

**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 - Present  
Gribbin – Present  
Marino -Present  
Oliva- Present  
R. Rodio-Present  
S. Rodio – Present  
Mayor DiDonato - Present

**PRESENT ALSO**

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor Arrived at 6:10  
Bob Vettese, Public Works Manager

**EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #024-2024**

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva  
Enter into Executive Session

Motion by Council Person Marino Second Gribbin  
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**

No one desired to be heard

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Minutes December 18, 2023  
Executive Minutes December 18, 2023  
Reorganization Meeting January 4, 2024  
Special Meeting January 9, 2024

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva  
Minutes are approved

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:  
Furgione - Yes  
Gribbin – Yes  
Marino –Yes abstain on December minutes  
Oliva- Yes  
R. Rodio- Yes  
S. Rodio – Yes  
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**PRESENTATION**

- Chief Kevin Friel

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second R. Rodio

Approval to promote Leslie, from Temporary officer to full time officer in the Hammonton Police department.

**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 from Tracy Carr and Cassie on the Heart and Soul Committee and the grant they have received.

Motion by Council Person Marino Second Oliva

Approval to hang a plaque from the Heart & Soul Committee in Town Hall, this will of the 10 Statements formulated by the Heart and Soul Committee.

**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

**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 non-contiguous 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:
  - a. 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.

1. 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.

Motion by Council Person Marino Second Oliva  
Ordinance is open for public comment

Motion by Council Person R. Rodio Second Oliva

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administration - Councilman Gribbin**

- Reviewed meeting minutes from Admin meeting. Court is moving cases and reducing back log,
- Construction office application for Harbor freight has been received and they be opening in the next month or so.

**Business & Industry – Councilman Oliva**

- Planning Board has approved the application for Harbor Freight
- Planning board reorg. Meeting was held on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Bill Olivo was appointed as chairman
- 1/31/2024 there will be a special meeting of the planning board to discuss the Mater Plan process
- Mainstreet Gala to be held on 4/13/2024 at Tomosella’s winery.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday will be February 15<sup>th</sup>
- Hollywood Dog Salon is no located on Vine Street (223-C Vine Street)

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

- Green Committee had their meeting and appointed Amy Menzel as chairperson
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> will be a Town wide cleanup
- Environmental commission appoint Dan Bachalis as Chairperson

**Education – Councilman Marino**

- No action items
- Thanked everyone for the well wishes while he was sick

**Public Works & Transportation Councilman Sam Rodio**

- Spoke about the Green Acres grant that the Town is apply for 11<sup>th</sup> Street rec. complex
- Thanked the Highway Dept. for their hard work during the snow storm
- Mayor also thanked the Highway

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

- Drive sober get pulled over grant is under way
- Training for Child Safety seats is being offered to our officers.
- Plan on hiring a new officer in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of this year.
- Medication collection will be announced for sometime in February.

**Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione**

- Updated on the water/sewer bills. Letter went out with those bills regarding lead pipes. Please respond.

- Land application at Boyer Ave is off currently due to the cold weather.

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Marino

Approval to go out to bid on the water storage tanks for 4<sup>th</sup> Street Water Tower painting project.

**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:**

**1. Green Acres Application - 11th Street Park (ARH #P2024.0030):**

The Town is applying for Green Acres funding to construct improvements to the 11th Street Park. This effort is being led by Triad Associates, and in support of application, ARH was asked to prepare the required Environmental Impact Assessment, Concept Plan, Construction Cost Estimate, and Construction Schedule. We have submitted a proposal for an amount not to exceed \$8,000 for Council's consideration.

**Action Item:**

Authorize ARH to prepare the necessary documents for a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00.

Motion by Council Person Rodio Second Furgione

Approval of PO to ARH in the amount of \$8,000.00

**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

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

**Introduction of Ordinance #004-2024** – By title only - Amending chapter 173 of Town of Hammonton ordinances.

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second R. Rodio

Ordinance #004-2024 passed introduction and first reading and is approved for publication by title only.

**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 Marino Second Rodio

**Approval of Settlement of Delpiano suit, mayor is approved to sign agreement.**

**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

**Introduction 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 Oliva Second Rodio

Ordinance #002-2024 passed introduction and first reading and is approved for publication.

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – No

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - No

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**Introduction 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 Furgione

Ordinance #003-2024 passed introduction and 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

**MAYOR REPORT**

- no Action items

**PWM REPORT**

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

We are preparing the contracts for signature by Arawak for the base bid award price of \$192,900. Work will not start until in the spring of 2024 as weather permits.

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

The contractor, Dynamic Sandblasting and Painting, LLC indicated they are ready to start once the items within the tank column area are removed. Andy Mumford is presently reviewing shop drawings submitted by the contractor. The Town has stressed that the work must be completed, and the tank placed back online by May 31<sup>st</sup>. The Town will need to provide a location for the temporary water storage tank placement. ARH has provided a number of locations for placement and has indicated they are ready to solicit 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.

Motion by Council Person Marino Second Furgione  
Approval to write letter to State regarding Route 54 project

**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

**Hammonton Lake Level**

The level of the Hammonton Lake will remain low until February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 +/- in accordance with the NJDEP permit at which time the boards at the dam will be gradually replaced. The lake level will be back to normal level by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, per the permit.

Lake front residents are reminded to clean the lake bottom adjacent to their property during this period while the lake level is still low.

**Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS)**

The subcontractor for GPI will be completing soil probes along the project route soon to address the Pinelands storm water recharge requirements. We will keep Council updated as the work progresses.

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second Marino

Approval to acquire Oley Hanson property located on Egg Harbor road for \$5,600. Solicitor to work on contact to acquire property.

**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

**Town Public Works Schedule for February**

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

Bulky waste, curbside pickup will be 2/5 through 2/9.

Curbside brush pickup will be 2/12 through 2/16.

The County Recycling pickup will be 2/5 through 2/9 and 2/19 through 2/23.

Trash holiday schedule would be as follows:

President’s Day, Monday, 2/19 will be picked up on Tuesday, 2/20

**TOWN CLERK REPORT**

- 1) **Green Acres Grant 11<sup>th</sup> Street Complex Information**- spoke about the project and had the public hearing. The Town is applying for up to 1 million in funding. This will be 25% grant and 75% loan. Loan is at a 2% interest rate. This is for an upgrade to the 11<sup>th</sup> street recreation complex and hockey rink. There is a questionnaire on our website for input from the public.

**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 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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

<u>Block / Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
502/6	Vaccarella, Anthony	911 10 <sup>th</sup> St.	\$3,090.38	cancel per appeal 4 <sup>th</sup> qtr added
502/6	Vaccarella, Ant holly	911 10 <sup>th</sup> St.	\$4,635.57	cancel 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> added appeal
4402/25.01	63 Pine Rd Co.	63 Pine Rd.	\$1,186.02	cancel per appeal 4 <sup>th</sup> qtr added
3904/40	White Horse HMT Condo	308 S White Horse Pike	\$114,200.12	appeal/pilot program 2023 added

3904/40	White Horse HMT Condo	308 S White Horse Pike	\$128,228.59	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 in pocket 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, to an in pocket license.

**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:

<b><u>CURRENT FUND</u></b>	
From: Collection of Taxes Operating Expense	\$ 600.00
From: Audit Services Operating Expense	\$ 3,000.00
From: Police Radio Salary & Wages Expense	\$ 5,200.00
From: Road Repairs & Maint. Operating Expense	\$ 2,700.00
From: Holiday Observance Operating Expense	\$ 3,700.00
From: Airport Operating Expense	\$ 2,900.00
From: Gasoline Operating Expense	\$ 15,500.00

From:	Natural Gas Operating Expense	\$ 27,300.00
From:	Telephone Operating Expense	\$ 6,500.00
From:	Municipal Court Salary & Wages	\$ 2,500.00
To:	Legal - Operating Expense	\$ 69,900.00

**Utility Fund**

From:	Utility Salary & Wages	\$ 31,000.00
To:	Utility Operating Expense	\$ 31,000.00

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second Gribbin  
Resolutions #025 to 033 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

**PUBLIC HEARD**

**Rick Sepe – 308 E. Orchard Street**- The parking lot located at then intersection of Egg Harbor Road and Vine Street needs to be repaired and paved. It is a hazard. The 11<sup>th</sup> Street upgrade, will that include light for the fields?

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Motion by Council Person R. Rodio Second Marino