

**Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council November 21, 2022**  
**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  
Gribbin – Arrived at 6:5  
Oliva – Arrived at 6:05  
Olivo - Present  
Rodio – Present  
Wuillermin - Present  
Mayor DiDonato - Present

**PRESENT ALSO**

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor- Mike Malinsky absent- Bridget Sykes attended the meeting  
Bob Vettese, Public Works Manager  
Mike Torrissi attended closed session at 6:00 pm and left at 6:15  
Jim Donio entered closed session at 6:30

**EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #155-2022**

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin Second Olivo  
Enter into Executive Session

Motion by Councilperson Olivo Second Gribbin  
Close Executive Session

**RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL**

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

**PRESENT ALSO**

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor, Bridget Sykes in place of Malinsky  
Robert Vettese, Public Works Manager  
Mark Hermann 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. Also, 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 October 24, 2022

Council Minutes October 24, 2022

Motion by Councilperson Olivo Second Oliva

Approval of October Minutes

**Roll Call**

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo – Yes

Rodio – Yes

Wuillermin – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**PRESENTATION**

Hawks Football Varsity / JV Champions – Presented by Councilperson Gribbin

**DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public Hearing of Bond Ordinance 021-2022 – Recreation Improvements - 11<sup>th</sup> Street - Bike Path and Old Forks Road**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,030,000 THEREFOR (INCLUDING STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANTS TOTALING \$1,310,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$684,000 IN 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 the 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 \$2,030,000, which sum includes grants in the amounts of \$265,000, \$745,000 and \$300,000, respectively, expected to be received from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation (the "265,000 DOT Grant", the "745,000 DOT Grant" and the \$300,000 DOT Grant" and sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "DOT Grants"), and \$36,000 as the aggregate amount of down

payments for said improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the "Local Bond Law"). The down payments are now available by virtue of a provision or provisions 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 \$2,030,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of the DOT Grants and said down payments, negotiable bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$684,000 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 \$684,000 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, include, but are not limited to, as follows:

Description	Appropriation	Authorization	down Payment	Useful Life
(i) Various recreation improvements, including, but not limited to, tennis courts and pickle ball court , Lake Park improvements and also various recreation upgrades;	\$600,000	\$570,000	\$30,000	15 years
(ii) 11th Street sidewalk improvement project in the Town; and (including the \$265,000 DOT Grant)	\$305,000	\$38,000	\$2,000	10 years
(iii) Phase II bicycle path connector along Veterans Place in the Town; (including the \$745,000 DOT Grant) and	\$785,000	\$38,000	\$2,000	15 years
(iv) Old Folks Road roadway Improvement project in the Town. Such roadway improvements shall include but are not limited to, as applicable, milling, construction, reconstruction, repairing, restriping and resurfacing of said roadways, streetscape improvements, drainage improvements to said roadways,	340,000 (Including the \$300,000 DOT Grant)	\$38,000	\$2,000	10 years
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,030,000</b>	<b>\$684,000</b>	<b>\$36,000</b>	

(b) The above improvements and purposes set forth in Section 3(a) shall also include, as applicable, surveying, construction planning, engineering and design work, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration, environmental testing and remediation and also all work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances as necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(c) The aggregate estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements or purposes is \$684,000.

(d) The aggregate estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$2,030,000, the excess amount thereof over the said DOT Grants and the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, is the aggregate down payments for said purposes in the amount of \$36,000.

**SECTION 4.** Except for the DOT Grants, 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. Except for the DOT Grants, 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 (the "Chief Financial Officer"), provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date. 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 N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8.1. 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, for the Town. 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 of the Town, a revised capital or temporary capital budget for the Town 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 or purposes which the Town may lawfully undertake as general improvements or purposes, 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 said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 14.44 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 \$684,000 and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$406,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the improvements or purposes herein before 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 obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations 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 obligations 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. No funds from sources other than the bonds or notes authorized herein have been or are reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside by the Town, or any member of the same "Controlled Group" as the Town, within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(e), pursuant to its budget or financial policies with respect to any expenditures to be reimbursed. 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 Regulation Section 1.150-2.

**SECTION 10.** The Town covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under section 103(a) of the Code of the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this ordinance.

**SECTION 11.** 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 and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Town. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into an 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 12.** This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication hereof after final adoption and approval by the Mayor, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin Second Wuillermin  
Public Hearing on Ordinance #021-2022

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin Second Oliva  
Close Public Hearing on Ordinance #021-2022. Adopted and publish for final advertisement

**Roll Call**

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

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**Public Hearing on the Issuance of New Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor Licenses with the Theater Exception** - Pursuant to N.J.S. 33:1-19.8", in the Town of Hammonton, Atlantic County, per the requirements of N.J.S. 33-1-19.1 and N.J.S. 33:1-19.2.

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin Second Olivo  
Public Hearing Issuance of Theater Liquor license for Eagle Theater

No one from the Public Desired to be heard

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin Second Olivo

**Resolution #166-2022 – Issue Theater Liquor License**

**ISSUE NEW THEATER EXCEPTION LIQUOR LICENSE**

**Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, Atlantic County, New Jersey, relating to "Issuing a New Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor Licenses with the Theater Exception Pursuant to N.J.S. 33:1-19.8", in the Town of Hammonton, Atlantic County, per the requirements of N.J.S. 33-1-19.1 and N.J.S. 33:1-19.2 to Eagle Theater LLC.**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.S. 33:1-19.8, the Town of Hammonton desires to issue a plenary retail consumption license to nonprofit corporations incorporated as of January 21, 2020 exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code which regularly conduct musical or theatrical performances or concerts for which admission is charged at a premises primarily used to conduct musical or theatrical performances or concerts with a seating capacity of 50 persons or more, but less than 1,000 persons; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a requirement of the State of New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, that the Town of Hammonton adopt a Resolution regarding the "**Issuance of a New Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License with the Theater Exception Pursuant to N.J.S. 33:1-19.8**"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has followed the Historical Method Guidelines outlined in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Handbook for Municipal Issuing Authorities ("ABC Municipal Handbook") in the issuance of the plenary retail consumption license pursuant to N.J.S. 33:1-19.8.

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

The Town of Hammonton hereby approves the "**Issuance of a New Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor Licenses with the Theatre Exception Pursuant to N.J.S. 33:1-19.8**" in the Town of Hammonton, Atlantic County, per the requirements of N.J.S. 33-1-19.1 and N.J.S. 33:1-19.2 to **Eagle Theater LLC**.

Approve Issuance of Theater liquor License to Eagle Theater

**Roll Call**

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo – Yes

Rodio – Yes

Wuillermin – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Administration - Councilperson Gribbin**

- Admin meeting review. Approved purchase of New Microphone for Court room
- Access Hammonton Studio update, doors and floors are in project should be complete by end of year
- Please view website and social media pages for update on Tax Sale

### **Business & Industry – Councilperson Olivo**

- 11/26 is Small Business Saturday
- 12/3 will be tree lighting
- 12/10 Fireman's Christmas Parade
- 12/15 is 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Downtown
- Hammonton Family Success Center will have events for the holiday throughout the Month of December
- November 26<sup>th</sup> to Dec 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a holiday walk that includes 12 business

### **Quality of Life – Councilperson Oliva**

- Thanked Green Committee and Amy Menzel for the hard work on the Green Day Event

### **Education - Councilperson Oliva**

- Doctor Norton has been named superintendent of the Waterford School District
- Dr. Rudnesky will be new principal for the middle School in Hammonton

### **Public Works & Transportation Councilperson Rodio**

- No action items at this time

### **Law & Order - Mayor DiDonato – Given by Chief Friel**

- Reminded residents to be careful driving during the Thanksgiving Holiday
- The police dept received a grant for Drive Sober get pulled over
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a toy drive on Bellevue Ave from 10am to 2pm
- Food Drive through December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Police Dept.
- Motorcycle toy drive December 11<sup>th</sup>
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### **Water & Sewer - Councilperson Furgione**

- Drip Irrigation project to start the week of November 28<sup>th</sup>
- Federal Government has a grant program that will help residents with the cost to replace lead lines going to their house
- GIS mapping will help with the lead program mentioned above.

## **ENGINEER REPORT**

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **1. Valley Avenue – Broadway to Central (ARH #11-30159): In Progress**

The Contractor has completed the installation of the utilities, curb, and sidewalk. The Contractor completed the base course pavement on October 18th. We anticipate performing the surface course pavement in the next two weeks once the temperature increases to an acceptable value. The Contractor has submitted change order requests for additional work performed during construction, which include the removal of additional trees to install a sidewalk extension to Broadway and the repair of a buried manhole discovered during paving. The Contractor has also submitted Application for Payment #5, in the amount of \$191,036.92. We have reviewed and submitted to the Business Administrator for payment.

### **Action Item:**

Approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$14,354.61 for supplemental items to the contract.

**Resolution #165-2022 – Approve Change order Valley Ave project Think Pavers**

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1  
TO THINK PAVERS  
FOR THE VALLEY AVENUE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey authorized a contract to Think pavers on February 16, 2022 in the amount of \$1,255,667.50 for the Valley Avenue Utility Project; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that additional work was needed that included, tree removal and raising of a sewer manholes; and

**WHEREAS**, the change order reflects an increase to the contract in the amount of \$14,354.61 which is an increase of 1.14%; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Town Council of Hammonton hereby:

1. Formally authorize the execution of Change Order #1, to the contract in the amount of \$14,354.61.

Motion by Councilperson Furgione Second Wuillermin  
Resolution is approve for Change order #1 above.

**Roll Call**

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

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin Second Olivo  
Approvals to have Town Solicitor defend the Town in the lawsuit Berkett VS. Town of Hammonton

**Roll Call**

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

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**MAYOR REPORT**

- No action items



**PWM REPORT**

**Lakeview Gardens Well Testing and Potential for Public Water Extension**

The Mayor and Council will have a public information session at the December Council meeting to update the public on the latest discussions with NJDEP and their recommendations. We will be notifying the Town lab about scheduling for tests for the residents who requested same. We have also completed rough estimates for public water extension to the Lakeview Gardens area for consideration should any funding be available.

**NJDOT Transportation Alternatives (Set-Aside) Program**

The Town and the Hammonton public school district have worked with Triad and TDG to complete an application for funding consideration to construct a pedestrian/bicycle path. The application was filed by Triad by the November 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline date. The funding request is for 1.5 million dollars.

**Town Public Works Schedule**

The schedule for trash, brush, leaf collection, and recyclables for the remaining portion of November and December is as follows:

The Town will be closed on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, 11/24 and Friday, 11/25 and on Monday, 12/26 and Monday, 01/02/2023. Trash normally collected on Thursday, 11/24 will be picked up on Friday, 11/25 and on Tuesday, 12/27 for the Christmas holiday and Tuesday, 01/03/2023 for the New Year’s Day holiday. This will be further reviewed with Scott and verified at the December Council meeting. (All items must be placed out prior to 6 a.m. on the day of collection.)

- Bulky curbside collection will be 12/5 through 12/9.
- Curbside brush pickup will be 12/12 through 12/16.
- Curbside leaf collection will continue through 12/23.

**County Recycling Schedule**

- 12/12 through 12/16
- 12/26 through 12/30

**TOWN CLERK REPORT**

1. Accept retirement of Ernie Geroni from his part time position as a Telecommunicator in Police Dispatch effect December 1, 2022.
2. Approval to move Sabrina Petkevis from her position as part time Telecommunitactor to a full time position in Police Dispatch effective as of November 21, 2022. 40 hours a week, salary \$37,680.00. Contingent upon civil service rules and regulations.

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin Second Wuillermin  
Approval of items 1 to 2

**Roll Call**

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

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin Second Oliva  
Approval of Bill list

**Roll Call**

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

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution #156-2022 – Setting Council Meeting dates 2023**

**Setting Time, Place and Date of Council Meetings**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meeting Act otherwise known as Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 requires that all municipalities adopt a Resolution setting the time, place and date of their meeting; and

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

1. There shall be an **Organization Meeting at 7:00 p.m. January 3, 2023** at which time Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton will reorganize for the full year and conduct such business, including emergent matters, as is necessary. This meeting will be held in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 100 Central Avenue, Hammonton, New Jersey 08037. .
2. Monthly council meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. with an executive session, if necessary, which will adjourn to the public portion of the meeting at 7:00 p.m., in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 100 Central Avenue, Hammonton, New Jersey 08037. These meeting are subject to change and maybe held by way of video conference. The following is the list of **Regular Council Meeting dates for year 2023:**

January 23rd	July 24th
February 27th	August 28th
March 27th	September 25th
April 24th	October 23rd
May 22nd	November 27th
June 26th	December 18th

3. The Hammonton Gazette and the Atlantic City Press are those newspapers designated as the papers to which all notices are to be sent per Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975.
4. Minutes shall be kept and provided as required by said statute by the Town Clerk of all the meetings set forth above and shall be available to the public pursuant to the requirements of said law.

**Resolution #157-2022 – Approve Lady Guadalupe Procession**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING THE ANNUAL  
“OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SPANISH COMMUNITY PROCESSION”**

**WHEREAS**, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel continues to promote the Town of Hammonton with their annual “Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Community Procession”; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council has and continues to support the efforts of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel; and

**WHEREAS** December 12, 2022 4 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. is the scheduled date for the Spanish Community Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel has requested assistance of the Town of Hammonton Police Department for this scheduled event and closure of the following streets in the Town of Hammonton:

**Procession begins on Third Street at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel  
To French Street  
To Second Street  
To Pleasant Street  
To Tilton Street  
To French Street and back to church**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the Town of Hammonton authorizes “Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Community Procession.”

**Resolution #158-2022 – Identifying CBDG Fair Housing Officer**

**IDENTIFYING CDBG FAIR HOUSING OFFICER  
Public Facilities Fund: Infrastructure Improvements in the Community**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton is applying for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (hereafter NJDCA) for funds to develop infrastructure improvements, 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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton has made assurances 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 Frank Zuber 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 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 advice 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.

**Resolution #159-2022 – Commit to provisions of Small Cities Procurement Process**

**TO COMMIT TO THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCUREMENT PROCESS PURSUANT TO  
NJSA 40A:11-4.1 THROUGH 40A:11-4.5 FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, CONTINGENT UPON  
AN FY2023 SMALL CITIES GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY  
AFFAIRS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton intends to submit in December 2022 an application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Small Cities Public Facilities Fund to develop Infrastructure Improvements in the community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Small Cities Program requires, in certain instances, that professional services associated with the implementation of a Small Cities award be procured through a Competitive Contracting process;

**BE IT THEREFORE, RESOLVED**, that the Town of Hammonton does hereby commit to authorize the issuance of Requests for Proposals (RFP), under the aforementioned State Competitive Contracting guidelines, for Professional Engineering Services, contingent upon award of said Small Cities grant; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk will be directed to advertise these RFPs for a period of not less than 20 days in the Town's official newspaper of record; that the Town will strive to obtain three or more proposals; and the Town will proceed with the RFP evaluation process if at least two proposals are received.

**Resolution #160-2022 – Authorize Grant Application for Lake Park**

**SCHEDULE I: RESOLUTION**

**Whereas**, the Town of Hammonton desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for up to \$400,000 for Infrastructure Improvements at Hammonton Lake Park.

**Be it therefore RESOLVED**,

- 1) that the Town of Hammonton does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
- 2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Town of Hammonton and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

**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 documents necessary in connection therewith:



**Resolution #164-2022 – 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 2022 Budget appropriations:

**CURRENT FUND**

From: Police Salary & Wages	\$ 47,500.00
From: Holiday Observance	\$ 5,000.00
To: Group Ins. Operating Exp	\$ 35,000.00
To: Court Operating Exp	\$ 3,000.00
To: Interest on Notes	\$ 9,500.00
To: Bldgs Grounds Operating Exp.	\$ 5,000.00

**UTILITY FUND**

From: Salary & Wages	\$ 23,500.00
To: Interest on Notes	\$ 3,500.00
To: Utility Operating Exp.	\$ 20,000.00

**Resolution #165-2022 – Approve Change order Valley Ave project Think Pavers**

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1**

**TO THINK PAVERS**

**FOR THE VALLEY AVENUE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey authorized a contract to Think pavers on February 16, 2022 in the amount of \$1,255,667.50 for the Valley Avenue Utility Project; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that additional work was needed that included, tree removal and raising of a sewer manholes; and

**WHEREAS**, the change order reflects an increase to the contract in the amount of \$14,354.61 which is an increase of 1.14%; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Town Council of Hammonton hereby:

2. Formally authorize the execution of Change Order #1, to the contract in the amount of \$14,354.61.

Motion by Councilperson Olivo Second Wuillermin  
Resolutions #156 to 165 are approved.

**Roll Call**

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

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**PUBLIC HEARD**

No on desire to be heard

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin Second Oliva