipal Airport and noted we now have 2 separate helicopters at this location.

Mr. Tom Thatcher of L.R. Kimball, Airport Consultant, advised council concerning the “closing of the box”.

Authorize Letter to FAA Endorsing Their Decision to “Close the Aerobatic Flying Box”

After a discussion of Mayor and Council it was on motion by Councilperson Gribbin, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, authorizing a letter to FAA endorsing their decision to “Close the Aerobatic Flying Box” over the Town of Hammonton for 120 days with the right to extend same.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio – Yes

Esposito - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

“Thru the Fence Negotiation Deadline”

Motion by Councilperson Pullia, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, authorize Solicitor to forward letter advising of termination of “thru the fence” permission if a contract is not negotiated by 8/31/11.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio – Yes

Esposito - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

2. Change in Rescue Squad Report

Chief Charles Kaczmarek of the Hammonton Rescue Squad was invited to approach the podium to address the public concerning the history, funding, services and ultimate insolvency of the Hammonton Rescue Squad.

Mayor DiDonato thanked the Hammonton Rescue Squad Board and Members for their years of commitment to the citizens of the Town of Hammonton.

Mayor then thanked the Atlanticare Transition Team for working diligently on this transaction. He then requested Chief Delgatto to approach the podium to introduce himself to the citizens of Hammonton.

Chief Delgatto recognized Chief Kaczmarek and his board and employees who have provided the utmost care to citizens. He advised he is excited to take responsibility of emergency services in Hammonton and described some of those services that will be provided.

Mayor DiDonato advised that those who have purchased current subscriptions will continue to be honored by Atlanticare. Transition to Atlanticare Rescue Services will begin at 12:00 midnight. Atlanticare will conduct a job fair hiring approximately 24 people at which time current rescue squad workers will be given first option. Rescue 9 (jaws of life operation) will be provided by Mullica temporarily until the Hammonton Fire Department takes over those services. Mayor DiDonato stated the Town of Hammonton can rest tonight knowing they've had an excellent emergency service provider and will continue to have an excellent emergency service provide.

Solicitor advised the public concerning the details of the agreement including coverage at civic or sporting events which will continue so long as 27 hours advanced notice is given. Contact mpullia@townofhammonton.org if you have questions.

Approve Atlanticare Emergency Service Agreement

Motion by Councilperson Pullia, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, approve Atlanticare Emergency Service Agreement which will commence 12:00 midnight through 12/31/12 without RFP's due to the safety, health and welfare issue with the closure of the Hammonton Rescue Squad.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio – Yes

Esposito - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

3. Councilman Gribbin Presented Plaques to Honor Former Council Members as follows:
Barbara Berenato
Jerry Vitalo
4. Hearing-Ordinance #017-2011 Appropriate Funds Disk Harrow

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

No one desired to be heard.

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

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Yes

Esposito - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes
Torrissi - Yes
Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration -Councilperson Barberio

No action items. Anticipates an Administrative Committee Meeting the week after Labor Day

Business & Industry-Councilperson Gribbin

I have two (2) action items on tonight's agenda for the Business & Industry Committee which we will deal with under Resolutions. I would like to update Council with the following:

As you know, AtlantiCare opened the doors to its new \$20 Million dollar, 40,000 sq. ft. Health Park on the White Horse Pike on July 26th. I know I speak for all of Council when I say that this is truly a welcomed addition to our Town and we look forward to AtlantiCare's growth in our community.

I would like to welcome two (2) new businesses which have opened their doors in our Town: Amendolia's eatery on 3rd Road and Primo Hoagies on the Pike. I thank both for their investment in our community and wish them both all the best.

On Saturday, September 17th, MainStreet Hammonton will host its 7th Annual Townwide Yard Sale from 9 AM to 2 PM. For registration and more information, please contact or stop by the MainStreet Office at the Historic Train Station on Egg Harbor Road. This event is held in coordination with the Hammonton Green Committee's Green Day celebration held on Sunday, September 18th and the Hammonton Education Foundation's Recycle Central held on Sat., Sept. 17th. Please see the Channel 9 video bulletin board for more information.

I would like to announce that Glen Stoll, AtlantiCare's Director of Community and Cultural Enrichment, has agreed to become a member of the Business and Industry Committee's "White Horse Pike Development Committee." I would like to thank her for her commitment. For those of you who may not remember, in July I announced the formation of this committee in order to highlight and market the handful of vacancies that currently exist on the White Horse Pike, and including the White Hall Complex, to potential businesses. The committee will work with the property owners in analyzing the market and in finding potential tenants, and serve as a liaison between the public and the property owners. The committee will meet after Labor Day and I look forward to updating Council soon.

Last month, Council approved the one (1) year internship of Alex Baldwin, and I would like to inform you that all the requisite paperwork has been signed and Alex has begun working with Nick DeSTEFANO on Channel 9 projects.

Finally, I would like to wish the members of our community a happy and safe Labor Day.

Education-Councilperson Gribbin

I have no action items on tonight's agenda, but I do have the following announcements:

On August 11th, I attended the Hammonton Board of Education's Regular School Board Meeting where the Board approved the purchase of new Apple computers for the Middle School and approved the hiring of the Frank Torcasio as the District's new Athletic Director.

Additionally, negotiations between the School District and the NJEA are continuing and both parties are in the process of selecting a new date to meet with the mediator.

Public Works & Transportation-Councilperson Rodio

Defer Action Items to Engineer Report

Thanked highway department employees for hard work during recent heat

Bulky Pickup Schedule: Tuesday, September 6 possibly thru the following Monday due to holiday
Brush Pickup Schedule: Monday, September 12 possibly thru the following Monday due to holiday

Law & Order-Mayor DiDonato

Law & Order Committee Meeting to be schedule after Labor Day

Quality of Life – Councilperson Esposito

Wished everyone a Happy Labor Day

Water & Sewer – Councilperson Pullia

Defer action items to engineer report

Thanked residents for conserving water but stressed we need to conserve more

Report of radium in water & bid on water filter system

State Police to house their medical helicopter at our airport

Grant funds received to repave airport runway

ENGINEER REPORT

SEWER & WATER ACTION ITEMS

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

At this writing, the process for receiving pre-award approval from NJEIT is nearly completed. Unfortunately, when the Environmental Review documents were being reviewed by the NJEIT, which contained a cultural resource study (Stage IA) performed by Grubb Associates, they determined that the routing of the water main warrants additional cultural resource work. We have requested from Grubb Associates a cost of the added work. Attached hereto is the letter from NJDEP making the request as well as the cost estimate from Grubb Associates to perform a Stage IB analysis. Their proposal is valued at \$5,983.00. This work will need to be performed as a condition of pre-award approval, therefore we recommend that Council authorize this additional work.

Also, during the month, we have requested an extension to the NJDEP-BSDW permit since it is set to expire on December 18, 2011.

Motion by Councilperson Pullia, seconded by Councilperson Gribbin, authorize the extra work proposal for a Phase 1B evaluation as required by NJDEP in the amount of \$5,983.00 to Grubb Associates.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Yes

Esposito - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS ACTION ITEMS

2. Municipal Aid Applications (P2011-0338):

The NJDOT has announced they will be receiving applications for Municipal Aid, Bikeway and Safe Streets to Transit programs. Last year the Town applied for:

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

Bikeway – Phase I to provide a link from NJ TRANSIT 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.

Pursuant to the recent discussion in the PWTC meeting, we will submit these applications again. Unfortunately, the NJDOT SAGE system does not allow the applications to be copied; they will need to be reentered into the system for this year. We typically complete an application for around \$1,200 per application. We will need to update the estimates; the law changed related to asphalt price adjustments, these are now required in all public contracts with over 1000 tons of asphalt. Since much of the information submitted last year will be used, we could complete all three of these for \$750; covering our cost to revise estimates as needed, and reenter the information into the NJDOT SAGE system. In order to submit the applications to NJDOT the Town will need to adopt a resolution for each program authorizing the submission of the applications, and authorizing the Mayor to sign the application. Example resolutions have been attached for Council's consideration.

Motion by Councilperson Rodio, seconded by Councilperson Esposito, authorize ARH to complete NJDOT Aid Applications for fiscal year 2012 for the three areas noted above in the amount of \$750.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Yes

Esposito - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Refer below listed Resolutions to New Business.

1. Adopt a resolution for the Municipal Aid Program.
2. Adopt a resolution for the Bikeway Program
3. Adopt a resolution for the Safe Streets to Transit Program.

3. Drainage Proposals: Anderson Avenue, Lakeshore and White Horse Pike, Jacobs Street, First Road Intersection (2011.0358, 0359, 0360):

After the rain events of Sunday August 14, 2011, when in excess of 5" of rain fell within a short period of time, the PWTC Committee met to discuss various areas of concern. The Committee requested that ARH provide a proposal to complete the required field work, conceptual design and permitting as required to seek a solution to relieve and improve the flood condition at the locations noted above. We are in the process of reviewing each area and will prepare a proposal for Council's consideration at Monday's meeting. Each area will be looked at separately.

Anderson Avenue Drainage Proposal \$17,400.00

Lakeview Avenue/White Horse Pike Drainage \$8100.00

Chew, Jacobs, First Road Drainage \$8600.00

Motion by Councilperson Rodio, seconded by Councilperson Pullia, authorize a purchase order to ARH in the total amount of \$34,100.00 for above referenced grant applications.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Yes

Esposito - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

4. Fourth Street Reconstruction (ARH #11-40034):

The Contractor is complete with the punch list items. We have prepared and enclosed a final quantities change order that is for a \$91,605.33 deduction to the current Contract value. Pending the Town's acceptance of this change order, we will begin to close out with NJDOT who is providing partial funding for this project.

Motion by Councilperson Rodio, seconded by Councilperson Pullia, authorize Change Order #7 (final quantities) to Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc., for the purpose of final quantities adjustment in the amount of (\$91,605.33) which represents a reduction in cost.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Yes

Esposito - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

SEWER & WATER INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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

At present time 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.

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

We will be meeting with the Solicitor to discuss the recommended changes to the present Ordinance so that it may be reviewed with the PWTC and presented to Council for introduction.

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

At the June meeting, Council authorized ARH to perform the feasibility analysis related to the selection of the method of treatment to address the matter. The feasibility analysis was completed and the findings were reported to Council at the July 27 meeting. As a result of the presentation and the strategy proposed

in the feasibility report, ARH was then authorized to prepare specifications for the purchase of the filter media that would be the basis of the ultimate design for radium treatment. The specifications were completed and a schedule for advertisement and bid receipt was accomplished. Bids will be received on August 31, 2011. The result of this activity will allow a consensus on the method of treatment to be employed. From that point, ARH will submit a proposal for the design to assure compliance with the executed ACO.

As a reminder, the ACO schedule presents the following timeframes:

- 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 September 1, 2011;
Due to the strategy employed, within the second progress report, we have requested an extension to this requirement. Accordingly, if the extension is granted, the other compliance points below will be altered.
- b) Begin Construction of treatment facilities: no later than December 1, 2011;
- c) Complete construction and commence operation of treatment facilities: no later than December 1, 2012;
- d) Comply with Gross Alpha and Radium 226 & 228 MCLs: no later than January 1, 2013.

As previously reported, we have contacted the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust (NJEIT) regarding a Planning and Design Loan. As part of this process and inclusive in our upcoming proposal for design, ARH will complete the loan application to seek P&D funding.

Council is reminded that a Bond Ordinance must be adopted to fund the mandated work on this matter.

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

We discussed the initial findings related to the possible extension of sanitary sewer and water along Old Forks Road with the PWTC. We are checking some areas where questions were raised and there will be follow up report to the PWTC along with a cost estimate to complete portions of the utility extension. If acceptable, we will be providing a report to Council and then prepare a proposal to proceed to the next step which would include preparing a plan, report and application to the various agencies, such as Pinelands, NJDEP, Treatment Works, SCD, etc. related to the utility extension.

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

As previously reported, work continues on the contents of the proposals that were authorized to Omni and ARH.

Please review the following status:

Task #1: Assist Omni Environmental who will take the lead on charting and analyzing the trench loading activity.

Omni Environmental reports that the data has been compiled and submission to the Pinelands Commission was delayed due to vacation schedules. Conclusion of this matter, will be shortly forthcoming.

Task #2: Assist Omni Environmental who will take the lead on charting and analyzing the drip irrigation trial activity.

See response to Task 1.

Task #6: Respond to Pinelands request for submission of an implementation plan by October 1, 2013.

See response to Task 1.

Task #7: Water Diversion Permit activity.

At the August 4, 2011 PWTC meeting, we reviewed the recommended changes to the Water Conservation Ordinance. The ordinance revisions with some minor changes to be incorporated by the Solicitor will be sent to NJDEP for their review and acceptance. Following the NJDEP review and if the proposed changes are acceptable, the revision will be introduced for first reading possibly as early as the October meeting

Task #7A: GIS evaluation consisting of a data overlay from Edmunds and Associates of all accounts on the system presented on a map.

Work is ongoing on this task.

Task #8: Facilitate the placement of the drip irrigation layout to the balance of the wooded area.

The Pinelands submission and TWA approval process is ongoing and has relevance to the corresponding and concurrent Boyer Avenue Recreation project.

Task #8A: Drip irrigation TWA submission.

See response to Task 8.

The other tasks have either not been authorized at this time or it is not yet time for them to be scheduled.

PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION ITEMS

10. Boyer Avenue Recreation Complex (11-75003):

Our office has been working to submit to the following agencies:

- Pinelands for approval to drip irrigate- not submitted as of this writing
- TWA for approval to drip irrigate - not submitted as of this writing
- Cape-Atlantic SCD - Submitted 8-11-11
- Atlantic County Planning - Submitted 8-16-11
- Green Acres for pre-bid approval – not submitted as of this writing

We will be providing a conceptual irrigation design to TWA and Pinelands. As soon as we are comfortable with the irrigation specifications/design we will submit to Green Acres for pre-bid approval.

As previously reported; please note items that we have prepared and are in the process of preparing for Green Acres are currently not part of our contracted work. We will be proceeding with these tasks, in an effort to keep the \$1.05 million grant available. However we will be providing a proposal to cover our cost for this work.

We have received comments from the Green Acres staff related to the revisions to the ROSI plan which are consistent with the discussions between the Green Acres staff and Town Council Representatives. There may be a need to make some additional inquiries with Green Acres as a result of actions that occurred elsewhere in the state. This will be discussed with the PWTC before we seek authorization from Council to have the Mayor sign the ROSI documents.

11. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding (11-40044)

We have reviewed the road list with the PWTC and we were requested to finalize the list, submit to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority and then proceed with the preparation of the specifications and bid documents. Once we receive an approval from the ACIA, a bid date will be set. We will keep Council informed of further progress.

12. Myrtle Street Pinelands Application

We received a letter from the Pinelands Commission related to their request for the Town to make a formal application to them as related to the improvements of Myrtle Street. We will be reviewing this letter with the PWTC and also request the Commission to allow the Town to consider a postponement on submission of a formal application to the Pinelands Commission until later this year. We will also be preparing a proposal for Council's consideration to make the required submission to the Pinelands. We will keep Council informed of further developments.

13. Atlantic County Recreation and Open Space Funds (11-01070):

As stipulated in the letter to the County late last year, the Town must proceed on completing the property appraisals, survey, legal descriptions, and environmental assessment, etc. for the properties they wish to purchase. The County has provided the Town with a grant to assist in this endeavor for purchase. There have been some general discussions about possibly requesting a reallocation of the present 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 and be available to discuss this project with the PWTC and Solicitor as directed.

14. Stockton College Parcel Property Remedial Investigation Work plan – Front Street (ARH #10-0477):

We have been working with the Solicitor and the Downtown Advocate to try and obtain the necessary site information from Wallace Realty and their former Site Environmental Consultant (React Environmental) and have generally discussed same with the consultant. This information is critical to the site evaluation, onsite soil contamination, excavation, disposal, etc. and must be supplied in order for the authorized work to move forward. If this is not supplied soon, we will provide Council with a cost estimate to complete the work so that the process can move along. The Solicitor has contacted the NJDEP regarding their request to collect prior Environmental Oversight Review fees which should be addressed by the prior owner or realtor.

SOLICITOR REPORT

1.Planning Board Appeal (Weiss vs. Town & Planning Board)

Motion by Councilperson Esposito, seconded by Councilperson Barberio, authorize Michael Malinsky, Board Solicitor, to respond to the Weiss appeal on behalf of the Town of Hammonton and the Hammonton Planning Board.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Yes

Esposito - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

2.COAH Fairness Hearing – 10/21/11

3.Approve Renewal of S.J. Gas Agreement

Motion by Councilperson Barberio, seconded by Councilperson Gribbin, authorize renewal of privilege agreement for SJ Gas to provide service to Hammonton area.

Mayor DiDonato questioned if something can be added to their agreement to require them to come back after settlement of roadway patch?

Solicitor will look into this.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Yes

Esposito - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

4. Authorize Solicitor to Negotiate Hangar Lease

Councilman Pullia advised, for those who are not aware, that we are leasing the land for the tenant to build the hangars upon.

Councilman Torrissi understands there are only certain times we can fuel at the airport and inquired if this can be changed as there were people needing to go offsite for fuel?

Mayor stated right now fueling is allowed from dusk to dawn, however, we are working on allowing fueling to be available on a 24/7 basis.

Motion by Councilperson Pullia, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, authorize Solicitor to negotiate hangar lease at Hammonton Municipal Airport.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Yes

Esposito - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

5. Solar & WWTP – Authorize RFP's

Councilman Pullia advised the Town would employ an energy consultant to build a solar facility at WWTP.

Mayor advised the investor will own solar field and the Town will benefit from savings on electric usage.

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin, seconded by Councilperson Esposito, authorize Solicitor to prepare & advertise RFP's for construction of solar facility at WWTP.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Yes

Esposito - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

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

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

6. Stockton Bid Opening Due 8/26/11 @ 2:00 p.m.

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin, seconded by Councilperson Torrissi, authorize advertisement of Environmental Clean Up Bids to be paid for by Stockton.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:
Barberio - Yes
Esposito - Yes
Gribbin - Yes
Pullia - Yes
Rodio - Yes
Torrissi - Yes
Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

7. Emergency Management Services Agreement with Atlanticare. (discussed earlier)

8. Traditions at Blueberry Ridge update. (could not coordinate the schedule with Mr. Cantwell to attend this meeting)

9. Royce Run Update.

Councilman Barberio mentioned Green Day use of county parking and the need of a hold harmless agreement once again this year to which Solicitor responded he would handle.

Councilman Rodio advised that Mr. Paynter of Traditions at Blueberry just handed out a letter concerning speed limit which was given to Mayor and Council and Solicitor and will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

1. Approve 2011 Best Practice Inventory (CFO prepared-scores affect state funding)
2. Appoint Monica Newton to Recreation Leader @ \$12.00 per hour, no benefits
3. Hire 2 part time dispatchers, James Czerwinski (and one to be named next meeting) eff 8/16/11 @ \$10.00 hr while training/then \$15.00, no benefits and not to exceed 40 hours total per week between both of them.
4. Authorize Mayor to sign letter in response to Executive Dennis Levinson detailing the Town's Recreation Facility needs and request development funds from previously approved Atlantic County Open Trust Acquisition Funds.

Motion by Councilperson Barberio, seconded by Councilperson Gribbin, approve Town Clerk Report items 1-4.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:
Barberio - Yes
Esposito - Yes
Gribbin - Yes
Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes
Torrissi - Yes
Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

APPROVE BILL LIST & PURCHASE ORDERS

Motion by Councilperson Barberio, seconded by Councilperson Gribbin, approve bill list and purchase orders for the month of August.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:
Barberio – Yes (recuse on Triad only)
Esposito - Yes
Gribbin - Yes
Pullia - Yes
Rodio - Yes
Torrissi - Yes
Mayor DiDonato – Yes (recuse on Raspberry run)

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#R087-2011 Designate Fair Housing Officer

#R087-2011
Identifying CDBG Fair Housing Officer
Town of Hammonton
Housing Rehabilitation Fund: Town-Wide Housing Rehabilitation for
Low and Moderate Income Home Owners

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton applies for Small Cities Community Development Block Grants from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs from time to time and continues to work with previous grants of this nature; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton must make efforts to affirmatively further fair housing; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton has reviewed various actions that would be acceptable to the New Jersey State Department of Community Affairs and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton has made assurance in the grant agreement that:

1. It will comply with the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and regulations issued thereto; and
2. It will comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the regulations issued thereto it; and
3. It will comply with the Fair Housing Act of 1968 and will affirmatively further fair housing; and
4. It will comply with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that April Boyer Maimone, shall be designated as the Fair Housing Officer for the Town of Hammonton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fair Housing Officer shall contact USHUD Regional Office of Housing and Equal Opportunity and the NJ Division on Civil Rights, inform those agencies of his/her appointment as Fair Housing Officer and request Fair Housing Information, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fair Housing Officer shall provide fair housing advisory services and assistance and referral advise to persons requesting such assistance from the Town of Hammonton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Hammonton will publish in the local newspaper of record and post at the municipal building a public notice announcing the appointment of the Fair Housing Officer and the availability of local fair housing services.

#R088-2011 Authorize Green Day Festival and Road Closure

RESOLUTION # 088-2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING
HAMMONTON GREEN DAY FESTIVAL AND BICYCLE PARADE

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton Organization and Hammonton's Green Committee have and continue to promote the Town of Hammonton with scheduled events in the downtown business district; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council has and continues to support the efforts of MainStreet Hammonton and Hammonton's Green Committee; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the Town of Hammonton authorizes and endorses the Hammonton Green Day Festival and Bicycle Parade scheduled to take place September 18, 2011 as follows:

Bicycle's to meet at 328 Vine Street (St. Joseph School) at 12:00 noon
Close Vine Street and School House Lane between Third and Bellevue from 9:30-4:30 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Hammonton will provide municipal services required for this event including police assistance; and

#R089-2011 Authorize Sale of Town Surplus-GovDeals

#R 089 -2011

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:

1990 Dodge Pickup	1B7KM	26Z4L	S6290	08
16 Concrete Trash Receptacles	4' cans			

#R090-2011 Amend 2011 Budget for Over the Limit Arrest Grant
#R 90-2011

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Town has received notice of a grant award in the amount of **\$4,400.00 from The State of New Jersey for Over the Limit Under Arrest 2011 Mobilization**, and wishes to amend its Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton hereby requests that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the **2011 Budget in the sum of \$4,400.00** which is now available as a revenue from:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services – Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

2011 Over the Limit Under Arrest Mobilization

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

#R091-2011 Approve Tax Bill Amendments

#R 091-2011

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

B&L	NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT	ACCT.	REASON	PER
4501-36.01	Atlanticare	201 N WHP	3,907.27	Tax	Transfer overpayment to 4501-36	Rosie
2803-18	Ruberton	111 Vine St RR	368.76	Tax	Cancel 2011 186.95 2012 181.81	Rosie
2702-1	Town of Hmtn	317 N E.H.R.	9,647.92	Tax	Cancel town property for 2011	Rosie
2702-1	Town of Hmtn	317 N E.H.R.	4,697.19	Tax	Cancel town property for 2010	Rosie
5301-23 Q	DiMeo	610 Middle Rd	30.29	Tax	Tran overpayment to 5301-23	Rosie
5202-5 Q	Ingemi	316 Rt 206	36.18	Tax	Tran overpayment to 5202-5	Rosie
5101-16.01Q	James Penza Enter	361 Rt 206	121.14	Tax	Tran overpayment to 5101-16.01	Rosie
5101-15 Q	Penza, James	375 RT 206	80.76	Tax	Tran overpayment to 5101-15	Rosie
5101-3 Q	Presti, Joseph	309 N Union Rd	134.60	Tax	Tran overpayment to 5101-3	Rosie
1101-4.02	Einwechter	858 13th St	18.46	Tax	Tran overpayment to 1101-4.01	Rosie
4801-23 Q	Lubrano	90 Plymouth Rd	148.06	Tax	Tran overpayment to 4801-23	Rosie
403-9 Q	B & B Produce	935 11th St	360.06	Tax	Tran overpayment to 403-9	Rosie
4501-19 Q	Presti	334 Pine Rd	52.16	Tax	Tran overpayment to 4501-19	Rosie

5502-9 Gatto, Joseph 750 Pleas.Mills 1,226.47 Tax Refund BAC Rosie

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.

#R092-2011 Grant Application Pratt Street Improvements

#R092-2011

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PRATT STREET ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is desirous of requesting funding consideration from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation under the Transportation Trust Fund (FY2012 Municipal Aid) for the Pratt Street Roadway Improvements project within the Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is an eligible recipient for funding under said program; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer has been authorized to prepare the required application and agreement and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of same, it is necessary for the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton to authorize the Mayor to execute said application to allow the Town to be eligible for the New Jersey Department of Transportation Transportation Trust Fund (FY2012 Municipal Aid Program) for the Pratt Street Roadway Improvements project; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of same, it is necessary for the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton to authorize the Town Engineer to provide all required reports, narratives, estimates and maps required for said funding consideration

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton approve that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application with the New Jersey Department of Transportation Transportation Trust Fund (FY2012 Municipal Aid Program) and supply all required services associated with the project entitled Pratt Street Roadway Improvements project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton that the Town Engineer is hereby authorized to provide all reports, narratives, estimates, and maps required by the New Jersey Department of Transportation Transportation Trust Fund (FY2012 Municipal Aid Program).

#R093-2011 Grant Application Bike Path Extension Project

RESOLUTION # 093- 2011

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE HAMMONTON BIKE PATH EXTENSION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is desirous of requesting funding consideration from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation under the Transportation Trust Fund (FY2012 Bikeways Program) for the Hammonton Bike Path Extension project within the Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is an eligible recipient for funding under said program; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer has been authorized to prepare the required application and agreement and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of same, it is necessary for the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton to authorize the Mayor to execute said application to allow the Town to be eligible for the New Jersey Department of Transportation Transportation Trust Fund (FY2012 Bikeways Program) for the Hammonton Bike Path Extension project; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of same, it is necessary for the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton to authorize the Town Engineer to provide all required reports, narratives, estimates and maps required for said funding consideration

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton approve that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application with the New Jersey Department of Transportation Transportation Trust Fund (FY2012 Bikeways Program) and supply all required services associated with the project entitled Hammonton Bike Path Extension project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton that the Town Engineer is hereby authorized to provide all reports, narratives, estimates, and maps required by the New Jersey Department of Transportation Transportation Trust Fund (FY2012 Bikeways Program).

#R094-2011 Grant Application Downtown Sidewalk Extension

RESOLUTION # 094- 2011

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK EXTENSION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is desirous of requesting funding consideration from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation under the Transportation Trust Fund (FY2012 Safe Streets to Transit Aid) for the Downtown Sidewalk Extension project within the Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is an eligible recipient for funding under said program; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer has been authorized to prepare the required application and agreement and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of same, it is necessary for the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton to authorize the Mayor to execute said application to allow the Town to be eligible for the New Jersey Department of Transportation Transportation Trust Fund (FY2012 Safe Streets to Transit Program) for the Downtown Sidewalk Extension project; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of same, it is necessary for the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton to authorize the Town Engineer to provide all required reports, narratives, estimates and maps required for said funding consideration

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton approve that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application with the New

Jersey Department of Transportation Transportation Trust Fund (FY2012 Safe Streets to Transit Program) and supply all required services associated with the project entitled Downtown Sidewalk Extension project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton that the Town Engineer is hereby authorized to provide all reports, narratives, estimates, and maps required by the New Jersey Department of Transportation Transportation Trust Fund (FY2012 Safe Streets to Transit Program).

#R095-2011 Authorize Mainstreet Town Tree Lighting Event and Road Closure

RESOLUTION # 095-2011
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING
MAINSTREET HAMMONTON TOWN TREE LIGHTING EVENT

WHEREAS, Friday, December 2nd is the scheduled date for the MainStreet Hammonton Town Tree Lighting Event from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the intersection of Bellevue and Central (request road closure Central Avenue between Bellevue and Vine 5-9 pm); and

WHEREAS, Friday, December 2nd, has been scheduled as the date for the MainStreet Hammonton carriage rides from 6:00 to 9:00 pm with the request of no parking on Bellevue Avenue between 2nd and Third from 6pm-9 pm

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the MainStreet Hammonton Town Tree Lighting Event and Carriage Ride Event is acknowledged and endorsed with road closures, no parking, and police assistance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the below listed roadway closure is approved:

Carriage Route December 2nd

Rides will begin in front of 219 Bellevue Avenue.
Proceed down Bellevue and turn right onto 2nd Street.
Proceed down 2nd Street and turn right into Pleasant Street
Proceed down Pleasant Street and turn right onto 3rd Street.
Proceed down 3rd Street and turn right onto Bellevue Avenue and return to 219 Bellevue.

#R096-2011 Authorize Mainstreet Downtown Trick or Treat and Road Closures

RESOLUTION # 096-2011
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING
MAINSTREET HAMMONTON DOWNTOWN TRICK OR TREAT EVENT
WITH ROAD CLOSURES

WHEREAS, Saturday, October 22 (rain date October 29) is the scheduled date for the MainStreet Hammonton Downtown Trick or Treat Event from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Mainstreet Hammonton is requesting the following road closures and police assistance for this event:

2nd Street between Bellevue Ave. (Rt. 54) and Vine Street
Central Avenue between Bellevue Ave. (Rt. 54) and Vine Street

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the MainStreet Hammonton Downtown Trick or Treat Event is approved with road closures and police assistance specifically crossing assistance at intersections on Bellevue Avenue; and

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin, seconded by Councilperson Barberio, approve resolutions 87 through 96.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Yes

Esposito - Yes

Gribbin - 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 was upset because he was told that the engineer's would appear at tonight's meeting to explain to the public how they will remediate the Pulte drainage basin and he asked why they did not appear?

Solicitor advised that there was a scheduling conflict. He realized Mr. Santora wants to do this in public, however, the engineer's availability normally allows him to appear at onsite meetings.

Councilman Pullia updated Mr. Santora on the status of the sewer plan.

LeeAnn Tomasello – 11th Street

Mrs. Tomasello state she was here this evening to discuss a failed water retention pond at Walden Estates Development on 11th Street. She read from a list of problems and handed out pictures. She asked that this problem be revisited now before the development is allowed to continue.

A discussion was held with Mayor and Council and Mr. Vettese concerning the catch basin.

Mayor DiDonato advised that he believes the engineer is correct in that the flooding occurred due to surface instability during construction and once finalized, the basin will catch and hold the rain waters. He assured Mrs. Tomasello that the Town is holding a developers bond that this Mayor and Council will not release until they know that the development and drainage basin are constructed according to plan and working.

Kim Merkel – First Road

Ms. Merkel stated she appreciates council's work on correcting flooding issue on First Road but believes it is too late. She continued every time there is a heavy rain there is extensive damage to her home. She does not feel she should have to bear financial burden for repairs as she feels it is the town's responsibility. She questioned how council will help her with her home repair costs?

Solicitor questioned if she's reported this to her homeowners insurance?

Ms. Merkel responded yes and they denied the claim.

Solicitor questioned when did this drainage problem begin?

Ms. Merkel advised this has always been a problem since her family purchased the property 30 years ago.

Mr. Vettese advised Mayor and Council that town installed piping and leaching pits where they were granted an easement however leaching pits can only handle certain storm events.

Councilman Rodio stated he cannot speak for the past, however, he can assure her this council has taken steps this very evening to improve on this problem. He also asked how this problem became a problem?

Mr. Vettese stated the town did not approve a development. The lots are individual and Ms. Merkel's happens to be a low lying lot.

Councilman Rodio asked did her parents purchase this property knowing there were drainage problems?

Ms. Merkel responded yes. She also advised of her neighbor building up his property which caused more water to drain onto hers.

Solicitor advised Ms. Merkel that he cannot advise Mayor and Council to take action this evening without first investigating this matter in full.

Ms. Merkel reiterated that she felt the drainage is the responsibility of the Town.

Solicitor advised we do not know that it is the town's responsibility until we investigate same.

Mr. Vettese advised we are going to come up with a design and solution and go thru permit process and anticipates a remedy by the years end.

Councilman Rodio stated if its any consultation his home is on low ground and he's had rain up to his door sill. He agrees it's not a good thing but he bought the house without realizing how low it was. So she is not alone. There are many property owners suffering from the rain falls we've been receiving.

Mike Merlino – Anderson Avenue

Mr. Merlino stated he can sympathize with Mr. Merkel as he went thru the same issue last year and he applauds council for taking initiative in looking into a remedy. He feels everyone should retain their own water. He feels if the water is in the roadway then it's the town's water.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Councilperson Barberio, seconded by Councilperson Gribbin, the meeting be adjourned.
Motion carried.

April Boyer Maimone, Municipal Clerk