

**Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council June 24, 2024  
Town Hall Council Chambers, 100 Central Avenue  
Executive Session 6:00 P.M.  
Public Session 7:00 P.M.**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

**ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL**

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

**PRESENT ALSO**

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor  
Bob Vettese, Public Works Manager

**EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #091-2024**

**RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL**

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

**PRESENT ALSO**

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor  
Robert Vettese, Public Works Manager  
Mark Hermann of ARH, Town Engineer

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of this meeting has been posted and given to official newspapers. Please familiarize yourselves with the fire exits to the right and rear of the Council Chambers. Please do not proceed beyond the front benches without invitation from the Mayor to do so. Also, each person who wishes to address Council will be allotted 5 minutes.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC HEARD FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Minutes May 20, 2024  
Executive Minutes May 20, 2024  
Regular Minutes Special Meeting June 10, 2024

Executive Minutes Special Meeting June 10, 2024

**PRESENTATION**

- Fiesta Mexicana 25 years in business
- Retirement plaque Robert Vettese

**DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public Hearing of Ordinance #12-2024 Establish a CAP Bank**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton in the County of Atlantic finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2024 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$120,420.54 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2024 budget year, the final appropriations of the Town of Hammonton shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$421,471.89, and that the CY 2024 municipal budget for the Town of Hammonton be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

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

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

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

**Resolution #092-2024- 2024 - Public Hearing and Adoption of the Municipal Budget**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2023 BUDGET**



	Reserves if Any)	\$ 1,192,574.42
7.	SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS-TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY (N.J.S. 40A:4-13)	0.00
	<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$17,402,856.61</b>

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 24th day of June, 2024. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2024 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

**Public Hearing of Ordinance #011-2024- Purchase of New Tanker Fire Truck and Equipment**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW TANKER FIRE TRUCK AND AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$800,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$760,000 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 members thereof affirmatively concurring) **AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement or purpose to be undertaken by the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey (the "Town"). For the said improvement or purpose stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$800,000, which sum includes \$40,000 as the amount of down payment for said improvement or purpose required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the "Local Bond Law"). Said down payment is now available therefor by virtue of an appropriation 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 improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$800,000 appropriation not provided for by said down payment, negotiable bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$760,000 pursuant to 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 \$760,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

**SECTION 3.** (a) The improvement hereby authorized and purpose for the financing of which said bonds or notes are to be issued is for the purchase of a new tanker fire truck and auxiliary equipment for the Fire Department, including all work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvement or purpose is \$760,000.

(c) The estimated cost of said improvement or purpose is \$800,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, is the down payment in the amount of \$40,000 for said improvement or purpose.

**SECTION 4.** In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, the County of Atlantic or any other source makes a contribution or grant in aid to the Town, for the improvement and purpose 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, the County of Atlantic or any other source. In the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, the County of Atlantic or any other source, 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, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date or otherwise authorized by the Local Bond Law. 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 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 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 7.** The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense and is an improvement which the Town may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, 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 improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 20 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 \$760,000 and the said bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$160,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement hereinbefore 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 bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance. The bonds or notes shall be direct, unlimited

obligations of the Town, and the Town shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Town for the payment of the bonds or notes 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 \$760,000. 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 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 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 Code of the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this ordinance.

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

**Public Hearing of Ordinance #013–2024- Amending Chapter 211-1 Section A**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 211-1 Section A 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:

1. Chapter 211-1, Section A is amended as follows:

A. A certain document, three copies of which are on file in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Hammonton and the office of the Building Official/Code Enforcement Officer, being marked and designated as **International Property Maintenance Code, 2012 edition, (Change to International Property Maintenance Code, 2024 edition)** to as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Property Maintenance Code of the Town of Hammonton in the State of New Jersey for regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures, by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use, and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such existing structures as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Property Maintenance Code on file in the office of the Hammonton Construction Code Official, are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this chapter, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Subsection C of this section.

**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 May 20, 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 June 27, 2024, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administration - Councilman Gribbin**

**Business & Industry – Councilman Oliva**

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

**Education – Councilman Marino**

**Public Works & Transportation Councilman S. Rodio**

**Law & Order – Councilman S. Rodio**

**Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione**

**ENGINEER REPORT**

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

**MAYOR REPORT**

**PWM REPORT**

**TOWN CLERK REPORT**

1. Approval to move Abby Mauriello from full time to part time in the Police Dispatch. Effective June 29, 2024, 20 to 26 hours per week, no benefits \$18.50 per hour.
2. Approval of Albert J. Rehmann, Thomas M. Barker and James Mascola as regular members of Fire Company #1. Approved at Fire Company meeting on June 19, 2024, background checks complete.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Introduction of Ordinance #16-2024-Bond Ordinance purchase of Police Cars & Airport Obstruction Removal**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution #094-2024- Approve Mainstreet New Year’s Eve Bash**

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Tuesday, December 31, 2024, is the scheduled date for the Main Street Hammonton New Year’s Eve Bash from 10:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, Mainstreet Hammonton is requesting use of the Town Hall parking lot, and building and the closure of Central Avenue from Bellevue to Vine Street from 5:00 p.m. on December 31st, 2024, to 1:30 a.m. on January 1st, 2025.

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

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

**Resolution #095.2024- Authorize Hispanic Heritage Month**

**Authorizing Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration Event**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Thursday, September 19, 2024, is the scheduled date for the celebratory event beginning Hispanic Heritage Month in conjunction with Third Thursday, which will be celebrated with a multicultural street festival on South 2nd Street. During this celebration, we are creating an atmosphere of inclusion and culture sharing with our community to offer traditions, history, art and different cultures from all areas of Central and South America. Will also be sharing the work and history of Allies in Caring.

**WHEREAS**, Main Street Hammonton and event partners have requested the following street closures for this event between the hours of 3:00 pm. to 10:00 p.m. to parking and traffic:  
S. 2nd from Bellevue Avenue to Vine Street; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the September 19, 2024 Hispanic Heritage Month celebratory event during Third Thursday including the above requests for street closures, and posting of "NO PARKING" signs are acknowledged, approved and endorsed;

**Resolution #096-2024- Approve Carnival game for Mt. Carmel Festival**

**Amusement Games for Mt Carmel Festival**

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

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, that the following license(s) are issued to the individual(s) designated herein to operate the specific amusement game set forth herein and the issuance of said license be and

the same are hereby approved for the individual and Amusement Game as hereinafter designated contingent upon police background check:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Town Fee</u>	<u>Game</u>
David Stukart	Wesley Chapel, FL	\$50.00	Block Buster
		\$50.00	Basketball
		\$50.00	Balloon/Darts
Donna Cook	Plainsboro, NJ	\$50.00	Balloon Pop
		\$50.00	Balloon Pop #2
		\$50.00	Long Range Basketball
		\$50.00	Water Race
		\$50.00	Cork Gun
		\$50.00	Ring a Duck
		\$50.00	Hangman
		\$50.00	Ring a Bottle
James Snyder	Allentown, PA	\$50.00	Balloon
		\$50.00	Break the Bottle
		\$50.00	Water Race
		\$50.00	Bottle Up

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

**Resolution # 097-2024- Authorize Duplicate Tax Sale Certification**

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

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

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

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

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

**Resolution #098-2024- Waiving Business Registration Fees for 2024**

**A Resolution Waving the Business Registration Fees for the Year 2024**

**WHEREAS,** Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, due to COVID19 and the closing of local business for an extended period, per executive orders enacted by the Governor of the State of New Jersey, hereby waive all business registration fees the year 2024 only: and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton that the Business Registration fees for the period of August 1, 2024 to July 31, 2025 are waived.

**Resolution #099-2024- Establishing fee for Tax Notices**

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

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

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

**Resolution #100-2024- Authorizing 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>
3904/80	HUD		\$132.86	Refund/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 #101- 2024 – Authorizing Hammonton Community Market**

**RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING  
THE HAMMONTON COMMUNITY MARKET  
For Fourth Fridays**

**WHEREAS**, The Hammonton Green Committee and MainStreet Hammonton Organization shall collaborate to promote the Town of Hammonton with scheduled Community Market events in the downtown business district; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council shall support the efforts of The Hammonton Green Committee in collaboration with MainStreet Hammonton; and

**WHEREAS**, Main Street Hammonton is partnering with the Hammonton Green Committee of Hammonton to host this Community Market event on the Fourth Friday of June, July, August & September, which will feature sustainability themed agriculture, artisan and craft vendors, live music and environmental conservation demonstrations; and

**WHEREAS**, The Hammonton Green Committee events attract residents and visitors to the town and therefore enhanced the growing reputation of Hammonton's Downtown, and

**WHEREAS**, Friday June 28th, 2024 is the scheduled date for the first of four summer Hammonton Community Market events,during the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, additional dates of Friday, July 26th, 2024, August 23rd and September 27th will repeat the Community Market during the hours of 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm; and

**WHEREAS**, The Hammonton Green Committee in collaboration with MainStreet Hammonton has requested the following street closure for the following Community Market events between the hours of 2 pm to 9 pm:

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 Friday, June 28th, July 26th, August 23rd and September 27th, 2024 is approved for the Hammonton Community Market event, including the above requests for street closure and are approved and endorsed;

**Resolution #102-2024- Authorize Hammonton Harvest Fest**

**AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING  
Hammonton Community Endowment Harvest Fest Fundraiser**

**WHEREAS**, The Hammonton Heart & Soul Leadership Team with MainStreet Hammonton serving as the sponsoring non-profit organization, applied for a \$100,000 grant offered by the Community Foundation of South

Jersey for an initiative called, "Transform South Jersey" resulting in Hammonton being selected as one of six communities in February of 2020 and

**WHEREAS**, Through this project, residents and leaders participated in the Community Heart & Soul process to determine the community values loved and cherished by the Hammonton community and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council endorsed these Community Value Statements on January 22, 2024 and agreed to refer to these identified community priorities as a resource guide for town planning and

**WHEREAS**, The Hammonton Community Endowment was established as a way that people who love this special town can pool and direct their resources to provide funds that honor what we love here in Hammonton and ensures Hammonton remains strong, healthy and vibrant and

**WHEREAS**, Our goal is to raise \$50,000 by December 31, 2024 since we have the opportunity to double our investment through the Community Foundation of South Jersey's funding from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, dollar for dollar up to \$50,000 and

**WHEREAS**, The premier fundraising event, "Harvest Fest" featuring the band GoodMan Fiske is planned for Saturday, September 28,2024 from 4pm-10pm at the Mt Carmel Grounds that will include a beer/distillery garden and food trucks and

**WHEREAS**, The Hammonton Community Endowment Planning Team has been approved by the Mt Carmel Society for the use of the Mt Carmel grounds and is working with the Police Chief to determine security requirements to ensure safety measures and

**WHEREAS**, The Hammonton Community Endowment Planning Team is requesting the closure of half of French Street from N 3<sup>rd</sup> St up to and including Mt Carmel Lane from 12 noon -11:30pm on September 28,2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that Harvest Fest Fundraiser on September 28, 2024 and requested road closures are acknowledged and endorsed.

**PUBLIC HEARD**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**