

**Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council February 26, 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 - Present  
Gribbin – Present  
Marino -Present  
Oliva- Present  
R. Rodio-Present  
S. Rodio – Present  
Mayor DiDonato - Present

**PRESENT ALSO**

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor  
Bob Vettese, Public Works Manager  
Bill Oilivo- Planning /Zoning Board Chairman **left close at 6:40**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #034-2024**

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Marino  
Enter into Executive Session

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Rodio  
Close Executive Session

**RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL**

Councilperson:  
Furgione - Present  
Gribbin – Present  
Marino -Present  
Oliva- Present  
Renee Rodio-Present  
Sam Rodio – Present  
Mayor DiDonato - Present

**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**

- **Angela Donio 101 Tilton Street**- Spoke about the ordinance on the agenda to dissolve to Lake Water Quality Committee. She is against this and feels that this committee is very important to the lake. Also asked Councilman Rodio about re-inventing the wheel with regards to the lake.
- **Dan Bachalis 115 Bachelor Lane**- Does not agree with dissolving the Lake Water Quality Committee. The reasons for getting rid of the committee are not true. They have a quorum at every meeting. He spoke in detail about the issues and explained why council should keep the committee.
- **Amy Menzel 408 12<sup>th</sup> Street**- Would like to see council keep the Lake Water Quality Committee. There are volunteers on the committee and it is important to keep our volunteers helping the Town.
- **Victor Rovani 135 Birch Drive** – Spoke about the Wharton State Forest regarding road closures they are proposing. The use of these trails is very important for the individuals that go out there to enjoy the park. They shouldn't punish the few for the ones that mistreat and litter in the park.
- **Robin Ripa 242 Park Ave**- Resolution \$042-2024 regarding in the Wharton State Forest closing of trails is no fair. They want to close over 300 miles of roadways. This is not fair to the residents that use this for recreation purposes. Please support this resolution.
- **Mark Pyontek 585 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street**- Supports resolution #042-2024 on the agenda. Residents that do use these roads clean them and pickup trash. Don't punish the people that care and this park. He also stated that the bladder wart is the worst he has ever seen.
- **Debbie Shane 500 South 3<sup>rd</sup>**- Wanted to know what is happening with the Homeless in Town. It is an issue that needs to be dealt with.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Minutes January 22, 2024

Executive Minutes January 22, 2024

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva

Minutes are approved

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino –Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**PRESENTATION**

- Retirement of Judge Frank Raso - Given by Deputy Mayor. Judge thanked all the people he has working with in the past and his family.
- Rutgers Cooperative Water Resource Program / NJDEP- Chris Obropta from Rutgers gave a presentation in detail of the Hammonton Creek and the Total Maximum Daily Load to improve the water quality of the Hammonton Creek. A long discussion ensued between council and Mr. Obropta regarding the process and the issue with the water quality.

**DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Appointments:**

**MAYOR’S AD-HOC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS for 2024**

**Great Egg Harbor Watershed Assoc.**

John Keenan

**Historical Commission**

Rick Alverio – Alternate 2 year Term

**Mayor's Appointments**

Planning/Zoning Board Alternate II

**Term**

2 year

**Appointee**

Phillip Barbagallo

**Public Hearing of Ordinance #002-2024- Amend Chapter 6 Article VII**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6; ARTICLE VII OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON**

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

**Chapter 6, Article VII, Sections 6-43 through Sections 6-51 are repealed.**

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

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

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

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second Oliva  
Ordinance is open for public comment

Councilman Oliva spoke about the comments that were made earlier in the meeting. We will still use science and volunteers. Moving this to the recreation committee will make sure that there are sufficient members attending the meeting. The lake water quality had issue with having attendance and a quorum at times. Only 4 members made 75% of the meeting. This is an issue and this will not occur moving forward.

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second S. Rodio  
Ordinance was heard for public hearing and is adopted and approved for final advertisement

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – No

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- No

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - No

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**Public Hearing of Ordinance #003 – 2024- Amend Chapter 6, Article II**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6; ARTICLE II OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON**

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

**Chapter 6, Article II, Section 6-6(A) is amended to read as follows:**

- A. The Board of Park Commissioners shall be composed of two members of the Council and seven residents, all to be appointed by the Council upon the nomination of the Mayor. The two members of the Board appointed from Council shall hold office for one year. The seven resident members shall serve terms of two years with four of the members terms expiring in one year and the remaining three members terms expiring in the alternate year. Vacancies in the board occurring by resignation or otherwise shall be filled for the unexpired term only.

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

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

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

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second Oliva  
Ordinance is open for public comment

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second S. Rodio  
Ordinance was heard for public hearing and is adopted and approved for final advertisement

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:  
Furgione - Yes  
Gribbin – Yes  
Marino -Yes  
Oliva- Yes  
R. Rodio- Yes  
S. Rodio – Yes  
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**Public Hearing of Ordinance #004-2024** – Amending chapter 173 of Town of Hammonton ordinances.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 175 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON**

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

**Chapter 175, Section 175-87(F), Subsections (1) through (4) are amended to read as follows:**

- (1) FA, AP, AP/CLI, and RR Zoning Districts – 3% of the Lot Area or 1,500 Square Feet, whichever is less;
- (2) R3 Zoning District – 3% of the Lot Area or 1,000 Square Feet, whichever is less;
- (3) R1 and R2 Zoning Districts – 4% of the Lot Area or 700 Square Feet, whichever is less; and
- (4) For purposes of calculating the percentage of Lot Area for any undersized lot in any of the above Zoning Districts, the Lot Area shall automatically be deemed to be the minimum Lot Area [i.e. If a lot in the R1 or R2 Zoning District was 6,250 SF, the allowable accessory structure area would be 4% of 12,500 SF (minimum lot area of R1 & R2 zoning district for single family dwelling), which equals 500 SF, the allowable accessory structure area **would not be calculated based** on 4% of 6,250 SF].

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

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

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

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced in and passed the first reading at a meeting of Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey held on January 22, 2024, and said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing to be held at the Municipal Building located at 100 Central Avenue, Hammonton, NJ 08037, on February 26, 2024, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second R. Rodio  
Ordinance is open for public comment

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second S. Rodio  
Ordinance was heard for public hearing and is adopted and approved for final advertisement

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:  
Furgione - No  
Gribbin – Yes  
Marino -Yes  
Oliva- Yes  
R. Rodio- Yes  
S. Rodio – Yes  
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administration - Councilman Gribbin**

- Gave update on municipal courts and thanked Judge Raso for his services

**Business & Industry – Councilman Oliva**

- The Mainstreet Gala will be on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to Mica MuCullough

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second Marino

Approval of PO to ARH in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Three 3's development. Three 3's to pay balance of work to ARH

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**Quality of Life – Councilwoman R. Rodio**

- Town wide cleanup will be May 4<sup>th</sup>
- Historical preservation committee will be planting trees at Oak Grove Cemetery for Arbor Day.

**Education – Councilman Marino**

- No action items
- The Hammonton Field Hockey team won the championship congratulations

**Public Works & Transportation Councilman Sam Rodio**

- No action items
- Thanked the Highway Dept for the work they did with the snow removal

**Law & Order – Councilman Rodio (Given by Chief Friel)**

- Medication collection was last week
- We are apply for funding for a pedestrian enforcement grant
- Distracted driving campaign will start in the coming months
- LEAD program is 50% complete

**Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione**

- Updated Turf field, replacement field will be installed in March

- Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Marino

4<sup>th</sup> Street water tower approval of PO in the amount of \$24,500 to Garrison Enterprises for Water Storage tank for painting of tank

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Oliva

Approval of PO in the amount of \$3,600.00 for Fencing around Water Tank During painting to AB Fence

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Oliva

Approvals to issue Purchase order in the amount of \$125,000 to Municipal Maint Co, they are a member of the Cooperative the Town is a member of. This is for the centrifuge electrical work installation.

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**Resolution #051-2024- Change order Approval Dynamic Sandblasting**

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1  
Dynamic Sandblasting  
4<sup>th</sup> Street Water Tank Painting Project**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey authorized a contract to Dynamic Sand Blasting on November 1, 2023 in the amount of \$1,737,000.00 for the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Water Tank Painting Project; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that additional work was needed; and

**WHEREAS**, the change order reflects an increase to the contract in the amount of \$2,500.00; 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 \$2,500.00.

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Marino

**Change order for Water Tank Painting**

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:  
Furgione - Yes  
Gribbin – Yes  
Marino -Yes  
Oliva- Yes  
R. Rodio- Yes  
S. Rodio – Yes  
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**ENGINEER REPORT**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**No Action Items for February**

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva

Approval of Tax foreclosure for Sal Jacobs for Lot 19 blocks 3504. Solicitor to draft escrow agreement and send to Mr. Jacobs.

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:  
Furgione - Yes  
Gribbin – Yes  
Marino -Yes  
Oliva- Yes  
R. Rodio- Yes  
S. Rodio – Yes  
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second R.Rodio

**Approval of an agreement with Buena Vista for Code Enforcement services. This will be for 7.5 hours per week for \$15,600.00 per year. Contract will be for 2 years.**

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:  
Furgione - Yes  
Gribbin – Yes  
Marino -Yes  
Oliva- Yes



R. Rodio- Yes  
S. Rodio – Yes  
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**MAYOR REPORT**

- No action items

**PWM REPORT**

**4<sup>th</sup> Street Water Tank Painting**

The contractor, Dynamic Sandblasting and Painting LLC, has started the work at the site. The tank has been drained. The scaffolding is up and sand blasting and painting will follow. The work must be completed, and the tank placed back online by May 31<sup>st</sup>. ARH has indicated they are soliciting bids for the temporary water storage tank placement.

**Rt. #54 Resurfacing by NJDOT**

The Town has been in discussion with the NJDOT representatives, and their design consultants, related to items of concern that need to be discussed and addressed prior to final design of the project.

**Blk 3701, Lot 1, 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Egg Harbor Road Triangle**

The (Hansen Foundation) owner of the above noted has indicated their desire to sell the above noted parcel to the Town for the assessed value of \$5,600. The Mayor and Council have authorized the solicitor to proceed with the work required to perfect the property acquisition. The solicitor is also working on the foreclosure for the 2<sup>nd</sup> property within this location.

**Myrtle Street Improvement Rt. #206 to Pine Road +/-**

We have prepared the contracts for the base bid award price of \$192,900. The contracts are signed and a preconstruction conference for the work will be scheduled for the work to start this spring.

**Hammonton Lake Level**

The last board has been added to the dam structure. The lake level will be back to normal level by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, per the permit.

**Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS)**

A resolution is on the agenda to authorize the Mayor to sign the final design contract agreement with GPI to correspond to the amount approved by the NJDOT totaling \$385,049.46. The subcontractor for GPI will be completing soil probes along the project route soon to address the Pinelands storm water recharge requirements. GPI has also been working with ARH relating to address the concrete curb and paving work to be completed along Old Forks Road.

**Public Input Sessions for TDML/Watershed Protection Plan**

A public input session related to the above noted topic will be presented by the NJDEP and Chris Obrupta from Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program. Questions and input from the Mayor and Town Council and general public is encouraged.

**Community Energy Plan Grant Program**

A resolution is on the agenda o authorize the Mayor and Clerk/Business Administrator to sign a grant application to the New Energy Program Community Energy Planning Grant Program to assist the Town in developing an Energy

Master Plan to increase clean energy production, reduce energy use, and cut emissions. The Town is already pursuing a few projects to address this topic. The Town could receive up to \$10,000 during this initial program phase.

**2024 Road Program**

We will be meeting with Scott Rivera and the Public Works Committee to develop a list of roads and costs for implementation and establishment of a bond ordinance amount for the 2024 Road Program for Council's consideration.

**Town Public Works Schedule for February**

The schedule for Trash, brush, leaf collection and recyclables, etc. for the month of March will be as follows:

Bulky waste, curbside pickup will be 3/4 through 3/8.

Curbside brush pickup will be 3/11 through 3/15.

The County Recycling pickup will be 3/4 through 3/8 and 3/18 through 3/22.

For the Good Friday holiday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, trash will be picked up on that Friday.

**TOWN CLERK REPORT**

- 1) Approval to promote Shelly DiChurch from her position as part-time clerk 1 to a full-time clerk 1. 32.5 hours per week, single benefits salary to follow current white-collar contract. Effective February 26, 2024. Contingent upon all civil services rules and regulations.
- 2) Approval to hire Adam Monacelli as recreation leader / communications manager full-time 32.5 hours per week, single benefits, salary of \$31,265.00 per year. Effective February 26, 2024, Contingent upon all civil service rules and regulations.
- 3) Approval to Hire David Pantalone as part-time convenience station attendant, \$15.00 per hour, maximum of 16 hours a month, no benefits, contingent upon civil services rules and regulations.
- 4) Accept resignation of Dalton Scola from his position as Police office in the Hammonton Police Department effective March 3, 2024.
- 5) Approvals to have Steve Torrini represent the Town in litigation not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva

Items 1 to 5 are approved

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva

Approval of Bill list

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Introduction of Bond Ordinance #005-2024- Sewer Infrastructure Study**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY AND MINOR REPAIRS TO THE SEWER SYSTEM, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; REAPPROPRIATING \$98,750.00 IN EXCESS BOND AND NOTE PROCEEDS FROM VARIOUS BOND ORDINANCES NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSE AND APPROPRIATING \$395,000 TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF, WHICH AMOUNT WILL BE FUNDED BY A UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY GRANT RECEIVED OR EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED BY THE TOWN**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey (the “Town”), finally adopted various bond ordinances of the Town, as more fully described in Section 1 herein (collectively, the “Ordinances”); and

**WHEREAS**, following the effective dates, respectively, of the Ordinances, the Town issued bonds and notes to fully fund same and to finance the improvements or purposes authorized therein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has determined that the capital improvements or purposes set forth in the Ordinances have either been completed in full or discontinued as a result of events occurring subsequent to the adoption of the Ordinances, as applicable; and

**WHEREAS**, there currently remains on deposit in the Town’s capital accounts excess bond and note proceeds allocable to the Ordinances (the “Excess Proceeds”), but no longer necessary to complete the improvements or purposes authorized therein; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the statutory powers set forth in section 39 of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the “Local Bond Law”), the Town Council of the Town has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to reappropriate the Excess Proceeds to finance the costs of sewer infrastructure study and minor repairs to the sewer system in and by the Town (the “New Purpose”), for which bonds may be issued, thereby eliminating the need for the Town to incur additional debt to finance such current capital needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town now desires to reappropriate the Excess Proceeds to undertake the New Purpose.

**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 following amounts of Excess Proceeds from the Ordinances listed below are no longer necessary for the improvements or purposes for which they were appropriated, authorized and issued:

<u>Bond Ordinance Number and Date of Adoption</u>	<u>Excess Proceeds Amount</u>	<u>Section of Bond Ordinance Reappropriated From</u>
26-2011, finally adopted December 19, 2011	\$18,260.00	Section 3(a)
33-2014, finally adopted December 1, 2014	\$ 4,981.38	Section 3(a)
6-2019, finally adopted April 29, 2019	\$27,108.16	Section 3(a)
8-2019, finally adopted May 20, 2019	\$23,900.00	Section 3(b)
3-2021, finally adopted April 26, 2021	<u>\$24,500.46</u>	Section 3(a)(iii)
	<u>\$98,750.00</u>	
Total:		

**SECTION 2.** The total amount of \$98,750.00 in Excess Proceeds is hereby reappropriated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-39, and shall be used to finance the cost of the undertaking by the Town of general capital improvements or purposes for which bonds may be issued. Said general capital improvements or purposes are set forth in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance.

**SECTION 3. (a)** The capital improvements hereby authorized and purposes for which the Excess Proceeds are to be reappropriated is for the New Purpose.

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

**SECTION 4.** The amount of \$395,000 is hereby appropriated to pay for the New Purpose as referenced in Section 3(a) herein, which amount will be funded by a United States Environmental Protection Agency Grant received or expected to be received by the Town and deposited into the Capital Improvement Fund of the Town for said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3(a) herein.

**SECTION 5.** 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 improvement or purpose authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Town, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of debt service on the bonds issued for such improvement or purpose and shall be used for no other improvement or purpose.

**SECTION 6.** The capital budget or temporary capital budget, as applicable, of the Town is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and a resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital programs as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, is on file in the office of the Clerk and is available for public inspection.

**SECTION 7.** The Town covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the interest on all bond and note proceeds reappropriated by this bond ordinance.

**SECTION 8.** This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication hereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second S. Rodio

Ordinance #005-2024 has passed first reading and is approved for publication

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution #035-2024- Amending Resolution #031-2024 Green Acres Park Development**

**AMENDING RESOLUTION #031-2024  
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 low interest 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. 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;
3. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Resolution #036-2024 – Approve to apply for NJ DCA grant Hammonton 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 \$100,000 for Playground Infrastructure Enhancements 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 #037-2024- Water / Sewer/ Tax 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>
1302-30	Hudson Homes	450 s 1 <sup>st</sup> rd	\$349.09	Utilities Refund Overpayment
4903/28	Capoferri, Robert	5 DeMarco Ct	\$504.22	Utilities Refund Overpayment
3003/7	Rocket Mortgage	550 Central Ave	\$1,405.78	Tax Refund Overpayment
3004/27	Henao, Yomaira	267 Park Ave	\$681.88	Refund/Vet Tax Exempt
3004/27	Henao, Yomaira	267 Park Ave	\$1,363.88	Cancel/Vet Tax Exempt
4903/28	Capoferri, Robert	5 DeMarco Ct	\$2,005.31	Tax Refund Overpayment
Various	Corelogic	Various	\$10,371.46	Tax Refund Overpayments

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

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

**Resolution #038-2024- Temporary Emergency  
Appropriations**

**RESOLUTION MAKING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS  
IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides that temporary emergency appropriations may be made for the period between the beginning of the fiscal year and the date of adoption of the budget for said year; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is not within the first thirty days of January, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of

Hammonton, New Jersey, that the following temporary emergency appropriations are hereby made:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Admin S&W	\$80,000.00
Admin OE	\$10,000.00
Finance S&W	\$40,000.00
Finance OE	\$8,000.00
Assessor S&W	\$60,000.00
Assess OE	\$4,000.00
Collection S&W	\$35,000.00
Collection OE	\$11,000.00
Legal OE	\$75,000.00
Computer S&W	\$30,000.00
Computer OE	\$50,000.00
Plng Brd S&W	\$16,000.00
Planning Board OE	\$ 5,000.00
Construction S&W	\$100,000.00
Construction O&E	\$10,000.00
Other Code S&W	\$20,000.00
Group Insurance	\$1,000,000.00
Insurance OE (Airport/ Rec)	\$ 0.00
Workers Comp (State Wide)	\$300,000.00
NJ Disability	\$12,000.00
Fire Operating Exp.	\$100,000.00
State Fire S&W	\$ 10,000.00
Police S&W	\$1,700,000.00
Police OE	\$80,000.00
Radio S&W	\$90,000.00
Prosecutor OE	\$20,000.00
Bldg & Grds OE	\$70,000.00
Highway S&W	\$350,000.00
Highway OE	\$500,000.00
Dog Reg. OE	\$5,000.00
Registrar OE	\$1,000.00
Park S&W	\$700.00
Recreation S&W	\$70,000.00
Recreation Operating Exp.	\$50,000.00
Advertising	\$30,000.00
Airport OE	\$6,000.00
Gasoline	\$75,000.00
Natural Gas	\$30,000.00
Electric	\$40,000.00
Street Lighting	\$100,000.00
Telephone	\$20,000.00
Social Security	\$70,000.00
Recycling Tax	\$12,000.00



DCRP	\$6,000.00
Public Defender	\$12,000.00
Municipal Court S&W	\$100,000.00
Municipal Court OE	\$8,000.00
PERS	\$173,794.08
PFRS	\$705,581.73
Capital Improvement Fund	\$75,000.00
CDBG – Small Business Covid Grant	\$315,000.00
CDBG – Lake Park ADA Pathways	\$488,259.00
Utility S&W	\$300,000.00
Utility OE	\$400,000.00
Utility Disability	\$ 6,000.00
Utility Social Security	\$ 6,000.00
Utility Capital Improvement Fund	\$0.00
Utility PERS	\$118,250.00

**Resolution #039-2024 – Approval Memorial Day parade**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING  
THE ANNUAL “TRI VET MEMORIAL DAY PARADE”**

**WHEREAS**, the Tri Vets continue to promote the Town of Hammonton with their annual “Tri Vet Memorial Day Parade”; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council continues to support the efforts of the Tri Vets; and

**WHEREAS**, **Monday May 27, 2024** is the scheduled date for the Tri Vet Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony beginning at 10:00 a.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tri Vets have requested assistance of the Town of Hammonton Police Department for this scheduled event and closure of the following street in the Town of Hammonton during the parade from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.:

Bellevue Avenue (Route 54) from Railroad Avenue to Tilton Street

**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 Tri Vet Memorial Day Parade is acknowledged and endorsed by the Town of Hammonton contingent upon the following:

1. Filing of required State written approvals for street closures with the Town Clerk's office.
2. Filing of the necessary certificate of insurance.

**Resolution #040-2024- Refund Escrow Funds**

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



**WHEREAS**, regardless if visitors are driving to get to a hike, a hunting or fishing expedition or just going for a drive through the forest, they need access to the various roads within Wharton; and

**WHEREAS**, the most comprehensive baseline of roads are documented in the USGS Topographical maps and were adopted as the baseline by the Pinelands Commission in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection collected 1,600 surveys from users and chose to ignore them and implement the same failed map from 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, a vehicle permitting system could be closely matched to the Department of Environmental Protection's \$195 per-vehicle permit in Island Beach State Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection already enjoyed an over \$250 million budget in 2021, and residents of New Jersey already pay the highest property taxes in the nation; and now be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton strongly oppose implementation of the proposed Wharton State Forest Visiting Vehicle Use Map as it will effectively deny access of law-abiding citizens to many areas of Wharton State Forest and will do very little to reduce or prevent the type of damage that has been caused by a small minority to certain specific areas of the forest.

**Further; we** urge the New Jersey State Legislature and the Governor to take whatever action is necessary to discontinue the Wharton State Forest Visiting Vehicle Use Map and instead adopt the map adopted by the Pinelands Commission in 2017.

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Phil Murphy, Lieutenant Governor Tahesha Way, New Jersey Senate President Nicholas Scutari, New Jersey Senate Republican Leader Anthony M. Bucco, New Jersey Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, New Jersey Assembly Republican Leader John DiMaio, and our State Senator and Assembly members.

**Resolution #043-2024- Approve application for NJ Clean Energy program**

**Resolution Authorizing the Application to the  
NJ Clean Energy Program Community Energy Planning Grant Program**

**WHEREAS**, a sustainable community seeks to ensure that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton strives to assure clean land, air and water for current and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey's Energy Master Plan: Pathway to 2050 ("EMP") established that community-level action necessary to achieve the state's goal of 100% clean energy by 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities has created a Community Energy Plan Grant program for municipalities to develop a community energy plan to meet the goals of the state's Energy Master plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton is invested in developing a community energy plan to help the state achieve the goal of 100% clean energy by 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Energy Plan Grant program will help the Town of Hammonton to plan for and invest in renewable energy and to work towards a better environment for all residents by using the state's Energy Master Plan (EMP) as a guide to develop sustainable strategies that increase clean energy production, reduce energy use, and cut emissions .

**THEREFORE**, the Town of Hammonton's Council, has determined that the Town of Hammonton should apply for the aforementioned Community Energy Planning Grant program; and

**THEREFORE**, the Town of Hammonton will commit to providing staff support for the duration of the Community Energy Planning process, including for gathering of relevant data and for convening at least one public meeting.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Hammonton's Mayor and Council, State of New Jersey, authorizes the submission of the aforementioned application to the NJBPU Community Energy Planning Grant program.

**Resolution #044-2024- Approve Mainstreet Arts and Music Festival**

**WHEREAS**, MainStreet Hammonton has and continues to promote the Town of Hammonton with scheduled events in the downtown business district; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council has and continues to support the efforts of MainStreet Hammonton; and

**WHEREAS**, Main Street Hammonton is partnering with the Art Club of Hammonton and the other art organizations of Hammonton to host this annual event which will feature live music, art vendors, and art demonstrations; and

**WHEREAS**, The Hammonton Arts & Music Festival attracted many new people to the town since it began in 2021 and therefore enhanced the growing reputation of Hammonton's Art District, and

**WHEREAS**, Saturday, May 04, 2024 is the scheduled date for the Hammonton Arts & Music event during the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, MainStreet Hammonton has requested the following street closure for this event between the hours of 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.:

Horton Street between Bellevue Ave and Orchard Street;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that Saturday, May 04, 2024 is approved for the Hammonton Arts & Music Festival event, including the above requests for street closure and are approved and endorsed;

**Resolution #045-2024- Approve Mainstreet Easter Eggstravaganza**

**WHEREAS**, MainStreet Hammonton has and continues to promote the Town of Hammonton with scheduled events and promotions in the downtown business district; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council has and continues to support the efforts of MainStreet Hammonton; and

**WHEREAS**, MainStreet Hammonton will meet with the Police Chief to outline arrangements and is partnering with the HPD and Town of Hammonton Recreation Dept to offer this event;

**WHEREAS**, the Downtown Easter Eggstravaganza is a widely popular event attracting many people to the town and therefore generates increased exposure for the entire town, and

**WHEREAS**, Friday, March 29, 2024 is the scheduled date for the annual Downtown Easter Eggstravaganza event during the hours of 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm, and

**WHEREAS**, MainStreet Hammonton has requested the following street closure for this event between the hours of 10:00 am – 3:00 pm:

South Second St. between Bellevue Ave. and Vine Street, and

**WHEREAS** MainStreet Hammonton has requested police assistance on Rt 54 from 12:00-2:00 pm and also assistance with crowd control in front of Toy Market, located at 200 Bellevue Ave. from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm for “The Great Egg Drop”,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that March 29, 2024 is approved for the Downtown Hammonton Easter Eggstravaganza event, including the above requests for street closure and police assistance are acknowledged, approved and endorsed;

**Resolution #046-2024- Approval of Cruisin Mainstreet**

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

**WHEREAS**, MainStreet Hammonton Program has and continues to promote the Town of Hammonton with scheduled events in the downtown business district; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council has and continues to support the efforts of MainStreet Hammonton; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Friday, May 17 (rain date May 18) is the scheduled date for the MainStreet Hammonton Annual “Cruisin’ MainStreet- Remember Friday Nights” event during the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the May 17 (rain date May 18) and the "Cruisin' Main Street" event, including the above requests for street closures, reservation of parking spaces, posting of "NO PARKING" signs and two police officers are acknowledged, approved and endorsed;

**Resolution #047-2024- Approve Budget Transfers**

**TRANSFER OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey, that there be and hereby is authorized the following transfer from the 2023 Budget appropriations reserves:

<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	
From: Disability Insurance -Operating Exp.	\$ 1,460.00
From: Highway – Salary & Wages	\$ 2,700.00
From: Environmental – Operating Expense	\$ 1,000.00
From: Social Security – Operating Expense	\$ 2,400.00
From: Recycling Tax – Operating Expense	\$ 1,200.00
From: DCRP – Operating Expense	\$ 1,600.00
To: Legal - Operating Expense	\$ 10,360.00

**Resolution #048-2024- Approval to Join Cooperative, Omnia Intergovernmental Cooperative**

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON**

**TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Omina Partners Intergovernmental Cooperative, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

**WHEREAS**, on February 26, 2024 the governing body of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

**TITLE**

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

**AUTHORITY**

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

**CONTRACTING UNIT**

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

**Resolution #049-2024- Time Extension Bike Path**

**Requested time extension for NJDOT Grant-L.A. – 2022 Bike, Hammonton Town, Veteran’s Place Bicycle Path Connector Phase II – 00035**

**Resolution Requesting a Six (6) Month Time Extension for Project Award for use of the NJDOT Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Funds**

**Whereas**, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton desire to use the NJDOT Municipal Aid project funds, and

**Whereas**, the Town has received the following funding allotments from the NJDOT Municipal Aid program:

FY-2022, \$745,000.00 dated February 16, 2022 and

**Whereas**, the requirements for project award of the NJDOT Municipal Aid fund is two (2) years from the receipt of letter related to project funding allotment as listed within the NJDOT, PMRS date of 2/16/24, and

**Whereas**, the Town has endeavored to comply with the project deadline standards as established by the NJDOT, and

**Whereas**, certain circumstances have caused delays in the project survey, design work, and obtaining easements required for project completion which are listed as follows:

- Obtaining an executing of easements to support the construction of the bike path and associated drainage.
- Performing additional soil testing within said easements.
- Application to the Pinelands Commission for public development approval requires the easements and soil testing prior to submission.
- Coordination with NJDOT regarding a proposed railroad crossing which require upgrades to existing signalization.

**Furthermore**, The Town plans to bid and award the Phase II Bike Path Connector – 00035 construction project during the summer of 2024 and be in compliance with the NJDOT requirements for award of the FY-2022, \$745,000.00 funds.

However, to be safe we are requesting a six (6) month time extension on the award for the FY-2022 project funds until August 16, 2024.

**Now, therefore be it resolved** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton that the adoption of this resolution be approved and forwarded to the NJDOT, Local Aid District IV Office for review and approval consideration for the reasons as stated above.

**Resolution #050-2024- Requested time extension for NJDOT Grant Safe Streets to Roads**

**Requested time extension for NJDOT Grant-LA 2022 SST, Hammonton Town, Safe Streets to Transit, 11<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Improvement Project 01-00033  
Resolution Requesting a Six (6) Month Time Extension for Project Award for use of the NJDOT Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Funds**

**Whereas**, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton desire to reconstruct the sidewalk along 11<sup>th</sup> Street for use of the NJDOT Municipal Aid project funds and

**Whereas**, the Town has received the following funding allotments from the NJDOT Municipal Aid program:

FY-2022, \$265,000.00 dated February 15, 2022, and

**Whereas**, the requirements for project award of the NJDOT Municipal Aid fund is two (2) years from the receipt of letter related to project funding allotment as listed within the NJDOT, PMRS date of 2/15/24, and

**Whereas**, the Town has endeavored to comply with the project deadline standards as established by the NJDOT, and

**Whereas**, certain circumstances have caused delays in the project survey and design work required for project completion which are listed as follows:



- Sidewalk improvements cross an existing active railroad, which required additional design considerations and review.
- A portion of the sidewalk needed to be relocated to avoid the need for an easement.
- Design modifications required to incorporate sidewalk extension for a project funded by a FY2023 grant award.

**Furthermore,** The Town plans to bid and award the Safe Streets to Transit, 11<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Improvement Project - 00033 construction project during the summer of 2024 and be in compliance with the NJDOT requirements for award of the FY-2022, \$265,000.00 funds.

However, to be safe we are requesting a six (6) month time extension on the award for the FY-2022 project funds until August 15, 2024.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton that the adoption of this resolution be approved and forwarded to the NJDOT, Local Aid District IV Office for review and approval consideration for the reasons as stated above.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva  
Resolutions #035 to #050 are approved

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:  
Furgione - Yes  
Gribbin – Yes  
Marino -Yes  
Oliva- Yes  
R. Rodio- Yes  
S. Rodio – Yes  
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva  
Approval to write a letter to State regarding Wharton State Forest closure of roads.

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:  
Furgione - Yes  
Gribbin – Yes  
Marino -Yes  
Oliva- Yes  
R. Rodio- Yes  
S. Rodio – Yes  
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**PUBLIC HEARD**

Patrick Bilazzo 531 Bellevue Ave – Gave information to council on his plan to work with Mainstreet and have a farmers market on Sundays from April to June 10 to 5 pm. He obtained the signatures of the business in the area. The Town will not allow food trucks or music at the event.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second R.Rodio