## Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council January 22, 2024 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 –

Marino -

Oliva-

R. Rodio-

S. Rodio -

Mayor DiDonato -

#### Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

#### PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor Bob Vettese, Public Works Manager

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #024-2024**

#### RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

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Mayor DiDonato -

#### Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

#### **PRESENT ALSO**

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor 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 December 18, 2023 Executive Minutes December 18, 2023 Reorganization Meeting January 4, 2024 Special Meeting January 9, 2024

#### **PRESENTATION**

Chief Kevin Friel

#### **DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### Public Hearing of Ordinance #001-2024- Amending Redevelopment Plan

# AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Findings. The Mayor and Council for the Town of Hammonton hereby make the following findings:

- A. The Town of Hammonton adopted a Redevelopment Plan in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7 on March 22, 2004. The Redevelopment Plan constituted an overlay zoning district within the redevelopment area as described by N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7.
- B. The Redevelopment Plan consisted of both a Strategic Redevelopment and Smart Growth Plan and a Redevelopment Area Analysis and Redevelopment Area Plan.
- C. Section IX of the Town of Hammonton Strategic Redevelopment and Smart Growth Plan recommended, in order to revitalize and redevelop Hammonton into an economically vibrant and dynamic community, the establishment of a critical mass of high quality residential in direct proximity with retail and public use in the downtown area. Section IX further recommends that the Mixed Use (MD) Zoning District permit moderate density residential uses directly around the existing downtown area to encourage and support downtown activity.
- D. Section XII of the Redevelopment Area Plan provides that the standards established in the Redevelopment Plan in reference to permitted uses, bulk regulations and other standards applicable to designated redevelopment areas, of the Redevelopment Plan may be modified or changed by the Planning Board at the time of site plan review and approval or by formal amendment to the Redevelopment Plan in accordance with law.
- E. Section VI, Figure 3 of the Redevelopment Plan sets forth the permitted uses, bulk regulations and other standards applicable to designated redevelopment areas.
- F. The Town of Hammonton adopted Ordinance 24-2011 on November 28, 2011 to amend the Redevelopment Plan to permit single family attached dwelling units in redevelopment areas B and C in order to implement a Settlement Agreement between the Town of Hammonton, Town of Hammonton Planning Board and National Institute for Brownfields Development ('NIBR, LLC') in the matter NIBR LLC v. Town of Hammonton, et al, Docket Number ATL-L-7378-06.
- G. The Town of Hammonton entered into a Redevelopment Agreement with West End Development Associates, LLC on June 15, 2023 for the proposed development of up to 65 town homes on noncontiguous parcels located in Redevelopment Areas B and C.
- H. The Town of Hammonton seeks to amend Ordinance 24-2011 to clarify the total number of new single family attached dwelling units permitted in redevelopment areas B and C.

**Section 2.** Section VI, Figure 3 of the Redevelopment Area Plan of the Town of Hammonton is amended to provide the following at the end of Figure 3 on Page 18:

- I. In addition to the permitted uses, bulk regulations and other standards set forth above in redevelopment areas B and C, the following additional use shall be permitted within redevelopment areas B and C:
  - A. Single family attached dwelling units, but only if public sewage and water are available at the site and subject to the following bulk regulations:
    - 1. Minimum project area within redevelopment areas B and C shall be 5 acres.
    - 2. Minimum front yard setback of 20 feet.
    - 3. Minimum secondary front yard setback of 15 feet.
    - 4. Minimum side yard setback of 15 feet.
    - 5. Minimum rear yard setback of 20 feet.
    - 6. Maximum coverage 60%.
    - 7. Maximum height 35 feet.
    - 8. The maximum number of new single family attached dwelling units permitted within redevelopment areas B and C shall be 65 units.
    - 9. The single family attached development shall reflect superior features of design and layout and shall conform to the following building design criteria:
      - Each structure shall contain not more than eight single family attached units, and in no case shall any structure exceed 175 feet in length. However, an exception may be made to permit no more than two of the structures to contain up to twelve single family units, at a maximum length of 290 feet, if at least five of the remaining structures contain fewer than eight single family attached units and the entire project complies with the maximum density allowed under this section.
      - b. The following minimum building spacing shall be maintained for all structures:
        - (1) End-wall to End-wall separation shall be maintained at a minimum distance of 30 feet.
    - B. Definitions.
      - Secondary Front Yard on any lot having frontage on more than one street, the
        orientation of the front or main door(s) of the principal structure, shall establish a
        primary front yard and all other front yards shall be considered secondary front
        yards.

**Section 3**. In accordance with the Redevelopment Plan, this Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan shall constitute an overlay zoning district within the redevelopment area as described by N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7.

**Section 4.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

**Section 5.** If any section, sentence, or other part of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, that judgment shall not effect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance, but shall be limited in its effect to the specific section, sentence or other part of this Ordinance directly involved in the controversy in which the judgment shall have been rendered.

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

The Contractor has completed the construction of the project, including final paving. A punch list will be prepared and addressed. The Contractor has submitted Change Order 3 in the amount of \$55,739.17, which includes as-built quantities to date that exceeded estimated quantities. The Contractor has submitted Application for Payment #7, in the amount of \$78,301.89. We have reviewed and submitted to the Business Administrator for payment. Final quantities and change orders will be evaluated and submitted for the March council meeting.

#### **Action Item:**

Approve Change Order #3 in the amount of \$19,373.69 for additional quantities to date.

#### 2. 2021/2022 Water Capital Projects (ARH #11-30167): In Progress

For the Route 54 Water Main Replacement Project, our office has completed the field work and base maps and have prepared the legal descriptions and exhibits. Our office has revised the plans and specifications for the relocation of the water main. ARH was requested to provide a proposal to perform the administrative tasks to obtain the property owner signatures for the easements needed along Route 54 and Chew Road. Once the documents are signed, we can prepare the project for bidding.

#### **Action Item:**

Approve ARH proposal for the amount not to exceed \$3,000 to procure the required legal description signatures.

#### 3. Lakeview Gardens Water Testing (P2023.0104)

In Progress

ARH was requested to provide a proposal for administrative services related to the well testing within the Lakeview Gardens section of Town. The scope of services includes contacting each resident, providing information as necessary, and coordinating with the property owner and Town to schedule and obtain well tests to determine the limits of the contamination.

#### **Action Item:**

Approve ARH proposal for the amount not to exceed \$3,000 to perform the required administrative services.

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

In Progress

Our office received bids for the demolition of the former Mazza Muffler building. The low bidder was Winzinger, with a bid price of \$88,000. The grant funds received by the Town will cover the cost of this demolition project. We have submitted our recommendation to award the contract.

#### Action Item:

Award a contract to Winzinger in the amount of \$88,000 for the demolition of the former Mazza Muffler building.

#### 5. NJDOT FY2023 Municipal Aid: Old Forks Road Phase 2(ARH #11-40061): In Progress

The Town received \$287,000 for the next phase of the Old Forks Road project. In order to continue the project, our office has submitted a proposal to perform the design of an additional 2,000± linear feet of road. The intent would be to combine phases 1 and 2 into one bid package.

#### **Action Item:**

Approve ARH proposal in the amount of \$13,500 for design services for the Old Forks Road Phase 2 project.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION ITEMS:**

#### Roadway & Transportation Projects:

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

The Contractor has completed the construction of the project, including final paving. A punch list has been prepared and is being completed. Final quantities and change orders will be evaluated and submitted for the March council meeting.

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

Our office is preparing the construction plans for the Old Forks Road project. We have had discussions with the Atlantic County Engineer regarding our proposed utility work as it relates to their project at the intersection with Third Street. We are awaiting a cost proposal and coordination information from the County Engineer prior to finalizing the

#### 8. <u>Hammonton Bike Path Connector – Phase II (ARH #11-40052.07):</u> In Progress

Our office is preparing the construction plans for the Bike Path project. The next step will be to submit the project to the Pinelands for public development approval. We are currently scheduling the additional soil testing needed for the stormwater management design along Egg Harbor Road. We have also met with Mr. Vettese to discuss the design progression and the location of the proposed improvements.

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

Our office has completed the preliminary design of the 11th Street Sidewalk project. This project will need to be submitted to the NJDOT for approval and authorization to bid. We have modified the design as necessary to accommodate an additional phase of this project. We will review with Mr. Vettese prior to the completion of the plans and specifications.

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

Our office was authorized to redesign a parking lot for the Vine Street property adjacent to the Town Hall building. The design has been started. We are performing some as-built surveying of the recently constructed Vine Street storm sewer and sidewalk in order to complete the design. Once complete, we will meet with Mr. Vettese for review.

#### **Environmental Projects:**

#### 11. Octagon Oil/Vine Street Parking Lot (ARH #11-01060): In Progress

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 at this time.

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

The Town has been notified that they have received a grant from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund for the remedial investigation of the Skinner property. Our office is preparing a scope of work for this project and will review with the Town.

#### 13. Celona Site Remediation - 130 Railroad Avenue (ARH #11-01054):

Complete

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

#### **SEWER/WATER INFORMATION ITEMS:**

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

In Progress

The NJDEP WQAA Capital Improvement Plan has been completed and submitted. The draft Asset Management Plan has been submitted to the Municipal Utilities Superintendent for review. We are awaiting additional information to complete the water audit. We have also completed and submitted the Lead Service Line Identification and Replacement Plan.

#### 15. Boyer Avenue Pump Station (ARH #11-50058):

In progress

We have made the final changes to the plans and specifications and met with Mr. DeCicco to review the scope of work and the construction cost estimate. We have provided Mr. DeCicco with a final bill of materials so he can procure cost estimates for the items.

#### **GENERAL SITE AND RECREATION INFORMATION ITEMS:**

#### 16. Lake Park ADA Playground/Small Cities (ARH #11-01100):

Complete

The project is complete. We note that the total amount expended by the Town for the construction of this project is \$376,543.37, which is \$23,456.63 less than the \$400,000.00 grant the Town received. Our office is working with the Recreation Department to explore options to expend the remaining funds. Our office has received the maintenance bond from the Contractor.

SOLICITOR REPORT
MAYOR REPORT
PWM REPORT

#### **TOWN CLERK REPORT**

1) Green Acres Grant

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

**NEW BUSINESS** 

**Introduction of Bond Ordinances** 

#### RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #025-2024- Approval of Mt Carmel Festival

### AUTHORIZE THE "FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL" PROCESSION, CARNIVAL & FIREWORKS

**WHEREAS**, July 14<sup>th</sup> through July 20<sup>th</sup> is the scheduled date for the Lady of Mt. Carmel carnival and events in the Town of Hammonton; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mt. Carmel Society has requested assistance of the Town of Hammonton Police Department and the closing of Tilton Street aka "Mt. Carmel Lane" (between French and Pratt) and Third Street (between Pratt and Pleasant) during the week of the carnival; and

**WHEREAS**, July 16<sup>th</sup> is the scheduled date for processions, (times may vary at discretion of Hammonton Police Chief) and the Mt. Carmel Society requests police patrol and road closures of the following streets and times:

#### 8:00 a.m. procession

From Place of Origin on Third Street to intersection of Third Street and Fairview Avenue
Continue on Fairview Ave to Egg Harbor Road to intersection of Egg Harbor Road and Bellevue Ave
Continue to Intersection of Bellevue Avenue and Third Street
Continue on Third Street to its conclusion at point of origin

#### 4:00 p.m. procession

From St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church west (N. Third Street to Fairview Avenue) Continue south on Fairview Avenue to N. Egg Harbor Road Continue east on N. Egg Harbor Road to Bellevue Avenue (Route 54) Continue north on Bellevue Avenue to N. Third Street Conclude west on N. Third Street and conclude procession at place of origin

WHEREAS, July 16th is the scheduled date for fireworks event, there will be no rain date

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON that the Lady of Mt. Carmel carnival, procession and fireworks are approved along with police traffic patrol and trash cleanup contingent upon the following:

- 1. Filing of necessary insurance certificate by Mt. Carmel Society.
- 2. Filing of required State and County road closure approvals with the Town Clerk's office.
- 3. Contacting Police Chief and Public Works Manager 2 months prior to event.

#### Resolution #026-2024- Approval of Payment for Economic Development (Eagle Theater)

#### A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the Town of Hammonton recognizes that the Atlantic County economy has and will continue to be negatively impacted by the closure of several Atlantic City casinos; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body believes that, in order to sustain Hammonton's positive revitalization efforts, a coordinated economic development plan shall be necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, some of the residential, commercial and industrial properties in Hammonton have experienced a physical deterioration as a result of the inability of their owners to properly maintain same; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey permits implementation of a residential rehabilitation and commercial rehabilitation and new construction incentive programs in the form of a tax abatement program; and

**WHEREAS**, much of the Town's downtown revitalization can be attributed to the exponential growth of its arts community; and

WHEREAS, the governing body desires to capitalize and expand upon those successes and, as permitted by New Jersey Law (*N.J.S.A. 40:48-1(30)*), fund a local arts entity with a broad geographic reach to advertise to the Delaware Valley and the entire State of New Jersey Hammonton's advantages including its open space, its geographic proximity to Philadelphia, Atlantic City and New York City and all points in between, its favorable tax structure, its thriving downtown and its traditional focus on family and education including its public and parochial schools and its affiliation with Stockton University, all of which have served as economic drivers.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Mayor and Council authorize approval of a Resolution authorizing funding via a professional services contract in the amount of \$40,000.00 of a broad-based advertising program through the vehicle of a non-profit 501-C3 arts entity focused on attracting visitors to Hammonton and in turn stimulating economic growth and attracting new residents and businesses to build upon the successes of the last decade and N.J.S. 40:48-1(30); and

#### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the amount will be paid as follows:

\$40,000 in January 2024.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the authorization of payment is for the year 2024.

#### Resolution #027-2024- Approve 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

Block / Lot	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
502/6	Vaccarella, Anthony	911 10 <sup>tth</sup> St.	\$3,090.38	cancel per appeal 4th qtr added
502/6	Vaccarella, Ant holly	911 10 <sup>th</sup> St.	\$4,635.57	cancel 1st & 2nd added appeal
4402/25.01	63 Pine Rd Co.	63 Pine Rd.	\$1,186.02	cancel per appeal 4th qtr added
3904/40	White Horse HMT Condo	308 S White Horse Pike \$	3114,200.12 a	appeal/pilot program 2023 added
3904/40	White Horse HMT Condo	308 S White Horse Pike	\$128,228.5	9 pilot program/2024 taxes
3501/1	Battiste, Corie	707 Bellevue Ave	\$860.74	Refund/Overpayment taxes
2301/40	Myers, Herbert E Estate	394 N White Horse Pk	\$193.75	Refund/Overpayment utility

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

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

#### Resolution #028-2024- Authorizing Scott Rivera to spray lake

## A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON AUTHORIZING SCOTT RIVERA, TO PERFORM AQUATIC PESTICIDE APPLICATION TO HAMMONTON LAKE AND OTHER NECESSARY WATERS LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON

**Whereas**, the Hammonton Lake and other waters located in the Town of Hammonton are in need of Aquatic Pesticide Application; and

**Whereas**, the Mayor and Council have deemed it to be in the best financial interest of the Town to authorize Scott Rivera, to perform the Aquatic Pesticide Application; and

Whereas, Scott Rivera has completed necessary courses to be certified to apply the application; and

Now, Therefore, Be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton as follows:

- 1. That Scott Rivera, is authorized to perform Aquatic Pesticide Application to Hammonton Lake and other necessary waters located in the Town of Hammonton.
- 2. That the Town of Hammonton Insures, Indemnifies and Holds Harmless Scott Rivera during the application processes.

#### Resolution #029-2024- Approval of Escrow Refunds

### A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON AUTHORIZING ESCROW REFUNDS

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

J.T.S. Custom Builders	\$ 1196.25	Refund Escrow
Arawak Paving Co.	\$ 43.25	Refund Escrow
Christopher Kidd & Assoc.	\$ 968.75	Refund Escrow

#### Resolution #030-2024- Approval Liquor License Transfer

#### **Transfer of Liquor License Person to Person**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been filed for a person to person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License #0113-33-007-003:

**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 Consumption License owned by Filomena Boccella 15 N. Egg

Harbor Road Hammonton, NJ 08037, trading as The Old Central to 15 N. Egg Harbor Road LLC, 42 Harbor Drive 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 15 N. Egg Harbor Road LLC, or its assignee, licensed location at 15 N. Egg Harbor Road Street, Hammonton, NJ 08037.

#### Resolution #031-2024 – Approval Grant application Green Acres program

## Atlantic County, New Jersey RESOLUTION AUTHORISING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GREEN ACRES PROGRAM - PARK DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSET DEPARTMENT OF ENVIORMENTAL PROTECTION

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), provides grants and/or loans to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition, development, and stewardship of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, Town of Hammonton desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$1,000,000, in the form of a \$250,000 matching grant and, if available, a \$750,000 loan, from the State to fund the following project(s): 11th Street Complex – Skating Rink Infrastructure Improvements and Development at a cost of \$1,000,000;

**WHEREAS**, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations, and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named project;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the governing body/board resolves that:

- 1. Stephen DiDonato or the successor to the office of Mayor is hereby authorized to:
- a. make application for such a loan and/or such a grant,
- b. provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
- c. act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant;
- 2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding request, if a match is required, in the amount of \$750,000;
- 3. In the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
- 4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
- 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution #032-2024- Approval of Application to USDA Community Facilities Loan

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON

#### APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE-RURAL DEVELOPMENT (USDA-RD), FOR FUNDING UNDER THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES (CF) LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton desires to file an application with the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA RD) agency's Community Facilities (CF) Loan and Grant Program; and,

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA-RD) funding under the Community Facilities (CF) Loan and Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$240,000, assists with the purchase of Four (4) Police Vehicles for use by the Hammonton Police Department; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton has determined that these police vehicles are necessary to help ensure community safety and protection; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that filing an application for grant funding for the purchase of Four (4) police vehicles deemed necessary by the Town for use by the Hammonton Police Department is hereby in all respects approved; and be it further resolved that the Mayor or his designee and the Clerk of the Town of Hammonton are hereby authorized to execute all documents associated with the Application for USDA Rural Development funding under the Community Facilities (CP) Loan and Grant Program.

#### **Resolution #033-2024- Transfer Resolution**

#### 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 2023 Budget appropriations reserves:

#### **CURRENT FUND**

From: Operating Expense \$20,000.00

To: Legal - Operating Expense \$20,000.00

#### **PUBLIC HEARD**

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED**