

**Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council March 22, 2021
Town Hall Council Chambers (ZOOM MEETING), 100 Central Avenue
Executive Session 6:00 P.M.
Public Session 7:00 P.M.**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Councilperson:

Furgione - Present

Giralo - Present

Gribbin - Present

Oliva -Present

Olivo - Present

Rodio – Absent

Mayor DiDonato - Present

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor

Bob Vettese, PWM

EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #034-2021

Motion by Council Person Giralo Second Gribbin
Enter into Executive Session

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Giralo
Close Executive Session

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giralo - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo - Yes

Rodio - Absent

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

Councilperson:

Furgione - Present

Giralo - Present

Gribbin - Present

Oliva - Present

Olivo - Present

Rodio – Absent

Mayor DiDonato - Present

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor
Robert Vettese, Public Works Manager
Dave Cella of ARH, Town Engineer

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of this meeting has been posted and given to official newspapers. Due to the COVID 19 Virus this meeting will be held electronically by way of Zoom and broadcast live on our local cable channel 9. Each person who wishes to address Council will be allotted 5 minutes. Public may be heard by dialing 609-561-3040

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARD FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

No one desired to be heard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Executive Minutes February 22, 2021
Council Minutes February 22, 2021

Motion by Council Person Olivo Second Giraldo

Roll Call

Councilperson:
Furgione - Yes
Giraldo – Yes
Gribbin - Yes
Oliva – Yes
Olivo- Yes
Rodio - Absent
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

PRESENTATION

none

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Resolution #040-2021- Temporary Capital Budget Utility Equipment Purchases

WHEREAS, the need has arisen to introduce a bond ordinance to provide funds for the Centrifuge Purchase and Installation, Purchase of a Jet Vac Truck, and a UV Disinfection System in the Water/Sewer Utility Capital Fund, including all appurtenances necessary and related thereto, and;

WHEREAS, the regulations of the Local Finance board (N.J.A.C. 5:30-4.3(b)) of the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Services requires that the municipality adopt a temporary capital budget if a bond ordinance is to be passed prior to the adoption of the Annual Capital Budget, and;

WHEREAS, the ordinance provides a total appropriation as follows:

		Capital Improvement	Debt
1) Purpose	Total	Fund	Authorized
Centrifuge Purchase and Installation	\$ 700,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 665,000
Purchase of a Jet Vac Truck	455,000	22,750	432,250
UV Disinfection System	<u>420,000</u>	<u>21,000</u>	<u>399,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,575,000</u>	<u>\$ 78,750</u>	<u>\$ 1,496,250</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic that:

- (1) a Temporary Capital Budget is hereby created for the following:

Water/Sewer Utility Capital Fund

Centrifuge Purchase and Installation	\$ 700,000
Purchase of a Jet Vac Truck	455,000
UV Disinfection System	420,000

- (2) the project will be included in the Annual Capital Budget, and
(3) One certified copy shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services immediately after passage.

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Gribbin

Approval of Resolution #040-2021

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giralo – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo- Yes

Rodio - Absent

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration - Councilman Gribbin

- Reported on the Testing that was done at Airport- fire suppression
- Covid Task force had an informational show that aired on channel 9 on March 4th
- The task force is also providing help to individuals to register for the vaccine. The hotline number is 609-925-1166, or online at help@hammonton.com
- Condolences to the Marano and Rodio Family

Business & Industry – Councilman Olivo

- We will be awarding a Special Services Contract to Triad under clerks report
- Spoke about resolution for the Economic Development Grant
- Chamber of Commerce will be having the 35th Red White and Blueberry festival on June 27th at the school

Quality of Life – Councilman Oliva

- Green Committee had a n event, adopt a road cleanup on March 6th. They were able to clean Lake Park, the Track and Egg Harbor Road. Attendance was excellent.
- Lake Water Quality met on March 8th and they had a presentation from Stockton regarding our Lake. They did studies on the vegetation and Animal life there.
- Gave update on the clock and there are additional upgrades coming.
- Tax filings are being pushed back

Education - Councilman Giraldo

- The school is working on a reopening plan
- Starting April 14th all students will attend 5 ½ days
- Air filter systems have been installed in all rooms
- Superintendent contract has been extended
- School announced the teacher of the year winners at their meeting
- They will have a budget hearing in April
- Gave an update on Route 54

Public Works & Transportation - Councilman Rodio (Councilmen Rodio was absent)

- His report was given by Steve Furgione Steve Requested a letter be written to NJ Transit regarding the fence and vegetation along Egg harbor road from Fairview Ave to Bellevue Ave

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Gribbin

Approval to write letter to NJ Transit to clean up vegetation and replace fence along Egg Harbor and Railroad Avenues from Fairview Ave to Bellevue. (Send Pictures with letter)

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giraldo – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo- Yes

Rodio - Absent

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Giraldo

Award Contract to GE Mechanical for purchase of Centrifuge, this was approved after the Ordinance and resolution

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giraldo – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo- Yes

Rodio - Absent

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Giralò
Approval to go out to bid for UV System for Utility Department

Roll Call

Councilperson:
Furgione - Yes
Giralò – Yes
Gribbin - Yes
Oliva – Yes
Olivo- Yes
Rodio - Absent
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Giralò
Approval to purchase Vac truck Unit from State Vendor GranTurk through source well in the amount of \$334,284.71

Roll Call

Councilperson:
Furgione - Yes
Giralò – Yes
Gribbin - Yes
Oliva – Yes
Olivo- Yes
Rodio - Absent
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Giralò
Approval to purchase Cab for truck under state contract through Source Well – Hunter Truck not to exceed \$119,926.00

Roll Call

Councilperson:
Furgione - Yes
Giralò – Yes
Gribbin - Yes
Oliva – Yes
Olivo- Yes
Rodio - Absent
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

ENGINEER REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION ITEMS:

Action Items:

1. **Valley Avenue – Broadway to Central (ARH Proposal #20-0763):**

NJDOT has announced municipal aid allotments. The Town is receiving \$310,000.00 for roadway reconstruction along Valley Avenue from Broadway to Central Avenue. It should be noted the total estimate submitted to NJDOT was over double the allotment. We have discussed the project with PWTC and currently plan to proceed with first renewal of permits for replacement of the water and sanitary sewer mains. Concurrently, the Town is going to video the sanitary and storm sewers to see if lining is a viable alternative. Once permits are renewed we will revisit the plans and specifications and set a bidding scope. ARH is providing a proposal to 1) renew permits for water and sewer and 2) update plans and provide bidding services.

Action Requested: Authorize ARH proposal for final design services in the amount of \$12,500.00 for the Valley Avenue Project.

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Oliva

Approval of PO to ARH for Design Services for Water and Sewer Permits in the amount of \$12,500.00

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giralo – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo- Yes

Rodio - Absent

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

SOLICITOR REPORT

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Oliva

Approval for Solicitor to represent Town in Litigation for Sewer Plant Issue discussed in closed session

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giralo – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo- Yes

Rodio - Absent

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

MAYOR REPORT

- Town Council will try to have an in person meeting at the Council meeting dated for April 26, 2021

PWM REPORT

Radon Awareness Program, Test Kits

We have received the 100 Radon test kits for distribution to Town residents. A Public Notice explaining the program will appear in the Gazette on 03/17 and 03/31 along with a notice on the Town website. The test kits program information, etc. could be picked up by Hammonton residents at the Town Hall, 3rd Floor Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The funds for this program were received by a grant from NJDEP Radon Awareness Program.

Tree Delivery, Installation

The fifty (50) trees, fifty (50) bare root trees and landscape supplies are to be delivered to the Town and ready to be planted at the Boyer Avenue Recreation site and the Community Garden at 11th Street. A special thanks to the individuals who helped. A portion of the funds for this program were obtained through the NJDEP Division of Parks and Forestry.

Safe Routes to Schools, Sooy Elementary School

We are waiting for the signed project funding agreement from the NJDOT. Once the signed agreement documents are received the Town could amend the budget to accept the funds and sign the project contract with GPI so they could start their work.

2021 Road Program

We will be reviewing the list of roads with the Public Works Committee. Once a budget for the program is established, a final list of roads for the repaving and micro surfacing program can be set. Funds within 2021 Road Program and utility budgets must be set aside for the completion of the Valley Avenue reconstruction project not covered by the NJDOT Municipal Aid Funding amount of \$310,000. We do have some left over from the 2018 – 2020 Road Programs that could also be reallocated.

Drainage Projects

Public Works chairman and Department have been working on a list of drainage projects that need attention throughout the Town.

Storm Water Utility Program

Princeton Hydro has been gathering information and will be establishing a steering committee of Town residents, Committee members and Town personnel. This committee will provide input related to the Town's drainage needs and discuss means for possible program funding to achieve identified goals. The work completed by Princeton Hydro is being funded by a grant from the New Jersey League of Conservation Voters.

Pedestrian/Bicycle Master Plan Report

Sam Schwartz consultant for the Town is completing the final version of the report for presentation to the Town. The funds for the study and report were obtained from the NJDOT.

Other items

April schedule (items must be out prior to 6 am)

- Bulky 5th to 9th – 3 item limit
- Brush 12th to 16th – One (1) 6' x 6' pile allowed
- Recycling pickup by the County will occur on the 5th to the 9th and 19th to the 23rd.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

- 1) Accept Resignations of Nick Polito and Michael Rodio in good standing from Fire Company #1. Approved by Fire Dept at their meeting on February 17, 2021.
- 2) Accept the retirement of Louis A. Penza from his position with the Hammonton Utility Department effective as of January 1, 2022.
- 3) Award proposal of Lawn Care Services for Town properties to Touch of Grass Inc. not to exceed \$37,000.00
- 4) Approval of the 5K run and 1 mile walk for Autism on April 25th Sponsored by the Town of Hammonton Police Department from 9 am to 12 pm at 100 Sports Drive.

- 5) Approval to hire Brian Leon full time in the Highway Department as a Truck Driver. Effective Monday March 22, 2021, Single benefits, yearly salary of \$29,183.00. Contingent upon all civil services rules and regulations.
- 6) Award Professional Services Contract for Economic Development Advisory Services to Triad Associates Inc. based on qualifications received by the Town on March 4, 2021.
- 7) Approval to Advertise for positions in both the Highway and Utility departments.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva
Approval of items 1 to 7

Roll Call

Councilperson:
Furgione – Yes, recues on #3
Giralo – Yes
Gribbin - Yes
Oliva – Yes
Olivo- Yes
Rodio - Absent
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

APPROVE BILL LIST & PURCHASE ORDERS

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva
Approval of Bill list and purchase orders

Roll Call

Councilperson:
Furgione - Yes
Giralo – Yes
Gribbin - Yes
Oliva – Yes
Olivo- Yes
Rodio – Absent
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

Introduction of Utility Bond Ordinance Bond #003-2021- Utility purchase of Equipment.

BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER #003-2021

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2021 UTILITY CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$1,575,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,496,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements or purposes to be undertaken by the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey (the "Town"). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the aggregate sum of \$1,575,000, which sum includes \$78,750 as the aggregate amount of down payments for said improvements or purposes as required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the "Local Bond Law"). Said down payments are now available therefor by virtue of appropriations in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Town for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$1,575,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payments, negotiable bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,496,250 pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Town in a principal amount not exceeding \$1,496,250 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued, including, but not limited to, are as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
(i) Purchase and installation of a centrifuge for the Utility Department; and	\$700,000	\$665,000	\$35,000	15 years
(ii) Purchase of a Jet Vac Truck and all related accessories for the Utility Department; and	\$455,000	\$432,250	\$22,750	5 years
(iii) Purchase of a UV Disinfection System for the Sewer Plant.	\$420,000	\$399,000	\$21,000	20 years
Total:	\$1,575,000	\$1,496,250	\$78,750	

(b) Such improvements or purposes set forth in Section 3(a) shall also include, but are not limited to, as applicable, demolition and excavation, paving, resurfacing and reconstruction of the roadways, roadway

painting and striping, replacing the castings on catch basins and manholes, the repairing and/or removal and installation of sidewalks, driveway aprons, curbing, retaining walls and curb ramps, guardrails, and concrete improvements, and all other related improvements, design work, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, contract administration, work, materials, equipment, accessories, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(c) The aggregate estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purposes is \$1,496,250.

(d) The aggregate estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$1,575,000, the excess amount thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor is the aggregate down payments for said purposes in the amount of \$78,750.

SECTION 4. In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Atlantic make a contribution or grant in aid to the Town for the improvements and purposes authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Town prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Atlantic. In the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Atlantic shall be received by the Town after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose. This Section 4 shall not apply, however, with respect to any contribution or grant in aid received by the Town as a result of using funds from this bond ordinance as "matching local funds" to receive such contribution or grant in aid.

SECTION 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Town, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date or otherwise authorized by the Local Bond Law. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the

purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, and the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 6. The Town hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Town is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

SECTION 7. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are improvements which the Town may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of said improvements or purposes within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 13.44 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Town and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Town as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$1,496,250 and the said bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$315,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements hereinbefore described.

SECTION 8. The full faith and credit of the Town are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance. The bonds or notes shall be

direct, unlimited obligations of the Town, and the Town shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Town for the payment of the bonds or notes and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 9. The Town reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. This Section 9 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Town's official intent to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulations §1.150-2. No reimbursement allocation will employ an "abusive arbitrage device" under Treasury Regulations §1.148-10 to avoid the arbitrage restrictions or to avoid the restrictions under Sections 142 through 147, inclusive, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The proceeds of any bonds or notes authorized herein used to reimburse the Town for costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, or funds corresponding to such amounts, will not be used in a manner that results in the creation of "replacement proceeds", including "sinking funds", "pledged funds" or funds subject to a "negative pledge" (as such terms are defined in Treasury Regulations §1.148-1), of any bonds or notes authorized herein or another issue of debt obligations of the Town other than amounts deposited into a "bona fide debt service fund" (as defined in Treasury Regulations §1.148-1). The bonds or notes authorized herein to reimburse the Town for any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof will be issued in an amount not to exceed \$1,496,250. The costs to be reimbursed with the proceeds of the bonds or notes authorized herein will be "capital expenditures" in accordance with the meaning of section 150 of the Code. All reimbursement allocations will occur not later than eighteen (18) months after the later of (i) the date the expenditure from a source other than any bonds or notes authorized herein is paid, or (ii) the date the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof is "placed in service" (within the meaning of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2) or abandoned, but in no event more than three (3) years after the expenditure is paid.

SECTION 10. The Chief Financial Officer of the Town is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Town, which are authorized herein, and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Town. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide

secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Town pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Town, and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Town fails to comply with its undertaking, the Town shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 11. The Town covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under section 103(a) of the Code of the interest on all federally tax exempt bonds and notes issued under this ordinance.

SECTION 12. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption and approval by the mayor, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Giraldo

Ordinance has passed first reading and is approved for Advertisement

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giraldo – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo- Yes

Rodio – Absent

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #035-2021 – Approve Cruisin Mainstreet

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING
CRUISIN MAINSTREET-REMEMBER FRIDAY NIGHTS EVENT**

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton Program has and continues 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

WHEREAS, Numerous Town residents have requested a Cruisin' MainStreet event each year; and

WHEREAS, Friday, September 17, 2021 (rain date Saturday September 18) is the scheduled date for the MainStreet Hammonton Annual "Cruisin' MainStreet-Remember Friday Nights" event during the hours of 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Main Street Hammonton has requested the following street closures for this event between the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.:

Central Avenue (Rt. 542) from Bellevue Avenue to Vine Street;
N. Egg Harbor Road between Rt. 54 and Pleasant Street;
Orchard Street Railroad Crossing;
Front Street from Twelfth Street to Passmore Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Main Street Hammonton has requested the reservation of the following parking spaces:

West side of Rt. 54 between Third Street and West End Avenue;
East side of Rt. 54 between Third Street and Egg Harbor Road;
Both sides of Railroad Avenue between 12th Street and Orchard St;
Both sides of Egg Harbor Road between Bellevue Ave. and Pleasant St; and

WHEREAS, Main Street Hammonton has requested appropriate Police Parking Control signs to be posted early in the day noting NO PARKING AFTER 4:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Main Street Hammonton has requested 2 Police Officers to direct traffic at the intersections of Bellevue Avenue at Central Avenue and Bellevue Avenue at Egg Harbor Road due to increased event related pedestrian and vehicular traffic on State Route 54;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that Friday September 17, 2021 (rain date Saturday September 17) is approved for the "Cruisin' Main Street" event, including the above requests for street closures, reservation of parking spaces, posting of "NO PARKING" signs and two police officers are acknowledged, approved and endorsed;

Resolution #036-2021 – Award purchase of pickup truck for the Fire Department

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT FOR THE AWARD TO PURCHASE OF A 2021 FORD 350 EXTENDED CAB 4WD PICKUP TRUCK

WHEREAS, there exists a need to purchase 1 Ford 2021 F350 and options, for the Hammonton Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department recommend, after comparing the price and particular suitability, that a contract be awarded to Winner Ford to purchase the vehicle under state contract # T2101 A88758, in the amount not to exceed \$36,201.00.; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the Fire Department's Operating Budget; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1-et seq. requires that the resolution authorizing the awarding of the contract without competitive bidding and the contract itself must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY that the Mayor and Town Clerk of the Town of Hammonton are hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Winner Ford, for the purchase 1 Ford 2021 F350's & Options, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law as a State Approved Contractor # T2101 A88758; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract is subject to the mutual acceptance of the appropriate contact documentation between the Winner Ford and the Town of Hammonton.

Resolution #037-2021- Authorize Grant Application for NJ Historic Trust

**Resolution of Support Authorizing the Submission
of a Grant Application to the New Jersey Historic Trust**

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, a critical part of the environmental and social objectives of a community involves the protection and preservation of its historical resources; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton recognizes and embraces its obligations to preserve its historical resources for the benefit of future generations; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Historical Trust, as part of its Preserve New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund program, provides grants for Historic Site Management, including the development of historic preservation elements to a municipality's Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is currently engaged in a review and update of its Master Plan;

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, have determined that the Town of Hammonton should apply for the aforementioned Grant in order to develop a full Master Plan Element addressing the preservation of its historical resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, authorize the submission of an appropriate Grant application for that purpose to the New Jersey Historic Trust.

Resolution #038 -2021 – Appoint Local Registrar

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE LOCAL REGISTRAR
OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON**

WHEREAS Title 26:8-11 requires the governing body of the registration district to appoint a local Registrar of Vital Statistics; and

WHEREAS Title 26:8-13 sets the term of the local registrar for 3 years.

NOW THERE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY that Audrey Boyer be appointed Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Town of Hammonton effective January 1, 2021 thru December 31 2023;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the State Registrar according to law.

Resolution #039-2021 – Approval to Apply to the USDA Grant Program and appointing Representatives

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE USDA
RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM AND APPOINTING
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES FOR MATTERS INVOLVING DOCUMENTATION FOR THE SAME**

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton has developed economic development strategies for the business district of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton, in order to support the goals of these strategies, desires to study the feasibility and redevelopment options for the building at 108 Bellevue Avenue for adaptive reuse as a boutique hotel; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton desires to pursue the technical and financial resources available through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Business Development Grant Program to study the feasibility and develop the redevelopment plan for adaptive reuse of this property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council that the Town of Hammonton will apply for a USDA RBDG Grant in the amount not to exceed \$75,000 for the study of feasibility and redevelopment options for the property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement and any other document in connection therewith:

Resolution #041-2021 – Appoint Engineer for DCA Grant for ADA Playground Project

RESOLUTION TO HIRE AN ENGINEER

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is in need of Engineering Services for NJDCA Small Cities Public Facilities Grant Funding for ADA Playground Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton published Requests for Proposals relative to this position pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 which were due on February 17, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Adams Rehmann and Heggan and CME Associates are the only company that responded to the Requests for Proposals; and

WHEREAS, Adams, Rehmann and Heggan's proposal was scored, in accordance with the provisions of the Request for Proposals and it was determined that they meet all of the necessary qualifications and criteria for this position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, Adams, Rehmann and Heggan is hereby appointed Engineer for NJDCA Small Cities Public Facilities Grant Funding for the ADA Playground Project.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Professional Services Contract is subject to the review and approval of the Town Solicitor,

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such appointment is subject to approval by the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Hammonton and the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services,

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk certify a copy of this Resolution and file it on the public record.

Resolution #042-2021 – Tax-Water- Sewer Refunds

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON
AUTHORIZING TAX / WATER / SEWER REFUNDS**

Whereas, the following accounts need to have amounts credited, transferred, cancelled, refunded or changed

<u>Block / Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
4501/5 Vet	Canich, Ian & Kaitlin	142 Pine Rd.	\$2,123.54	Cancel/Tax Exempt
3706/2	Domestic Church Media	375 S Grand St	\$947.70	Cancel/Tax Exempt
2811/6	Town of Hammonton	224 Vine St.	\$2,547.72	Cancel/Tax Exempt
1302/15	Remo Leoni	320 S 1 st Rd	\$218.75	Overpayment/Utility

Whereas, the above amounts have been corrected in the Edmunds Billing system for the Utilities and or tax module showing the correct amounts.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the above refunds are authorized, as approved by the Tax Collector of the Town of Hammonton:

Resolution #043-2021 – Various Refunds

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON
AUTHORIZING VARIOUS REFUNDS**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the following refunds/close out of accounts are authorized as approved by the respective Department Heads of the Town of Hammonton:

Asplundh Tree Services 1900 Betson Court Odenton, MD	\$ 4,500.00	Outside Detail Refund
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Resolution #044- 2021- Budget Transfers

TRANSFER OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

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 transfer from the 2020 Budget appropriations reserves.

CURRENT FUND

From: Administration – Salaries and Wages	\$ 8,000.00
From: Finance – Operating Expense	\$ 2,000.00
From: Assessment – Salaries and Wages	\$ 3,000.00
From: Collection of Tax – Salaries and Wages	\$19,000.00
From: Legal – Operating Expense	\$ 21,000.00
From: Audit– Operating Expense	\$ 5,000.00
From: Construction – Salary and Wages	\$ 24,000.00
From: Group Ins. – Operating Expense	\$ 42,000.00
From: Workman’s Comp – Operating Expense	\$ 4,000.00
From: Highway – Salaries and Wages	\$ 21,000.00
From: Recreation – Operating Expense	\$ 1,000.00
 To: Highway – Operating Expense	 \$150,000.00

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva
Resolutions #035 to #039 and #041 to #044-2021 are approved.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giralo – Left meeting did not vote

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo- Yes

Rodio - Absent

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

PUBLIC HEARD

Sandy Dickerson from Absecon - questioned council about passing a resolution to support the 2nd Amendment.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva