

**Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council June 26, 2023  
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 -  
Gribbin -  
Oliva -  
R. Rodio-  
S. Rodio –  
Wuillermin -  
Mayor DiDonato -

**PRESENT ALSO**

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor  
Bob Vettese, Public Works Manager

**EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #080-2023**

**RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL**

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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**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Minutes May 22, 2023  
Executive Minutes May 22, 2023

**PRESENTATION**

**DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public Hearing of Ordinance #011-2023- Establishing a CAP Bank for the 2023 Budget**

**COUNTY OF ATLANTIC  
CALENDAR YEAR 2023 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED  
THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton in the County of Atlantic finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2023 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$113,451.48 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS** the Town Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2023 budget year, the final appropriations of the Town of Hammonton shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$397,080.19, and that the CY 2023 municipal budget for the Town of Hammonton be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

**Resolution #082-2023- Amend 2023 Budget**

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the local municipal budget for the year 2023 was approved on the 22nd day of May, 2023, and

**WHEREAS**, it is desired to amend said approved budget,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2023 be made:

**Recorded Vote**

Aye:

Nay:

Abstained:

Absent:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
<b>CURRENT FUND - APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>	
8. General Appropriations			
(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"			0.00
Recycling Tax	18,000.00	17,982.00	(18.00)
2023 CAP Exceptions			0.00
Public Employees' Retirement System	23,424.00	23,442.00	18.00
			0.00
Total Other Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"	504,453.00	504,453.00	0.00
(O) Total General Appropriations - Excluded from "CAPS"	3,675,128.92	3,675,128.92	0.00
(L) Subtotal General Appropriations {Items (H-1) and (O)}	15,514,749.07	15,514,749.07	0.00
9. Total General Appropriations	16,685,709.55	16,685,709.55	0.00
			0.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services for certification of the local municipal budget so amended.

**Resolution #083-2023- Adopt 2023 Budget**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2023 BUDGET**

**Be It Resolved** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

- (a) \$10,432,015.92 (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
- (b) None (Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type I School Districts only (N.J.S. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation and,
- (c) None (Item 4 below) to be added to the Certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in Type II School Districts only (N.J.S. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of General revenues and appropriations.
- (d) None (Sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy
- (e) None (Item 5 Below) Minimum Library Levy

**RECORDED VOTE**

Ayes:	Nays:	Abstained:	Absent:
Councilpersons:			
<b>1. General Revenues</b>			
Surplus Anticipated	08-100		\$ 2,819,000.00
Misc. Revenues Anticipated	40004-10		\$ 3,431,993.63
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	15-499		\$ 2,700.00
<b>2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 6 (a), Sheet 11)</b>	07-190		\$10,432,015.92
<b>3. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY: Item 6, Sheet 42</b>	07-195		0.00
Item 6 (b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.40A:4-14	07-191		0.00
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Schools in Type I School Districts Only			0.00
<b>4. TO BE ADDED TO THE CERTIFICATE FOR AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE II SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:</b>			
Item 6 (b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.40A:4-14)	07-191		0.00
<b>5. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION MINIMUM LIBRARY LEVY</b>	07-192		0.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	40000-10		\$16,685,709.55
<b>6. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:</b>			
Within "CAPS"			
(a&b) Operations Including Contingent			\$10,553,294.15
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures – Municipal			\$ 1,286,026.00
(g) Cash Deficit			0.00
Excluded from "CAPS"			
(a) Operations – Total Operations Excluded From "CAPS"			\$ 748,128.92
(c) Capital Improvements			\$ 100,000.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service			\$ 2,827,000.00
(e) Deferred Charges – Municipal			0.00
(f) Judgments			0.00

(n) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S.40:48-17.1 & 17.3)	0.00
(g) Cash Deficit	0.00
(k) For Local District School Purposes	0.00
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Include Other Reserves if Any)	\$ 1,170,960.48
7. SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS-TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY (N.J.S. 40A:4-13)	0.00
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$16,685,709.55</b>

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 26th day of June, 2023. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2023 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administration - Councilman Gribbin**

**Business & Industry – Councilman Wuillermin**

**Quality of Life – Councilman Oliva**

**Education - Councilwoman Renee Rodio**

**Public Works & Transportation Councilman Sam Rodio**

**Law & Order - Mayor DiDonato**

**Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione**

**ENGINEER REPORT**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. NJDOT FY2024 Municipal Aid Applications (ARH #P2023.0398):**

Applications for Municipal Aid are due on July 1, 2023. The three projects to be submitted for funds are:

1. Old Forks Road, Phase II (Road to Excellence to White Horse Pike)
2. 13th Street (1st Road to Chew Road)
3. Egg Harbor Road (13th Street to Orchard Street)

ARH has submitted a proposal for Council’s consideration to prepare and submit the three (3) applications on behalf of the Town. The cost to perform this work is \$3,000.00.

Our office has also prepared and provided the three (3) resolutions required by the NJDOT, to authorize ARH to submit the applications on behalf of the Town. They must be approved at the June 26, 2023 Council Meeting.

**Action Requested:**

Authorize ARH’s proposal in the amount of \$3,000.00 to prepare and submit the FY2024 NJDOT Municipal Aid Applications.

**2. Water Quality Accountability Act Compliance (ARH #11-30166):**

Our office continues to compile responses to the lead service line survey we created and sent to the residents. We have received responses from approximately 25% of the property owners. We are preparing a second round of mailings to attempt to collect the remaining balance. The Town is required to prepare a Lead Service Line (LSL) Replacement plan, which includes elements such as capital improvements, funding source determination, and coordination with contractors. Our office has prepared and submitted a proposal to prepare the LSL Replacement plan for Council's consideration.

**Action Requested:**

Authorize ARH's proposal in the amount of \$9,600.00 to prepare the LSL Replacement plan.

**3. Hammonton Utilities GIS Support (P2023.0247):**

The Municipal Utilities Department requested a proposal to provide GIS services and support. The tasks include digitizing and cataloging existing maps and documents so they are accessible through the Town's GIS database. In addition, ARH and Civil Solutions will continue to provide support to MUD personnel, by mapping activities such as hydrant flushing, valve exercising and water main breaks.

**Action Requested:**

Authorize ARH's proposal for continued GIS services and support for a value not to exceed \$10,000.00.

**4. Hammonton Lake Aquatic Survey (P2023.0394):**

Per a letter from the Pinelands Commission dated May 22, 2023, a full Threatened and Endangered (T&E) study of the Hammonton Lake is required prior to receiving approval of the NJDEP Aquatic Pesticide Permit to spray and treat the lake for invasive species. Our office was asked to prepare and submit a proposal to perform the studies necessary to satisfy the Pinelands.

**Action Requested:**

Authorize ARH's proposal in the amount of \$9,000.00 to perform the T&E and aquatic studies to support the Aquatic Pesticide Permit application.

**PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**Roadway & Transportation Projects:**

**5. School House Lane – 3rd Street to Rt. 54 (ARH #11-40060):** In Progress

Our office is coordinating with the Contractor to complete outstanding punch list items, prior to formally closing out the project.

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

Our office is finalizing the closeout process with NJDOT.

**7. NJDOT FY2022/FY2023 Municipal Aid: Old Forks Road (ARH #11-40061):** In Progress

Our office has finalized the construction plans for the Old Forks Road project. The project requires approval from NJDOT to advertise for bidding. Our office anticipates construction in the fall, after the conclusion of the farm and transportation season.

**8. Hammonton Bike Path Connector – Phase II (ARH #11-40052.07):** In Progress

Our office is preparing the construction plans for the Bike Path project. Our office is working with Bob Vettese and Atlantic County to get information on existing drainage along Egg Harbor Road, which is necessary to advance the design. The County has been investigating.

**9. 11th Street Sidewalk Improvements (ARH #11-40062):** In Progress

Our office has completed the design of the 11th Street Sidewalk project and is incorporating suggestions from Mr. Vettese. This project will need to be submitted to the NJDOT for approval and authorization to bid.

**10. K&K Linens Property / 224 Vine Street (ARH #11-01094.07):** In Progress

We have completed the additional survey required to advance the design. Once complete, we will meet with Mr. Vettese for review prior to preparing for public bidding.  
Environmental Projects:

**11. Mazza Muffler Site / 104 S. Egg Harbor Road (ARH #11-01102):** In Progress

The Contractor is has prepared the utility disconnections and asbestos abatement. The building has been demolished and site restoration is underway.

**12. Octagon Oil/Vine Street Parking Lot (ARH #11-01060):** On hold

The lab results have been received and reviewed by our office. The Remedial Action Permit (RAP) has been submitted to NJDEP. No additional action is necessary.

**13. Skinner Property / 317 N. Egg Harbor Road (ARH #11-01074.06):** In Progress

Our office is performing groundwater testing at the site. Samples were collected on June 16, 2023 for analysis.

**14. Celona Site Remediation - 130 Railroad Avenue (ARH #11-01054):** In Progress

ARH completed the receptor evaluation at the site and completed the remedial investigation report.

**SEWER/WATER INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**15. Route 54 Water Main Replacement Project (ARH #11-30167):** In Progress

Our office continues to coordinate with the Town to obtain easement signatures from the property owners along Route 54 and Chew Road. We have prepared the applications for the Pinelands Commission and Cape Atlantic Soil Conservation district and await approval.

**16. Lakeview Gardens Water Testing (ARH #11-30168)** In Progress

Our office is coordinating with the Town to contact the residents in the Lakeview Gardens section, to ensure that they are getting the well tests.

**17. Boyer Avenue Berm Project (ARH #11-75003.07):** In Progress

Our office has prepared and submitted the Pinelands Commission Public Development Application. We have received a review letter with minor administrative comments, which have been addressed with additional information provided.

**GENERAL SITE AND RECREATION INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**18. Lake Park ADA Playground/Small Cities (ARH #11-01100):** In Progress

Our office has been at the lake park doing the topographic survey. The survey and base mapping for the project will be completed in July 2023.

**19. Traditions at Blueberry Ridge (ARH #11-10044):** In Progress

Our office has completed the survey work for the basin remediation project, and we have begun the preparation of base mapping, plans, and specifications.

**SOLICITOR REPORT**  
**MAYOR REPORT**

**PWM REPORT**

**Tennis Pickle ball courts**

The contractor is continuing work on the court areas.

- Pavement and fence work completed.
- Light poles and electric box painted.
- Weather permitting; the filler and color coating for the courts should begin this week.

**Lakeview Gardens Private Well Testing**

We will provide a list of the remaining property owners that still need to test for PFAS compounds to ARH so they could be contacted one last time and be reminded of the importance of completing the tests.

**Historical Society Building Improvements**

We received price quotes for the work for the Historic Society building front step repair and railing at the Veterans Park site. The low quotes for the work was provided by the companies noted below.

**Project #1 - front step railing replacement**

Low quote: Ninsa LLC

Option #1: \$3,865

Option alt. #1: \$4,240

Recommend award to Ninsa, LLC of Hammonton subject to the option selected by the Historical Society, certification of funds, and review quote documents.

**Project #2 - front step brick repair/replacement and stucco work on step sidewalls.**

Low quote: Dale Amos Masonry, LLC of Sewell, NJ

Low quote: \$4,400

Recommend award to Dale Amos from Sewell, NJ subject to certification of funds and review by Historical Society and quote documents submitted.

**Atlantic County Recreation and Open Space Funding application**

We are continuing the work with the County and the affected property owners as requested by Council.

**Town Public Works Schedule for July**

Trash Collection on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> will be collected on Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

The schedule for Trash, brush, leaf collection and recyclables for July are as follows:

(All items must be placed out prior to 6am on the day of collection)

Bulky waste, curbside pickup will be 7/3 through 7/7 with the exception of July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Curbside brush pickup will be 7/10 through 7/14.

The County Recycling pickup will be 6/26 through 6/30, 7/10 through 7/14 and 7/24 through 7/28.



## **TOWN CLERK REPORT**

1. Accept new members Michael Busch and Anthony Mazzagatti to Fire Company #1. Police Background check completed and Approved at Fire Company meeting held on June 21, 2023.
2. Approve hiring of Abby Moriello as a part-time dispatcher. No Benefits, 26 hours a week, \$18 dollars per hour effective May 22, 2023. Contingent upon civil service rules and regulations.
3. Approve hiring of Kenneth Gerhing as a class II Police Officer Part-time, 26 hours a week, \$40 dollars per hour no benefits effective May 22, 2023. Contingent upon civil service rules and regulations.
4. Approve hiring of Michelle Ficken as an intern in the Municipal Utilities Department. \$18 dollars per hour for 6 months or 160 hours effective June 6, 2023.
5. Accept retirement of Audrey Boyer from her position in the clerk's office effective April 1, 2024.
6. Approval to hire Michael P. Berenotto as a Police Officer effective September 11, 2023. Salary to follow step guide in contract. Pending civil service rules and regulations.

## **APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution #081-2023- Approval to apply for a LEAP Implementation Grant with Atlantic County**

#### **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 County of Atlantic (the "County") proposes to enter into a shared services agreement with various government and school entities, whereby these entities shall work together to finance, install and manage new above ground fuel storage tanks at the Hammonton Board of Education facility located on 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Hammonton ; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the Hammonton Board of Education is willing to make the facility available to Hammonton; and

**WHEREAS**, Participating Local Units must also participate in the County's Commodity Resale program to be eligible to use the new Facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, implementation of the Shared Services Agreement faces certain expenses associated with implementation that present a burden to the local units; and

**WHEREAS**, use of the new Facilities developed pursuant to the Shared Services Agreement will benefit the residents of all participating local units by providing a centralized, environmentally sound and reliable supply of fuel for the participating local unit's vehicles; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing Body of the Town of Hammonton Atlantic County, that the Town of Hammonton does hereby join with Atlantic County in apply for a LEAP Implementation Grant to support implementation of this shared service.

**Resolution #084-2023- Approve Transfer of Liquor License to Rodio Restaurant Group**

**Transfer of Liquor License Person to Person**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been filed for a person to person transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License 0113-33-020-001;

**WHEREAS**, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term;

**WHEREAS**, a police background check has revealed the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton does hereby approve the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Distribution License owned by Hammonton Fortunas, Inc., 705 12<sup>th</sup> Street Hammonton, NJ 08037, to Rodio Restaurant Group 705 12<sup>th</sup> Street Hammonton, NJ 08037 or its assignee, and does hereby direct the Town Clerk to endorse the license certificate as follows: "this license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Rodio Restaurant Group, or its assignee, licensed location at 705 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Hammonton, NJ 08037.

**Resolution #085-2023- Authorizing New Year's Eve Bash**

**AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING  
MAINSTREET HAMMONTON NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH**

**WHEREAS**, Main Street Hammonton Organization 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 Main Street Hammonton; and

**WHEREAS**, Saturday, December 31, 2023 is the scheduled date for the Main Street Hammonton New Year's Eve Bash from 10:00 p.m to 12:30 a.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, Mainstreet Hammonton is requesting use of the Town Hall parking lot, and Building and the closure of Central Avenue from Bellevue to Vine Street from 5:00 p.m on December 31st, 2023 to 1:30 a.m on January 1st, 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the Mainstreet Hammonton New Year's Bash is acknowledged and endorsed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Hammonton will provide police assistance for this event.

**Resolution #086-2023- Authorizing Downtown Trick or Treat**

**AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING  
MAINSTREET HAMMONTON DOWNTOWN TRICK OR TREAT EVENT WITH ROAD CLOSURES**

**WHEREAS**, Saturday, October 21st (rain date October 28th) is the scheduled date for the MainStreet Hammonton Downtown Trick or Treat Event from 2:00pm - 4:00 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, Downtown Businesses will be distributing treats and organizing activities from their stores for children throughout the event; and

**WHEREAS**, Mainstreet Hammonton is requesting the following road closures and police assistance for this event during the hours of 11am-5pm at:

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

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the Main Street Hammonton Downtown Trick or Treat Event is approved with road closures and police assistance specifically crossing assistance at intersections on Bellevue Avenue contingent upon contacting Police Chief and Public Works Manager 2 months prior to event.

**Resolution #087-2023- Authorize Hispanic Heritage Kick-off Event**

**Authorizing Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-off Collaborative Event**

**WHEREAS**, MainStreet Hammonton, Hammonton Health Coalition, Allies in Caring, South Jersey Family Medical Center, Stockton University Kramer Hall & Noyes Museum at Stockton have and continue to promote the Town of Hammonton with scheduled events in the downtown business district, and help under-served individuals with emotional and behavioral problems move toward recovery through culturally affirmative and linguistically appropriate services, including counseling, education, and community support;

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council have and continue to support the efforts of MainStreet Hammonton and Hammonton Health Coalition by continuing support in raising the flags for 21 days from September 15th through October 6th;

**WHEREAS**, Thursday, September 15, 2023 is the scheduled date for the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month, which will be celebrated with a multicultural street festival on South 2nd Street. During this celebration, we are creating an atmosphere of inclusion and culture sharing with our community to offer traditions, history, art and different cultures from all areas of Central and South America. Will also be sharing the work and history of Allies in Caring.

**WHEREAS**, Main Street Hammonton and event partners have requested the following street closures for this event between the hours of 3:00 pm. to 9:00 p.m. to parking and traffic: S. 2nd from Bellevue Avenue to Vine Street; and

**WHEREAS**, Main Street Hammonton has requested appropriate Police Parking Control signs to be posted noting NO PARKING AFTER 1:00 pm.; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the September 15, 2023 Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-off event including the above requests for street closures, and posting of "NO PARKING" signs are acknowledged, approved and endorsed.

**Resolution #088-2023- Authorize Tree Lighting Ceremony**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING  
MAINSTREET HAMMONTON TOWN TREE LIGHTING EVENT WITH ROAD CLOSURE**

**WHEREAS**, Saturday, December 2nd (rain date, Sunday Dec 3rd) is the scheduled date for the MainStreet Hammonton Town Tree Lighting Event from 6 pm- 9pm. at the intersection of Bellevue and Central and we request the road closure of Central Avenue between Bellevue and Vine from 9am-10 pm; and

**WHEREAS**, Saturday, December 2nd, has been scheduled as the date for the MainStreet Hammonton carriage rides from 6:00 to 9:00 pm with the request of permitting the carriage route to begin at 310 Bellevue Ave. parking lot, and to then turn right onto Vine St. and follow the below route:

**Carriage Route:**

Rides will begin in 310 Bellevue Avenue parking lot  
Proceed through parking lot and turn right onto Vine Street  
Proceed down Vine Street and turn right onto 3rd Street.  
Proceed down 3rd Street and turn right onto Bellevue Avenue, then right to return to 310 Bellevue.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the MainStreet Hammonton Town Tree Lighting Event and Carriage Ride Event is acknowledged and endorsed with road closures, no parking, and police assistance contingent upon contacting Police Chief and Public Works Manager 2 months prior to event;

**Resolution #089-2023 – Authorize Sale of Surplus Property**

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

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

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

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

1. The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through GovDeals pursuant to State Contract A-70967 / T2581 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals are available online at govdeals.com.

2. The sale will be conducted online over a period of time to be set in the legal advertisement and the address of the auction site is govdeals.com.
3. The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9.
4. Below is a list of surplus property to be sold:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Make/Model</b>	<b>Serial Number</b>
2002	Ford Excursion	1FMNU 41S7Y EE350 13
1997	Dodge Power Wagon	W41CJ 7S12o 292
Lights	500W 120v lights with Twist Lock Plugs	N/A
Partner Saw	12" Saw	N/A
Various	Hurst Tools	N/A

**Resolution #090-2023- Approval of Amusement Games for Mt. Carmel Festival**

**Amusement Games for Mt Carmel Festival**

**WHEREAS**, the individual(s) designated hereunder applied for a license for Amusement Games for The stipulated period set forth in said application; and

**WHEREAS**, the police have conducted the necessary investigation and approved issuance of license(s); and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton have found that the application is in order and that the proper fees have been duly paid to the Town of Hammonton.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, that the following license(s) are issued to the individual(s) designated herein to operate the specific amusement game set forth herein and the issuance of said license be and the same are hereby approved for the individual and Amusement Game as hereinafter designated contingent upon police background check:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>	<b><u>Town Fee</u></b>	<b><u>Game</u></b>
James Synder	Allentown, PA	\$50.00	Bottle Up
		\$50.00	Water Game
		\$100.00	Break a Bottle
		\$50.00	Mini Basketball
		\$50.00	Balloon
Richard Collins	Florence, SC	\$50.00	Hangman
		\$50.00	Balloon #1
		\$50.00	Water Game
		\$50.00	Balloon #2
		\$50.00	Balloon #3
		\$50.00	Ring a Bottle
		\$50.00	Basketball

		\$50.00	Cork Gun
David Stukart	Wesley Chapel, FL	\$50.00	Block Buster
		\$50.00	Basketball
Dale Bush	Kershaw, SC	\$50.00	Water Game
		\$50.00	Balloons

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council approve additions to this resolution up to the week of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Event contingent upon police background investigation and authorization.

**Resolution # 091-2023- Authorize Issuance of a duplicate Tax Sale Certificate**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A  
DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO  
CHAPTER 99 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1997**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector of this municipality has previously issued tax sale certificates, as set out on the municipal tax map.

**WHEREAS**, the purchaser of the aforesaid tax sale certificate has indicated to the tax collector that they have lost or otherwise misplaced the original tax sale certificate and have duly filed the appropriate Affidavit of Loss with the Tax Collector, a copy of which is attached hereto.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Mayor and Governing Body of the Municipality of Hammonton that the Tax collector of the municipality be and is hereby authorized, upon receipt of the appropriately executed and notarized Loss Affidavit and the payment of a fee of \$100.00 per certificate, to issue and appropriate duplicate tax sale certificate to the said purchaser covering the certificate lost as previously described all in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 99 of Public Laws of 1997.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution and the Loss Affidavit be attached to the duplicate certificate to be issued to said purchaser and that said duplicate certificate shall be stamped or otherwise have imprinted upon it the word "Duplicate" as required by law.

**Resolution #092-2023 – Approval to waive Business Registration Fees for 2023**

**A Resolution Waving the Business Registration Fees for the Year 2023**

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, due to COVID19 and the closing of local business for an extended period, per executive orders enacted by the Governor of the State of New Jersey, hereby waive all business registration fees the year 2023 only: and

**FURTHERMORE**, all businesses are still obligated to complete the application without the designated fee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton that the Business Registration fees for the period of August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024 are waived.

**Resolution #093-2023- Establishing a fee for Tax Sale Notices**

**Resolution establishing the fee for the mailing of tax notices**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54:5-26 permits that notwithstanding anything to the contrary, when holding a tax sale, in lieu of any two publications, notice the property owner and to any person or entity entitled to notice of foreclosure pursuant to section 20 of P.L.1948, c.96 (C. 54:5-104.48) may be given by regular or certified mail, the costs of which shall be added to the cost of sale in addition to those provided in R.S.54:5-38, not to exceed \$25 for each notice for a particular property;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey that in the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to charge \$25.00 for the mailing of the first tax sale notice for a particular property.

**Resolution #094-2023- Authorize 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>
2001/1.02	Helliwell, Charles	619 Anderson Ave	\$1,133.59	100 % tax exempt veteran
2905/11	Cline, Jennifer	30 Pressey St	\$1,552.11	assessment appeal refund

**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 #095-2023 – Approval to submit Grant Application to US DOT for Bellevue Ave Corridor**

**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BELLEVUE AVENUE CORRIDOR**

**SCHEDULE I: RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the United States Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT), Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Opportunity for an amount not to exceed \$22 million for a street infrastructure improvement project;

**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 U.S. DOT may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the U.S. DOT, 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 Township of Berlin and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and,
- 3) further recognizes and accepts that the U.S. DOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Opportunity requires at least a 20% contribution of matching funds and is prepared to provide an amount not to exceed \$7,700,000.00 in fulfillment of this requirement.

**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 #096-2023 – Adopt US DOT Zero Roadway Deaths Initiative**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S (US DOT) “TOWARD ZERO DEATHS” INITIATIVE OF ZERO ROADWAY FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES AND TO ADOPT THE TOWN’S REVISED BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MASTER PLAN**

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Hammonton intends to adopt a goal of zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries, known as “Vision Zero” or “Toward Zero Deaths” by 2050 for the Town; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Hammonton Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan has been developed by committee to support the goal of zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries, originally adopted in 2021 and amended in 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Hammonton Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan has been further amended in 2023.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Hammonton hereby adopts the “Toward Zero Deaths” initiative and commits to develop the tools to help strengthen the community’s approach to roadway safety and save lives; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town of Hammonton does adopt and commit to the goal of zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries in the Town by 2050; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town of Hammonton hereby adopts the Town of Hammonton Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and correlating supportive planning documents, including all revisions made in 2022 and 2023.

**Resolution #097-2023 – Approval Grant Application NJ DOT 13<sup>th</sup> Street**

**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY2024 13<sup>th</sup> STREET ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**



**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton is desirous of requesting additional funding consideration from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation (hereinafter "NJDOT") under the Transportation Trust Fund (FY2024 Municipal Aid Program) for the 13TH Street Roadway Improvements project within the Town of Hammonton; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of same, it is necessary for the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton to authorize the Mayor to execute said application to allow the Town to be eligible for the New Jersey Department of Transportation Trust Fund (FY2024 Municipal Aid Program) for the 13th Street Roadway Improvements project; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the attached application with the NJDOT Transportation Trust Fund (FY2024 Municipal Aid Program) for services associated with the project entitled 13th Street Roadway Improvements project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton that the Town Engineer is hereby authorized to provide all required reports, narratives, estimates and maps required for the NJDOT Transportation Trust Fund (FY2024 Municipal Aid Program).

**Resolution #098- 2023- Approval Grant Application NJ DOT Egg Harbor Road**

**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY2024 EGG HARBOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton is desirous of requesting additional funding consideration from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation (hereinafter "NJDOT") under the Transportation Trust Fund (FY2024 Municipal Aid Program) for the Egg Harbor Road Improvements project within the Town of Hammonton; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of same, it is necessary for the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton to authorize the Mayor to execute said application to allow the Town to be eligible for the New Jersey Department of Transportation Trust Fund (FY2024 Municipal Aid Program) for the Egg Harbor Road Improvements project; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the attached application with the NJDOT Transportation Trust Fund (FY2024 Municipal Aid Program) for services associated with the project entitled Egg Harbor Road Improvements project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton that the Town Engineer is hereby authorized to provide all required reports, narratives, estimates and maps required for the NJDOT Transportation Trust Fund (FY2024 Municipal Aid Program).

**Resolution #099- 2023 Approval Grant Application NJ DOT Egg Harbor Road**

**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY2024 OLD FORKS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 3 PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton is desirous of requesting additional funding consideration from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation (hereinafter "NJDOT") under the Transportation Trust Fund (FY2024 Municipal Aid Program) for the Old Forks Road Improvements Phase 3 project within the Town of Hammonton; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of same, it is necessary for the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton to authorize the Mayor to execute said application to allow the Town to be eligible for the New Jersey Department of Transportation Trust Fund (FY2024 Municipal Aid Program) for the Old Forks Road Improvements Phase 3 project;  
and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the attached application with the NJDOT Transportation Trust Fund (FY2024 Municipal Aid Program) for services associated with the project entitled Old Forks Road Improvements Phase 3 project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton that the Town Engineer is hereby authorized to provide all required reports, narratives, estimates and maps required for the NJDOT Transportation Trust Fund (FY2024 Municipal Aid Program).

**PUBLIC HEARD**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**