

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council December 20, 2021
Town Hall Council Chambers, 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 – Absent
Oliva –Present – Arrived at 6:05
Olivo - Present
Rodio – Present
Mayor DiDonato - Present

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor
Bob Vettese, PWM

EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #149-2021

Motion by Council Person Giralo Second Olivo
Enter into Executive Session

Motion by Council Person Giralo Second Oliva
Close Executive Session

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor
Robert Vettese, Public Works Manager
Kathryn Cornforth 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. Each person who wishes to address Council will be allotted 5 minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARD FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

No one desired to be heard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Executive Minutes November 15, 2021

Council Minutes November 15, 2021

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second Giraldo

Minutes are approved

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Giraldo - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva - Yes

Olivo - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

PRESENTATION

- Retirements
 - Councilmen Gribbin gave a presentation to Joe Giraldo for his service on Council for 6 years
 - Councilmen Oliva presented Andrea Effinger with her retirement plaque

- Chief Kevin Friel presented Richard Jones and Ed Slimm their retirement plaques

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Hearing Ordinance #017 – 2021 Amend Chapter 271 Speed Hump

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 271 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Chapter 271, Article IV, Section 28, the chart is amended to add the following:

Name of Road	Zone Description	Maximum Speed Limit (mp
Boyer Avenue	Entire length	25

2. Chapter 271, Article IV, a new Section 271-31 is added which states as follows:

§271-31. Speed Hump and Traffic Calming Measures

- A. Definitions. For the purpose of this Section 271-31, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

SPEED HUMP – means one of several traffic calming measures which uses force of vertical acceleration to discourage speeding (i.e. all vertical speed deflectors, including but not limited to, speed tables, raised crosswalks, raised intersections, and modified speed humps).

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURE – means the combination of physical controls and community support to reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use, alter driver behavior, and improve conditions for non-motorized users, and includes, but is not limited to, speed humps.

VERTICAL SPEED DEFLECTOR – means a raised area in the roadway pavement surface extending transversely across the travel way.

- B. Hammonton may, without the approval of the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation, construct a speed hump on two-lane residential streets and on one-way residential streets under municipal jurisdiction with a posted speed limit of 30 mph or less and which have fewer than 3,000 vehicles per day. Notwithstanding, this Section 271-31(B), prior to a municipality constructing a speed hump which: 1) places any impact on roadways in an adjoining municipality, Town Council shall provide appropriate notice to the adjoining municipality; or 2) places any impact on a State roadway shall obtain the approval of the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation.
- C. Any speed hump constructed shall conform in design and construction to the technical standards established by the New Jersey Department of Transportation. The Town shall provide advance warning, in the form of the erection of appropriate signs giving notice of the presence of speed humps before the first speed hump in a series of speed humps and provide for a pavement marker to be placed at the location of the first speed hump. The signing and pavement markings for a speed hump shall conform to the current standards prescribed in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways as adopted by the New Jersey Commissioner of Transportation.
- D. The following described streets or parts thereof shall contain speed humps:

<u>Name of Road</u>	<u>Zone Description</u>	<u>Direction of Travel</u>
<u>Boyer Avenue</u>	<u>Approximately 4800 feet from Road, County Route #56</u>	<u>Both</u>

- 3. Chapter 271, the following Sections shall be renumbered:

<u>Old Section</u>	<u>New Section</u>
<u>§271-30A</u>	<u>§271-32</u>
<u>§271-31</u>	<u>§271-33</u>
<u>§271-32</u>	<u>§271-34</u>
<u>§271-33</u>	<u>§271-35</u>
<u>§271-34</u>	<u>§271-36</u>
<u>§271-35</u>	<u>§271-37</u>
<u>§271-36</u>	<u>§271-38</u>
<u>§271-37</u>	<u>§271-39</u>
<u>§271-38</u>	<u>§271-40</u>

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the Courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect following adoption and approval in the time and manner prescribed by law.

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second Giraldo
Ordinance #017-2021 is open for public hearing

Motion by Council Person Giraldo Second Oliva
Ordinance #017-2021 is adopted and approved for final publication

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giraldo – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration - Councilman Gribbin

- Reported on the Tax Sale that will occur on December 28th. Payments can be made up until the 27th in either cash or certified ck.
- Wished everyone Happy Holidays

Business & Industry – Councilman Olivo

- Reported on the closing of Pickle Express, Latin Flavor is moving to Downtown
- 3rd Thursday will be January 20th focus on health and wellness
- Mainstreet received 2 grants to help with downtown
- Blueberry Drop will be 10 to 12:30 on December 31st
- Wished everyone Happy Holidays

Quality of Life – Councilman Oliva

- Gave update on Environmental Commission and Green Committee spoke about their accomplishments in 2021
- Wished everyone Happy Holidays

Education - Councilman Giraldo

- Reviewed the Board of Education meeting notes. Turf field bids are due in January, Teachers of the year, Full day pre-school starting January 19th.
- School needs bus drivers
- Happy Holidays to everyone

Public Works & Transportation - Councilman Rodio

- No action items wished everyone Happy Holidays

Law & Order - Mayor DiDonato

Police Chief Kevin Friel presented the following to Council:

Motion by Council Person Olivo Second Rodio

Approval to Hire Hardikkumar Patel as a Police Officer effective January 10, 2022 at step 7 of the PBA Contract

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Giraldo - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva - Yes

Olivo - Yes
Rodio – Yes
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Motion by Council Person Olivo Second Rodio

Approval to Hire Justin Mortelliti as a Police Officer effective January 10, 2022 at step 9 of the PBA contract

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Giralo - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva - Yes

Olivo - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Motion by Council Person Olivo Second Rodio

Approval to Hire Class II Officer

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Giralo - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva - Yes

Olivo - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione

- Gave updates on water usage which is inline with past years, Centrifuse system is in but the computer unit is not ready yet. Should have something by March of 2023.
- Analysis of water testing will be given in January or February meeting in 2022
- Thanked Joe Giralo for his service and wished everyone Happy Holidays

ENGINEER REPORT

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Old Forks Road Survey (ARH #2021.0628):

As previously reported, NJDOT has announced the Town will be receiving \$300,000 in Municipal Aid funding for Old Forks Road. In order to properly design the road as well as assist the Town in determining the full extent of any utility improvements/installations a survey of the existing conditions will need to be obtained along the entire limits of the roadway. Enclosed please find a proposal to complete this work.

Action Requested:

1. Authorize ARH Proposal related to the survey of Old Forks Road. Total proposal value \$25,000.00

Motion by Council Person Rodio Second Giralo

Approval of above for Old Forks Road Survey PO in the Amount of \$25,000.00 to ARH

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giralo – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

- Kathryn gave a presentation on the water/sewer expansion that may occur along 1st road and took question regarding the potential project.

- Saul Frankel 590 S. 1st – would like to hookup to the water if available, also thanked mayor and council for their work they do for the Town.

SOLICITOR REPORT

- No action items at this time

MAYOR REPORT

- No action items

PWM REPORT

Sustainable NJ/Atlantic City Electric Grant

The Town received a notice from Sustainable NJ regarding the award of an Atlantic City Electric Grant of \$5,000 to complete storm water management and erosion control improvements adjacent to the stream corridor that drains into the Hammonton Lake near the Central Avenue and Bachelor Lane intersection. In order for the project to move forward we requested that ARH prepare proposal to complete a base plan of the area for Council's consideration and to discuss with the Pinelands Commission and other agencies.

Motion by Council Person Rodio Second Giralo

Approve PO to ARH in the amount of \$7,200.00 for the Central Ave and Bachelor Lane intersection

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giralo – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Electric Vehicle Charging Station, Vine Street Parking Lot

The Town has received notice that the agreement with the State for an \$8,000 grant has been signed. We are preparing the project specifications and will proceed to receive price quotes for the work in early next year.

Rt. #54 NJDOT update

We met onsite and were notified by the NJDOT and the contractor that they will return to adjust some of the manhole castings that are low in relation to the finished pavement grade in the New Year (2022).

Town Public Works Schedule

December and January schedule (items must be out prior to 6 am)

- Curbside trash collection services for Christmas Eve will be on 12/24.
- Curbside trash collection services for New Year's Eve will be on 12/31.
- The 8th Street recycling station will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
- January 2022 collection
 - Bulky curbside collection will be 1/3 through 1/7.
 - Curbside brush pickup will be 1/10 through 1/14.

County Recycling Schedule

- 12/27 through 12/31
- 1/10 through 1/14
- 1/24 through 1/28

TOWN CLERK REPORT

1. Approve Contract for Department Head of Public Works January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025.
2. Approve Memorandum of Agreement from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025 for White Collar, Police Dispatch and Highway Unions.

Motion by Council Gribbin Second Giralto
Approval of items 1 to 2

Roll Call

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

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

APPROVE BILL LIST & PURCHASE ORDERS

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

Roll Call

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

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #150-2021- 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>
829-0	Pedersen, Barbara	108 S Madison	\$980.73	Refund/Overpayment
4603/1	Osborne Associates	11 S White Horse Pk	\$8,587.09	Refund/Tax Appeal
Various	Landis Title LLC		\$879.58	Refund/Overpayments

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 #151-2021- Amend Police Outside Detail rate per PBA Contract

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #176-2019 A FORM AGREEMENT
TO BE UTILIZED BY THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON
AND THE HAMMONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Police Officers of the Town of Hammonton are periodically employed by private industry and other public agencies to conduct traffic control and security work or such other services as may be requested; and

WHEREAS, in order to set forth the terms and conditions of this “detail work” the Town has adopted a form agreement to be used for those occasions when Police Officers are so employed; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council has determined that the Agreement shall set forth the rates of compensation as well as insurance coverage and other requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton in the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey that the form agreement is amended by the following: the outside detail rate for School/Town Officer is set at an hourly rate of \$75.00 and an additional \$10.00 for any Vehicle use.

Resolution #152 – 2021- Approve release of Escrow 221 Park Ave

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE
OF ESCROW FOR 221 PARK AVE
BEING HELD BY SURETY TITLE**

WHEREAS, Surety Title is holding escrow in the amount of \$1,026.77 for the property at 221 Park Ave Hammonton, NJ 08037; and

WHEREAS, PC8REO LLC is requesting the release from Surety Title: and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY authorizes the release to PC8REO LLC of the \$1,026.77 escrow being held by Surety Title under file No. 115027SF-01 from the January 27, 2021 closing of the property located at 221 Park Ave., in Hammonton a/k/a Block 3004, Lot34”.

Resolution #153-2021- Shared Services Agreement with Atlantic County

**PARTICIPANT’S RESOLUTION
LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$10 million for Shared Services and School District Consolidation Study and Implementation Grants to assist local units with the study, development, and implementation of new shared and regional services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) is tasked with administering these grant funds through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP); and

WHEREAS, LEAP Implementation Grants exist to support costs associated with shared service implementation to ensure that meaningful, efficiency generating initiatives are not hindered by short term transitional expenses; and

WHEREAS, the **Atlantic County Government** propose to enter into a shared services agreement, but face certain expenses associated with implementation that present a burden to the local units; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this shared services agreement is to (**purchase three (3) trailer mounted attenuators (TMA) and three (3) arrow boards to make available on an as needed basis to all Atlantic County municipalities at no cost through a shared service agreement**), which will benefit the residents of **all** participating local units; and

WHEREAS, the **Atlantic County Government** has agreed to be the lead agency in this program and will submit the application to DLGS on behalf of all participating units; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton, that the Town of Hammonton does hereby join with **Atlantic County Government** in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of **\$65,202.50** to support implementation of this shared service.

Resolution #154 -2021 – Award Specialized Services Animal Control

**A RESOLUTION
AWARDING SPECIALIZED SERVICE CONTRACT
FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, there is a need for specialized services for the Town of Hammonton, New Jersey, on a monthly as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dog Regulations	Animal Control Services	A-Academy of South Jersey	Not to Exceed \$700.00 per month

WHEREAS, funds will be available under the Dog Regulations Operations Budget appropriations, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 provides for an open and fair process through requests for proposals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY that the Town of Hammonton is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with above listed vendor for a month to month contract beginning 1/1/2022.

Resolution #155-2021- Approve 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 2021 Budget appropriations:

CURRENT FUND

From: Police Salaries and Wages Expense	\$ 19,500.00
From: Legal Operating Expense	\$ 20,000.00
To: Radio Salaries and Wages	\$ 8,000.00
To: Social Security Operating Expense	\$ 8,000.00
To: Administration Salaries and Wages	\$ 3,500.00
To: Recreation Operating Expense	\$ 10,000.00
To: Airport Operating Expense	\$ 10,000.00

Resolution #156-2021- Approve membership on TIPS Co-op

**RESOLUTION FOR MEMBER PARTICIPATION
IN A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, The Inter-Local Purchasing System, hereinafter referred to as the "TIPS " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2021 the governing body of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Town of Hammonton

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Business Administrator, Frank Zuber is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with TIPS.

CONTRACTING UNIT

TIPS shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby, certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council of The Town of Hammonton at a meeting of said governing body held on December 20, 2021.

Resolution #157-2021- Authorize Involuntary Disability Retirement Application

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATION TO PROCESS AN INVOLUNTARY
DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION FOR POLICE OFFICER PETER S. HAGERTY**

This resolution authorizes the Business Administrator to process an involuntary disability retirement application for Police Officer Peter S. Hagerty, an active member of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System ("PFRS"), based upon the Town's determination that Officer Hagerty is totally and permanently disabled from performing his assigned duties as a police officer.

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton ("Town") has employed Officer Peter S. Hagerty ("Officer Hagerty") as a Town Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, Officer Hagerty is an active member of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS); and

WHEREAS, Officer Hagerty has twenty three (23) years and six (6) months of PFRS service credit; and

WHEREAS, the Town Administration is of the opinion that Officer Hagerty is totally and permanently disabled from performing his assigned duties as a police officer, and can no longer perform his assigned duties based on the documentation supplied by professionals; and

WHEREAS the Town is unable to provide an alternative to the PFRS covered position with duties capable of being performed by Officer Hagerty; and

WHEREAS the Town of Hammonton Police Chief has consented to the processing of an Involuntary Disability Retirement application for Officer Hagerty;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the governing body of the Town of Hammonton that the Business Administrator of the Town shall be authorized to process an Involuntary Disability Retirement application for Officer Hagerty; and it is further

RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to all parties involved in the administration of this action; and it is further

RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be made available in the Clerk's office for reasonable inspection in accordance with applicable law.

Motion by Council Person Giraldo Second Olivo
Resolutions #150 to #157 are approved.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Giraldo – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo- Yes

Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

PUBLIC HEARD

- Councilmen Olivo reminded everyone to shop local and support local business.
- No one desired to be heard

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Council Person Giraldo Second Oliva