

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council April 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 – Arrived at 6:20
Marino -Present
Oliva- Present
R. Rodio-Present
S. Rodio – Present
Mayor DiDonato - Present

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor
Bob Vettese, Public Works Manager

EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #064-2024

Motion by Council Person Marino Second S. Rodio
Enter into Executive Session

Motion by Council Person R.Rodio Second S. 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

No one desired to be heard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Minutes March 25, 2024

Executive Minutes March 25, 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 presentation to Audrey Boyer- Given by Deputy Mayor Gribbin. He thanked Audrey for her hard work and dedication to the town. Audrey thanked everyone and her fellow employees she worked with.

- Mt Carmel Society Lou Pantalone and Joe Pantalone- Gave a presentation on the 150 year history of the Mt Carmel society and the event that will occur next year for 150th festival.

- Senator Tiver – introduced himself and offered his service to the Town for any help we may need.

- Historical Preservation Committee gave a presentation on upcoming events and the plan that they have going forward.

Motion by Council Person R. Rodio Second Marino
Approval of painting and place tractor outside of building

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 Capital Bond Ordinance #006-2024- Purchase of Trash Trucks and Computer Upgrades

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2024 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$875,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$831,250 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements or purposes to be undertaken by the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey (the "Town"). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the aggregate sum of \$875,000, which sum includes \$43,750 as the aggregate amount of down payments for said improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the "Local Bond Law"). The down payments are now available by virtue of a provision or provisions in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Town for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$875,000 appropriation not provided for by said down payments, negotiable bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$831,250 pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Town in a principal amount not exceeding \$831,250 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued, include, but are not limited to, as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
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<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
(i) Purchase of Garbage Trucks, auxiliary equipment and trash toters; and	\$825,000	\$783,750	\$41,250	10 years
(ii) Purchase of a new computer program for construction office and various computer upgrades to the Town's system.	\$50,000	\$47,500	\$2,500	5 years
TOTALS	<u>\$875,000</u>	<u>\$831,250</u>	<u>\$43,750</u>	

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

(c) The aggregate estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements or purposes is \$831,250.

(d) The aggregate estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$875,000, the excess amount thereof over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, is the aggregate down payments for said purposes in the amount of \$43,750.

SECTION 4. In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Atlantic make a contribution or grant in aid to the Town for the improvements and purposes authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Town prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Atlantic. In the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Atlantic shall be received by the Town after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose. This Section 4 shall not apply, however, with respect to any contribution or grant in aid received by the Town as a result of using funds from this bond ordinance as "matching local funds" to receive such contribution or grant in aid.

SECTION 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Town (the "Chief Financial Officer"), provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8.1. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 6. The Town hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable, for the Town. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Town is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget of the Town, a revised capital or temporary capital budget for the Town has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

SECTION 7. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are improvements or purposes which the Town may lawfully undertake as general improvements or purposes, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of said improvements or purposes within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 9.71 years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Town and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Town as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$831,250 and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$175,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the improvements or purposes herein before described.

SECTION 8. The full faith and credit of the Town are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Town, and the Town shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Town for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 9. The Town reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. This Section 9 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Town's official intent to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 150-2 . No reimbursement allocation will employ an "abusive arbitrage device" under Treasury Regulations §1.148-10 to avoid the arbitrage restrictions or to avoid the restrictions under Sections 142 through 147, inclusive, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The proceeds of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance used to reimburse the Town for costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof, or funds corresponding to such amounts, will not be used in a manner that results in the creation of "replacement proceeds", including "sinking funds", "pledged funds" or funds subject to a "negative pledge" (as such terms are defined in Treasury Regulations §1.148-1), of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance or another issue of debt obligations of the Town, other than amounts deposited into a "bona fide debt service

fund" (as defined in Treasury Regulations §1.148-1). The bonds or notes authorized herein to reimburse the Town for any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof will be issued in an amount not to exceed \$831,250. The costs to be reimbursed with the proceeds of the bonds or notes authorized herein will be "capital expenditures" in accordance with the meaning of Section 150 of the Code. All reimbursement allocations will occur not later than 18 months after the later of (i) the date the expenditure from a source other than any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance is paid, or (ii) the date the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof is "placed in service" (within the meaning of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2) or abandoned, but in no event more than 3 years after the expenditure is paid.

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

SECTION 11. The Chief Financial Officer of the Town is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Town and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Town. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into an appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Town pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Town and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Town fails to comply with its undertaking, the Town shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 12. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication hereof after final adoption and approval by the Mayor, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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

Motion by Council Person Marino Second R. 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 Capital Bond Ordinance #007-2024 Roadway Improvements Old Forks Road (Grant)

CAPITAL ORDINANCE AMENDING CAPITAL ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-2023 FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ON AUGUST 28, 2023, TO AMEND THE TITLE OF THE CAPITAL ORDINANCE AND TO INCLUDE THE REFERENCE OF AN ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT REFERRED TO IN SECTIONS 1 AND 3 THEREIN

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 members thereof affirmatively concurring), **AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1: Capital Ordinance Number 12-2023 finally adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey (the "Town"), on August 28, 2023, entitled, "CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$287,800 TO PAY FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO OLD FORKS ROAD IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY" (the "Original Ordinance"), is hereby amended to the extent and with the effect as set forth below:

(a) The title of the Original Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

"CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$557,795 TO PAY FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO OLD FORKS ROAD IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY".

(b) Section 1 of the Original Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows: "The capital purposes described in Section 2 of the Original Ordinance are hereby authorized as general capital purposes to be undertaken by the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey (the "Town"). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 2 of the Original Ordinance, there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$557,795, fully funded

by a grant in the amount of \$287,800 received or expected to be received by the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Fiscal Year 2023 Municipal Aid Program and a grant in the amount of \$269,995 received or expected to be received by the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Fiscal Year 2024 Municipal Aid Program."

(c) Section 3 of the Original Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows: "The expenditures totaling \$557,795 for the purposes set forth in Section 2 of the Original Ordinance are hereby authorized and approved.

SECTION 2: The Town hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Town is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

SECTION 3: Except as expressly amended hereby, the Original Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4: This capital ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication of the notice of final adoption of this capital ordinance, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second R. 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 Utility Bond Ordinance #008-2024 – Centrifuse Project

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A CENTRIFUGE, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING

\$415,109.65 THEREFOR (A PORTION OF WHICH APPROPRIATION INCLUDES THE REAPPROPRIATION OF EXCESS FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$165,109.65) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$250,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey (the "Town"), finally adopted Bond Ordinance Number 4-2023 on April 24, 2023 (the "Prior Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, there currently remains on deposit in the Town capital accounts excess federal funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, allocable to the Prior Ordinance (the "Excess ARP Funds") but no longer necessary to complete the improvements or purposes authorized therein; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with its statutory powers set forth in section 39 of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq., the Town Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to reappropriate \$165,109.65 in Excess ARP Funds to finance a portion of the cost of improvements or purposes for which bonds may be issued, thereby, decreasing the amount of additional Town debt to finance such current capital needs; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council now desires to reappropriate the \$165,109.65 Excess ARP Funds to undertake a portion of the cost of the improvements set forth in this ordinance which comprise improvements or purposes for which bonds may be issued; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council also now desires to appropriate additional monies and authorize the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes to undertake the portion of the cost of the improvements or purposes set forth herein.

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. Excess ARP Funds in the amount of \$165,109.65 available under the Prior Ordinance are no longer necessary for the purposes for which they were authorized and issued.

SECTION 2. The total amount of \$165,109.65 in Excess ARP Funds is hereby reappropriated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-39, and shall be used to finance a portion of the cost of the undertaking by the Town of general capital improvements or purposes for which bonds may be issued and, which general improvements or purposes are set forth in Section 5 of this bond ordinance.

SECTION 3. The improvements or purposes described in Section 5 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements or purposes to be undertaken by the Town. For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 5, there is hereby appropriated and reappropriated, as applicable, the aggregate sum of \$415,109.65, said sum being inclusive of the reappropriation of Excess ARP Funds in the amount of \$165,109.65. Pursuant to the

provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(h) and 40A:2-11(c) of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the “Local Bond Law”), no down payment is required as the Water Utility is self-liquidating.

SECTION 4. For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 5 hereof and to meet the part of said \$415,109.65 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said Excess ARP Funds. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Town in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$250,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, said Local Bond Law.

SECTION 5. (a) The improvement is hereby authorized and purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation/ (Reappropriation)</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
(i) purchase and installation of a centrifuge;	\$415,109.65 (including the Excess ARP Funds reappropriated from Bond Ordinance #4-2023)	\$250,000	15 years
TOTAL:	\$415,109.65	\$250,000	

(b) The above improvement and purpose set forth in Section 5(a) shall also include the following, as applicable, surveying, construction planning, engineering and design work, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration and also all work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances as necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(c) The aggregate estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purposes is \$250,000.

(d) The aggregate estimated cost of said purposes is \$415,109.65, the excess amount thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor being the aggregate amount of \$250,000, is the reappropriation of the Excess ARP Funds in the amount of \$165,109.65.

SECTION 6. In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Atlantic make a contribution or grant in aid to the Town for the improvements and purposes authorized hereby and the

same shall be received by the Town prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 4 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Atlantic. In the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Atlantic shall be received by the Town after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 4 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose.

SECTION 7. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Town, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, and the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 8. The Town hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Town is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

SECTION 9. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 5 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are improvements or purposes which the Town may lawfully undertake as general improvements or

purposes for the Water Utility, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of said improvements or purposes within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is ___ years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Town and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Town as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$250,000 and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$50,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the improvements or purposes herein before described.

(e) This bond ordinance authorizes obligations of the Town solely for purposes described in N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(h). The obligations authorized herein are to be issued for purposes that are deemed to be self-liquidating pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-47(a) and are deductible from gross debt pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-44(c).

SECTION 10. Unless paid from other sources, the full faith and credit of the Town are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Unless paid from other sources, the obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Town, and the Town shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Town for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 11. The Town reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 5 of this bond ordinance and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. No funds from sources other than the bonds or notes authorized herein have been or are reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis,

or otherwise set aside by the Town, or any member of the same "Controlled Group" as the Town, within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(e), pursuant to its budget or financial policies with respect to any expenditures to be reimbursed. This Section 11 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Town's official intent to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 5 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2, and no further action (or inaction) will be an abusive arbitrage device in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-10 to avoid the arbitrage yield restrictions or arbitrage rebate requirements under section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The proceeds of any bonds or notes authorized herein used to reimburse the Town for any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 5 hereof will not be used directly or indirectly (i) to "refund" an issue of governmental obligations within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(d), (ii) to create, within one year, following the reimbursement of any expenditures of bond proceeds, "replacement proceeds" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1 of the bonds, or any other bond issue, or (iii) to reimburse the Town for any expenditure or payment that was originally paid with the proceeds of any obligation of the Town (other than borrowing by the Town from one of its own funds or the funds of a member of the same "Controlled Group" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(e)). The bonds or notes authorized herein to reimburse the Town for any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 5 hereof will be issued in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. The costs to be reimbursed with the proceeds of the bonds or notes authorized herein will be "capital expenditures" in accordance with the meaning of section 150 of the Code and Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1. This provision will take effect immediately, but will be of no effect with regard to expenditures for costs paid outside the permitted reimbursement period set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2(d)(2).

SECTION 12. The Chief Financial Officer of the Town is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time, as necessary, a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Town, which are authorized herein, and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Town. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Town pursuant to Rule 15(c)2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the

"Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Town, which are authorized herein, and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Town fails to comply with its undertaking, the Town shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 13. 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 bonds and notes issued under this ordinance.

SECTION 14. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption and approval by the Mayor, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second R. 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 Utility Bond Ordinance #009-2024- Boyer Ave Fence/ Old Forks Road
Water/Sewer Upgrade**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2024 WATER UTILITY
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$455,000
THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$455,000 BONDS OR
NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF**

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN
THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof
affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Water Utility (the "Water Utility) of the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey (the "Town") as general improvements. For the said improvements stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the principal amount of \$455,000. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(h) and 40A:2-11(c) of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the "Local Bond Law"), no down payment is required as the Water Utility is self-liquidating.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the \$455,000 appropriation, negotiable bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$455,000 pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Town in a principal amount not exceeding \$455,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said bonds or notes are to be issued, include but are not limited to, as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Appropriation</u>	<u>Debt Authorization</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
(a) Purchase and installation of fencing to enclose Boyer Avenue Drip and the installation of new garage doors at the Utility Garage; and	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	10 years
(b) Extension of water and sewer along Old Forks Road.	\$400,000	\$400,000	20 years
TOTALS	<u>\$455,000</u>	<u>\$455,000</u>	

All such improvements or purposes set forth in Section 3 shall include, but are not limited to, all engineering and design work, surveying, construction planning, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection, and contract administration, and all work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvement or purpose is \$455,000. The estimated cost of said improvement or purpose is \$455,000.

SECTION 4. In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Atlantic make a contribution or grant in aid to the Town for the improvements and purposes authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Town prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Atlantic. In the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Atlantic shall be received by the Town after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose. This Section 4 shall not apply, however, with respect to any contribution or grant in aid received by the Town as a result of using funds from this bond ordinance as "matching local funds" to receive such contribution or grant in aid.

SECTION 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such time as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Town, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer of the Town shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 6. The Town hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Town is hereby amended to conform with the

provisions of this bond to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

SECTION 7. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are improvements or purposes which the Town may lawfully undertake as general improvements or purposes for the Water Utility of the Town, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of said improvements or purposes within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 18.79 years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Town and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Town, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$455,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$91,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. § 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements hereinbefore described.

(e) This bond ordinance authorizes obligations of the Town solely for purposes described in N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(h). The obligations authorized herein are to be issued for purposes that are deemed to be self-liquidating pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-47(a) and are deductible from gross debt pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-44(c).

SECTION 8. Unless paid from other sources, the full faith and credit of the Town are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Unless

paid from other sources, the obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Town, and the Town shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Town for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 9. The Town reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. This Section 9 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Town's official intent to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulations §1.150-2. No reimbursement allocation will employ an "abusive arbitrage device" under Treasury Regulations §1.148-10 to avoid the arbitrage restrictions or to avoid the restrictions under Sections 142 through 147, inclusive, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The proceeds of any bonds or notes authorized herein used to reimburse the Town for costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, or funds corresponding to such amounts, will not be used in a manner that results in the creation of "replacement proceeds", including "sinking funds", "pledged funds" or funds subject to a "negative pledge" (as such terms are defined in Treasury Regulations §1.148-1), of any bonds or notes authorized herein or another issue of debt obligations of the Town other than amounts deposited into a "bona fide debt service fund" (as defined in Treasury Regulations §1.148-1). The bonds or notes authorized herein to reimburse the Town for any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof will be issued in an amount not to exceed \$455,000. The costs to be reimbursed with the proceeds of the bonds or notes authorized herein will be "capital expenditures" in accordance with the meaning of section 150 of the Code. All reimbursement allocations will occur not later than eighteen (18) months after the later of (i) the date the expenditure from a source other than any bonds or notes authorized herein is paid, or (ii) the date the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof is "placed in service" (within the meaning of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2) or abandoned, but in no event more than three (3) years after the expenditure is paid.

SECTION 10. The Chief Financial Officer of the Town is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time, as necessary, a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Town and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Town. The Chief Financial

Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Town pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Town and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is, and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Town fails to comply with its undertaking, the Town shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 11. The Town covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this ordinance.

SECTION 12. The Mayor, the Chief Financial Officer, the Town Administrator, and any other official/officer of the Town are each hereby authorized and directed to execute, deliver and perform any agreement necessary to undertake the improvements or purposes set forth herein and to effectuate any transaction contemplated hereby.

SECTION 13. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second R. 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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration - Councilman Gribbin

- No Action Items
- Update- New phone system and security system to be installed in the next month in Town Hall
- Court system is moving along and our backlog is down

Business & Industry – Councilman Oliva

- 2 new businesses have open up in the Down Town
- Upcoming events- May 4th 9 am Down Town Cleaning, 2 Pm Will be the art and music fest
- 5/16 will be the 3rd Thursday
- 5/17 cruising Main Street
- Food Truck Event will be held on June 8
- Chamber Event will be held on 4/24 from 6:30 to 10 at Cathedral
- Mainstreet HRC gala was a success
- Thanks little league for the open day event

Quality of Life – Councilwoman R. Rodio

- Historical preservation Commission received a grant for tree planning.
- Guided tours will start the 1st Saturday of each month on April 6th
- Community Garden opened this past Saturday
- 4th Friday Farmers Market will start on May
- Poster contest at the school for 3rd graders
- On Arbor Day the tree city USA seedling will be planted.

Approval to add 2 new members to the Diversification and Inclusion committee
Morales and Rojas

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

Education – Councilman Marino

- No Action items

Public Works & Transportation Councilman Sam Rodio

- No action items

Law & Order – Councilman Rodio- Given by Chief Friel

- Motor vehicle inspection heck points are ongoing
- Distracted drivers grant is finishing up this month
- Medication collection will take place this Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm
- 5K run/walk this Saturday for Autism
- Teen Arts Festival will be May 8th

Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione

- Advertise for a S-3 operator for sewer department
- 4th street tank is almost complete and should be done in about 2 weeks
- Centrifuge should be complete and installed by end of month
- New turf field is installed

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second S. Rodio

Award quote for fence installation to A&R fence in the amount of \$43,900.00

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

ENGINEER REPORT

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Sanitary Sewer Study & Rehabilitation Program (ARH #P2023.0270)

Hammonton has received \$395,000 in Congressionally Directed Spending funds to perform an inflow and infiltration (I&I) study and repair existing sewer mains using trenchless technology. The first phase is the investigation, which will identify the areas in most need of rehabilitation. We are requesting authorization to perform the I&I study and prepare the construction specifications. The funding for our services is reimbursable from the Senate Appropriations.

Action Item

Authorize ARH's proposal for an amount not to exceed \$85,000 to perform the I&I study and prepare construction specifications.

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Oilva

Approval of Purchase order for I&I study for 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

SOLICITOR REPORT

- No Action items

MAYOR REPORT

- No action items

PWM REPORT

Rt. #54 Resurfacing by NJDOT

The Town representatives met on 4/11/24 with the NJDOT representatives, and their design consultants, related to items of concern that need to be addressed prior to final design of the project. The State schedule is as follows:

- Finalize design June 2024 +/-
- Approval, bid, and award September 2024
- Start work curb, signals, ramps late 2024 and through 2025
- Roadway resurfacing late 2025 or early 2026. Completion spring 2026.

Blk 3701, Lot 1, 9th 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 2nd property within this location. The PWTC also asked that we check further into the possible purchase of the remaining SJ Gas Co. parcel on Lincoln Street adjacent to the Downtown wells and water tank. We will provide an update.

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

The contractor, Arawak Paving Co. Inc., has completed the majority of the work and is working on punch list items.

Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS)

The subcontractor for GPI has completed the soil probes along the project route to address the Pinelands storm water recharge requirements. We are awaiting the results of that report.

2024 Road Program

We will be meeting with Scott Rivera and the Public Works Committee to review the list of roads for implementation and establishment of a bond ordinance amount for the 2024 Road Program for Council’s consideration. The potential road list was also provided to the Mun. Util Dept. superintendent to investigate the need for utility work on any of the roadways.

Lakeview Avenue Drainage Pipe Investigation

We contacted Mobile Dredging / Video Pipe to review their 2021 video and report of the above noted pipe section. We requested that they develop suggestions for repair where necessary and provide a cost estimate to complete that work for the PWTC’s and Council’s consideration. We are awaiting their response.

Crosswalk- Broadway / Central Avenue Intersection

We sent a letter to the County Executive to review the possibility of placing a Central Avenue crosswalk at one of the intersections between Chestnut Street and Park Avenue. We are awaiting their response.

Town Public works Schedule for May 2024

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

Bulky waste, curbside pickup will be 5/6 through 5/10.
Curbside brush pickup will be 5/13 through 5/17.

The County Recycling pickup will be 4/29 through 5/3, 5/13 through 5/17 and 5/27 through 5/31.
For Monday the 27th, Memorial Day holiday, trash will be picked up on Tuesday, the 28th.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

- 1) Approval to hire Michael Zielinski in the Highway department, full-time, single benefits, salary to follow current Highway Department contract, effective as of April 22, 2024. Contingent upon civil service rules and regulations.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva
Item 1 is 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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #065-2024- Approval of Food Truck Festival

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NINTH ANNUAL HAMMONTON FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL EVENT

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

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

WHEREAS, The Hammonton’s Ninth Annual Food Truck Festival is a widely popular event attracting many new people to the town and therefore generates increased business for the entire town, and

WHEREAS, Saturday, June 8, 2024 is the scheduled date for the Seventh Annual Hammonton Food Truck Festival event during the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton has requested the following street closures for this event between the hours of 2:00 pm. to 11:00 p.m.:

Central Ave (Route 542) between Bellevue Ave to Vine Street;

South Second Street between Bellevue Ave and Vine Street;

Front Street between 12th Street and Passmore Ave.

Horton Street between and Bellevue Ave Orchard Street

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton has requested appropriate Police Parking Control signs to be posted early in the day noting NO PARKING AFTER 2:00 pm and the reservation of the following parking spaces for safer traffic access and the Food Trucks to park and set up:

North-Western side of Route 54 between Third Street and N. Egg Harbor Road;

Both sides of S. 2nd Street between Bellevue Ave and Vine Street

Both sides of Central Avenue between Bellevue Ave and Vine Street;

Both sides of Front Street between 12th St. and Passmore;

Both sides of Horton Avenue between Bellevue Avenue and Orchard Street,

WHEREAS, Main Street Hammonton has met with the Police Chief and been approved for seven Police Officers to assist with crowd control and direct traffic at the intersections due to increased event related pedestrian and vehicular traffic on State Route 54, and crossing the railroad tracks at Egg Harbor Rd. and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that June 8, 2024 is approved for the Ninth Annual Hammonton Food Truck Festival™ event, including the above requests for street closures, reservation of parking spaces, posting of “NO PARKING” signs and five police officers are acknowledged, approved and endorsed;

Resolution #066-2024- Adopt NPP Program for 2024

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE HAMMONTON NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM REVISED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, 2024

WHEREAS, in 2018 the Town of Hammonton applied for and was awarded a Neighborhood Preservation Program (“NPP”) designation for The Hammonton NPP District by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (“NJCA”); and

WHEREAS this designation includes award funding in the amount of \$125,000 per year for 5 years to begin July 1, 2019, and end June 31, 2025, for Community and Economic Development improvements to the Hammonton Downtown target area; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grant is to design and implement a wide range of initiatives to restore a favorable climate for investment and to improve the quality of life for the residents and businesses of this neighborhood; and

R. Rodio- Yes
S. Rodio – Yes
Deputy Mayor Gribbin - Yes

Deputy Mayor Gribbin declares motion is carried

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Marino

Approval to write a letter of intent to purchase fire truck contingent upon passing of ordinance and estoppels

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

No one desired to be heard

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second R. Rodio