

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council February 24, 2025
Town Hall Council Chambers, 100 Central Avenue
Executive Session 6:00 P.M.
Public Session 7:00 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Councilperson:

Furgione - Present

Gribbin – Present

Marino - Present

Oliva- Absent

R. Rodio - Present

S. Rodio – Present

Mayor DiDonato – Present

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor

EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #037-2025

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

Motion by Council Person Marino Second R. Rodio
Close Executive Session

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

Councilperson:

Furgione - Present

Gribbin – Present

Marino -Present

Oliva- Absent

R. Rodio- Present

S. Rodio – Present

Mayor DiDonato - Present

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor

Rich Rehmann of ARH

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 an 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 January 27, 2025

Executive Minutes January 27, 2025

Motion by Council Person Marino Second R. Rodio
Minutes are approved

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Absent

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

PRESENTATION

- **Oak Grove Cemetery**- Given by Deputy Mayor Tom Gribbin to Joe Berenato. Joe thanked all of council and all the members of the Oak Grove Cemetery.
- **Presentation Health Insurance** – Presentation given by C-Point Insurance. Dan Miller gave the presentation on an option for health coverage for our employees. His option could save the Town up to \$500,000. It is a self-insured plan with Cigna. There is a stop loss policy also included in the policy. A long discussion ensued; the Town will get additional information to Dan and set-up a meeting with the unions and retirees.
- **Lakeview Gardens Presentation** - Presented by Rich Rehmann of ARH. Reviewed the project and the type of contamination that is at this location. (P-Fas) Residents can connect to the public water mains that will be installed. The decision is the residents; you do not have to hook up if you do not want to.

Councilman Furgione spoke about the project and explained how it works. He also informed the residents that they can use their current well for irrigation. If residents connect to the new water main within 6 months of the water main being installed, the town will not charge the \$1,500 connection fee.

Mayor DiDonato – explained that residents do not have to connect to the new water line. If you don't it is not safe. The well water should be tested quartet to make sure it is safe to use.

Irving Cohen 751 Moss Mill Road- asked if he can keep his well if he doesn't hook into the new water line. Yes, you can.

Town Solicitor Mike Malinsky- informed the residents and council that our current ordinance states, that if you well fails for any reason a resident has to connect into the Town's water system.

Chris Costa 114 Poplar Street- He tested his well twice and it failed. What is the cost to cap a well and close it? What is the source of P-Faas? The cost is approximately \$3,000 and we do not know the source of the contamination.

Deputy Mayor Gribbin- We have not identified the source of the contamination.

Councilman Rodio- Also spoke about the source of the contamination.

Individual looking to purchase 2 Moss View Lane- He is looking to purchase this property and wanted to thank the mayor and council for doing this. He asked what would be the process of obtaining permits.

Mike Manna 146 Cypress Court – His well is over 40 years old, and he has no issues with it. Can you do a new well for just outside irrigation? Yes, you can.

Ian Fisher 4 Moss View Lane- If the Town does not receive the loan to do this project, will you still move forward with the project? Yes, the town will move forward no matter what.

- **Presentation and promotion for police department**
 - o Policeman of the year Chris Henshaw
 - o John Amendolia promotion to Sergeant

Motion by Council Person Marino Second Gribbin
Promotion to corporal for Casey Hendrickson

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Absent

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Resolution #038 -2025- Temporary Capital Budget

WHEREAS, the need has arisen to introduce a bond ordinance to provide funds for Environmental Remediation for Various Properties, including all appurtenances necessary and related thereto, and;

WHEREAS, the regulations of the Local Finance board (N.J.A.C. 5:30-4.3(b)) of the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Services requires that the municipality adopt a temporary capital budget if a bond ordinance is to be passed prior to the adoption of the Annual Capital Budget, and;

WHEREAS, the ordinance provides a total appropriation as follows:

General Capital Fund

<u>1) Purpose</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Capital Improvement Fund</u>	<u>Debt Authorized</u>
Environmental Remediation for Various Properties	<u>\$ 283,000</u>	<u>\$ 14,150</u>	<u>\$ 268,850</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic that:

- 1) a Temporary Capital Budget is hereby created for the following:

General Capital Fund

Environmental Remediation for Various Properties	\$ 283,000
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- 2) the projects will be included in the Annual Capital Budget, and
- 3) one certified copy shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government
Services immediately after passage.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second S. Rodio
Approval of resolution #038-2025

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Absent

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration - Councilman Gribbin

- No action items
- Reviewed the admin committee meeting regarding health insurance.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Furgione
Write a letter to the BPU regarding opposition of rate increases

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Absent

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Business & Industry – Councilman Oliva- given by Deputy Mayor Gribbin

- Restaurant week was a success and will end 2/25/2025
- Urgent Care Cape Regional will have their grand opening in April.
- Kelly Loder Travel will be moving to a new location
- Mainstreet Gala will be 3/29/2025

Quality of Life – Councilwoman R. Rodio

- Historical walk tour will be on March 1 from 1 pm to 3pm. The tour will start at the Eagle theatre.
- Environmental cleanup will be 3/8 from 10 am to 12 noon.
- The community market will start on the 4th Friday of every month from June to September

Education – Councilman Marino

- The school board meeting was held on February 13. Mike Torrisi attend the meeting and presented proclamations to teachers.
- The board also announced the teachers of the year.

Public Works & Transportation Councilman S. Rodio

- No action items currently

Law & Order – Mayor DiDonato – Given by Chief Friel

- Bike Lane on Bellevue Ave will be marked out regarding the new project the state will be doing.
- The police department will have a grant for the month of April for texting while driving.
- The speed sign is being moved all around town to curtail speeding.

Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione

- No action items currently
- Spoke about his concern of the bike path that the state will be putting on Bellevue Ave
- Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Marino approval to have our solicitor write a letter to the state letting them know of the town's concerns about the bike path on Bellevue Ave.

ENGINEER REPORT

ACTION ITEMS: None

SOLICITOR REPORT

- No action items currently

MAYOR REPORT

- No action items currently

Public Works Report

-Old Forks Road-

The installation of the water services / sewer lateral(s) has been delayed due to weather. The paving will occur in the spring.

- Airport Taxiway Project- excavation along the taxiway will be completed once the weather breaks; this is the final punch list item. Once completed final invoices will processed and the project will be complete.

-Lake Park Grant – Jake's law grant was submitted on February 5th and will should know sometime in July if the town will receive the funding.

Town Public works Schedule for March

Trash collection:

Bulky waste pickup for March - will be from the 3rd to the 7th.

Brush pickup for March - will be the 10th through 14th.

The County Recycling pickup for March will be 3rd through the 7th, and the 17th to the 21st.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

1. Appoint Frank Sacco as Zoning officer for the Town of Hammonton effective February 8th 2025
2. Approve new Fire Company #1 members, Frank Scanga and Michael Shannon effective February 24, 2025. Background check complete, approved by Fire Company #1 at their meeting on February 19, 2025.
3. Approval to Hire Linda Slimm as a part –time dispatcher retroactive to February 3, 2025, hourly rate of \$18.50 an hour, 20 hours per week no benefits.
4. Accept resignation of Dalton Scola from his position with the Hammonton Police Department effective March, 3, 2025.
5. Approval of the hiring of Andrew Spatola full-time as a laborer in the Highway department. Single benefits, 40 hours a week, salary to follow current contract. Contingent upon all civil service rules and regulations.
6. Approval of new salary rates for the Blue-Collar contract with the Highway and Recreation Departments.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second R. Rodio
Items 1 to 6 are approved

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Absent

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 R. Rodio

Approval of Bill list

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Absent

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Bond Ordinance #002-2025- Environmental Remediations

BOND ORDINANCE #002-2025

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION
TO VARIOUS PROPERTIES, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$283,000
THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$268,850 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 \$283,000, which sum includes \$14,150 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 \$283,000 appropriation not provided for by said down payment, negotiable bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$268,850 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 \$268,850 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 environmental remediation to various properties located in the Town, 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 \$268,850.

(c) The estimated cost of said improvement or purpose is \$283,000, 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 \$14,150 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 5 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 \$268,850 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 \$56,600 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 \$268,850. 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 Motion by Council Person Marino Second Furgione

Ordinance #002-2025 passed first reading approval for advertisement

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Absent

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Introduction of Bond Ordinance #003-2025- Reappropriation of Funds for Centrifuge

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A CENTRIFUGE, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; REAPPROPRIATING \$113,400 IN EXCESS BOND PROCEEDS FROM BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-2023 FINALLY ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 18, 2023 , NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSE, TO FINANCE THE COSTS 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 24-2023 of the Town on December 18, 2023, as more fully described in Section 1 herein (the “Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, following the effective date of the Ordinance, the Town issued bonds to fully fund same and to finance the improvements or purposes authorized therein; and

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 1. The following amounts of Excess Proceeds from the Ordinance listed below are no longer necessary for the improvements or purposes for which they were appropriated, authorized and issued:

<u>Bond Ordinance Number and Date of Adoption</u>	<u>Excess Proceeds Amount</u>	<u>Section of Bond Ordinance Reappropriated From</u>
24-2023 finally adopted December 18, 2023	\$ 87,048.71	Section 3(a)
24-2023 finally adopted December 18, 2023	<u>\$ 26,351.29</u>	Section 3(c)
Total:	<u>\$113,400.00</u>	

SECTION 2. The total amount of \$113,400 in Excess Proceeds is hereby reappropriated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-39, and shall be used to finance the cost of the undertaking by the Town of general capital improvements or purposes for which bonds may be issued. Said general capital improvements or purposes are set forth in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance.

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

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

SECTION 4. In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Atlantic make a contribution or grant in aid to the Town for the improvement or purpose authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Town, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of debt service on the bonds issued for such improvement or purpose and shall be used for no other improvement or purpose.

SECTION 5. The capital budget or temporary capital budget, as applicable, of the Town is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and a resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital programs as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, is on file in the office of the Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6. The Town covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the interest on all bond proceeds reappropriated by this bond ordinance.

SECTION 7. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication hereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second S. Rodio

Ordinance #003-2025 passed first reading approval for advertisement

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Absent

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #039-2025 – Participate in County LEAP Grant for Aerial Imagery

**PARTICIPANT’S RESOLUTION
LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$6 million for Shared Services and School District Consolidation Study and Implementation Grants to assist local units with the study, development, and implementation of new shared and regional services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) is tasked with administering these grant funds through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP); and

WHEREAS, LEAP Implementation Grants exist to support costs associated with shared service implementation to ensure that meaningful, efficiency generating initiatives are not hindered by short term transitional expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic County Government and its twenty-three municipalities (which includes: City of Absecon, City of Atlantic City, City of Brigantine, Buena Borough, Buena Vista Township, Corbin City, Egg Harbor City, Egg Harbor Township, Estell Manor, Borough of Folsom, Galloway Township, Town of Hammonton, Hamilton Township, City of Linwood, Borough of Longport, City of Margate, Township of Mullica, City of Northfield, City of Pleasantville, City of Port Republic, City of Somers Point, City of Ventnor, and Weymouth Township) propose to enter into a shared services agreement, but face certain expenses associated with implementation that present a burden to the local units; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this shared services agreement is to acquire and implement a geospatial data solution offering crucial support with current and clear aerial imagery views of Atlantic Count land and improvements for each participating agency for purposes including but not limited to: tax assessment valuation, civil planning, emergency management & public safety which will benefit the residents of all participating local units: and

WHEREAS, Atlantic County Government has agreed to be the lead agency in this program and will submit the application to DLGS on behalf of all participating units; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton, that the Town of Hammonton does hereby join with the Atlantic County Government in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$300,000.00 to support implementation of this shared service.

Resolution # 040-2025- approval of Tri Vets Memorial Day Parade

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

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

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

WHEREAS, **Monday May 26, 2024** is the scheduled date for the Tri Vet Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony beginning at 10:00 a.m.; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the Tri Vet Memorial Day Parade is acknowledged and endorsed by the Town of Hammonton contingent upon the following:

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

Resolution #041- 2025- Approval of Green Day 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 27th, 2025 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 25 2025, August 22 2025 and September 26 2025 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 3 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 27th, July 25th, August 22nd and September 26th, 2025 is approved for the Hammonton Community Market event, including the above requests for street closure and are approved and endorsed

Resoltuion #042-2025- Approval to enter in an agreement with Atlantic County to purchase salt & brine

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO A
COMMODITY RESALE SYSTEM 99035-ACCRS**

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.17 authorizes contracting units to establish a Commodity Resale System;
and

WHEREAS, the County of Atlantic established Commodity Resale System 99035-ACCRS for the resale of Gasoline products, Diesel Fuel and Snow Removal Chemicals; and

WHEREAS, the County of Atlantic has agreed to serve as the Lead Agency for a Commodity Resale System 99035-ACCRS.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on the February 24, 2025, by the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The Town of Hammonton Town Council hereby authorizes the participation of the Town of Hammonton in the Atlantic County Commodity Resale System 99035-ACCRS.

The BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the **County of Atlantic for the sale of road salt** in an estimated amount of \$76.21 per ton, **or salt brine** at \$0.40 per gallon, which rates will be adjusted on an annual basis based upon the bids accepted by the Atlantic County Cooperative.

A single certified copy of this Resolution along with a copy of the Agreement shall be forwarded to the County of Atlantic.

Resolution #043-2025- Approval of Various refunds

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON
AUTHORIZING VARIOUS 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:

Kennedy, Kristine	\$ 250.00	Rental fee
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Resolution #044-2025- Approval of 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>
2401/6	King, David	345 N 1 st Rd	\$1,175.80	Refund/Overpayment
2402/1.03	Natoli, Michael	456 13 th St	\$200.00	Refund/Overpayment
2604/2	Moran, & Tassone	214 Line St	\$1,007.24	Refund/Overpayment
2904/10	Vision Abstract	320 S 3 rd St	\$1,615.43	Refund/Overpayment
4301/2/C0202	Bottalico, Antonia	202 Yorktown	\$791.89	Refund/Overpayment
4908/2/C0018	Salvatore, Philip	18 Jamestown	\$797.40	Refund/Overpayment
5002/5	Minguzzi, Nancy	584 Oak Rd.	\$588.38	Refund/Exempt Vet
5002/5	Minguzzi, Nancy	584 Oak Rd.	\$1,708.52	Cancel/Exempt Vet
5101/5	First American Title	223 N Union Rd	\$1,104.24	Refund/Overpayment
Various	Corelogic	Various	\$10,903.33	Refund/Overpayments

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

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

Resolution #045-2025- Authorizing Hammonton Arts & Music Festival

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE 4th ANNUAL HAMMONTON ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL 2025**

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Saturday, May 03, 2025, is the scheduled date for the Hammonton Arts & Music event during the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and

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

Horton Street between Bellevue Ave and Orchard Street.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that Saturday, May 04, 2025, is approved for the Hammonton Arts & Music Festival event, including the above requests for street closure and are approved and endorsed.

Resolution #046-2025- Approval of Easter Eggstravaganza

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE ANNUAL DOWNTOWN HAMMONTON
EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA 2025**

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Friday, April 18, 2025, is the scheduled date for the annual Downtown Easter Eggstravaganza event during the hours of 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm, and

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton has requested the following street closure for this event between the hours of 10:00 am – 3:00 pm:
South Second St. between Bellevue Ave. and Vine Street, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that April 18, 2025 is approved for the Downtown Hammonton Easter Eggstravaganza event, including the above requests for street closure and police assistance are acknowledged, approved and endorsed;

Resolution #047-2025- Authorizing Cruisin Mainstreet

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Friday, May 16 (rain date May 17) is the scheduled date for the MainStreet Hammonton Annual “Cruisin’ MainStreet- Remember Friday Nights” event during the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the May 16 (rain date May 17) and the “Cruisin’ Main Street” event, including the above requests for street closures, reservation of parking spaces, posting of “NO PARKING” signs and two police officers are acknowledged, approved and endorsed.

Resolution #048-2025- Approve Temporary Budget Appropriations

Temporary Emergency Appropriations

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, New Jersey, that the following temporary emergency appropriations are hereby made

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Admin S&W	\$80,000.00
Admin OE	\$10,000.00
Finance S&W	\$40,000.00
Finance OE	\$8,000.00
Assessor S&W	\$60,000.00
Assess OE	\$4,000.00
Collection S&W	\$35,000.00
Collection OE	\$11,000.00
Legal OE	\$75,000.00
Computer S&W	\$30,000.00
Computer OE	\$50,000.00
Plng Brd S&W	\$16,000.00
Planning Board OE	\$ 5,000.00
Construction S&W	\$100,000.00
Construction O&E	\$10,000.00
Other Code S&W	\$20,000.00
Group Insurance	\$1,000,000.00
Insurance OE (Airport/ Rec)	\$20,064.92
Workers Comp (Statewide)	\$300,000.00
NJ Disability	\$12,000.00
Fire Operating Exp.	\$100,000.00
State Fire S&W	\$ 10,000.00
Police S&W	\$1,700,000.00
Police OE	\$80,000.00

Radio S&W	\$90,000.00
Prosecutor OE	\$20,000.00
Bldg & Grds OE	\$70,000.00
Highway S&W	\$350,000.00
Highway OE	\$500,000.00
Dog Reg. OE	\$5,000.00
Registrar OE	\$200.00
Park S&W	\$700.00
Recreation S&W	\$70,000.00
Recreation Operating Exp.	\$20,000.00
Advertising	\$20,000.00
Airport OE (Purchase Tank)	\$115,000.00
Gasoline	\$75,000.00
Natural Gas	\$30,000.00
Electric	\$40,000.00
Street Lighting	\$100,000.00
Telephone	\$20,000.00
Social Security	\$70,000.00
Recycling Tax	\$12,000.00
DCRP	\$6,000.00
Public Defender	\$12,000.00
Municipal Court S&W	\$100,000.00
Municipal Court OE	\$8,000.00
PERS	\$135,799.89
PFRS	\$738,956.45
Capital Improvement Fund	\$25,000.00
Utility S&W	\$300,000.00
Utility OE	\$400,000.00
Utility Disability	\$ 6,000.00
Utility Social Security	\$ 6,000.00
Utility Capital Improvement Fund	\$50,000.00

Utility PERS \$151,187.50

Resolution #049-2025- Cancel Prior Year Unexpended grant Balances

CANCEL PRIOR YEAR UNEXPENDED GRANT BALANCES

WHEREAS, there are old inactive, expired and dormant grant receivable and prior year unexpended grant balances that remain on the books, it is the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and the Auditor that these balances be canceled; and

WHEREAS, the following is the detail of the Current Fund grant receivable balance and grant reserve balances to be canceled:

CURRENT FUND

Prior Year Grants Receivable Balances

2023-24 Municipal Alliance

	<u>Amount</u>
2023-24 Municipal Alliance	\$ 624.50

Prior Year Grant Reserve Balances

2012 Federal Forfeited Property

\$ 146.65

2020 USDOT – FAA Grant

1,815.00

2021 USDOT – FAA Grant

1,033.44

2023-24 Municipal Alliance

5,020.09

Total

\$ 8,015.18

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Current Fund grant receivable balance and grant reserve balances listed above be canceled and that the Chief Financial Officer record this action in the books and records of the Town of Hammonton.

Resolution #050-2025- Cancel unexpended improvement authorizations

CANCEL UNEXPENDED IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

WHEREAS, there are old inactive unexpended improvement authorizations that remain outstanding on the books, it is the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and the Auditor that these balances be canceled; and

WHEREAS, the following is the detail of the Water/Sewer Utility Capital Fund unexpended improvement authorization balances to be canceled:

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

Unexpended Improvement Authorizations

Ord. 3-22 and 11-22 – Utility Drip Irrigation

\$ 130,745.67

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Water/Sewer Utility Capital Fund unexpended improvement authorizations listed above be canceled and that the Chief Financial Officer record this action in the books and records of the Town of Hammonton.

Motion by Council Person Marino Second R.Rodriguez

Resolution #039 to #050 are approved

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Absent

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