

**Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council March 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- Present

R. Rodio - Present

S. Rodio – Present

Mayor DiDonato – Present

**PRESENT ALSO**

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor

**EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #051-2025**

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Marino  
Enter into Executive Session

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Oliva  
Close Executive Session

**RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL**

Councilperson:

Furgione - Present

Gribbin – Present

Marino -Present

Oliva- Present

R. Rodio- Present

S. Rodio – Present

Mayor DiDonato - Present

**PRESENT ALSO**

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor

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 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**

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Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second R.Rodio  
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**

- **Kayak /Canoe rental presentation-** Introduction of Jersey Devil Ventures given by Adam Monacelli. Hunter Gambale from Jersey Devil gave an overview of how the rental procedures would work.

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second Marino

Approval to allow the rentals of canoes / Kayaks at the Hammonton Canoe Club from May 1, 2025 to July 31<sup>st</sup> 2025.  
Contingent upon all approvals from the Ins Company and Solicitor.

**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

- **Jewish Family Services-** Samantha McManus and her colleagues gave an overview of the services they provide. They will be at Town Hall every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month to provide services to the community.
- **Veterans Committee** – Josh Trepiccione spoke about the work he is doing with the Veterans within the Town. He also presented to council the plan to hang banners of veterans. They will seek grants to help pay for the banners and hope to hang them throughout the town. They would like to have banners displayed starting November of this year.

**DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public Hearing of Ordinance #001-2025- Lincoln Street One-way and Angled Parking**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING Chapter 271 Vehicles and Traffic  
Articles 10 and 20 One-Way Streets and Angle Parking**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey that Chapter 271-10 and 271-20 be added as follows:

<b><u>Name of Road</u></b>	<b><u>Zone Description</u></b>	<b><u>Movement/ Parking</u></b>
Lincoln Street	between 12 <sup>th</sup> Street and Passmore Ave	1 Way Only East Bound
Lincoln Street	between 12 <sup>th</sup> Street and Passmore Ave	Angle Parking on North Side

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that, all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby re-pealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication according to law.

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

Motion by Council Person Marino Second R. Rodio  
Ordinance is adopted and approved for publication

**Roll Call:**

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

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**Public Hearing 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 R.Rodio  
Ordinance is open for public comment

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second Marino  
Ordinance is adopted and approved for publication

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:  
Furgione - Yes  
Gribbin – Yes  
Marino -Yes

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

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**Public Hearing of Bond Ordinance #003-2025- Re-appropriation 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:

<b><u>Bond Ordinance Number and Date of Adoption</u></b>	<b><u>Excess Proceeds Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Section of Bond Ordinance Reappropriated From</u></b>
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<b><u>Bond Ordinance Number and Date of Adoption</u></b>	<b><u>Excess Proceeds Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Section of Bond Ordinance Reappropriated From</u></b>
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 R. Rodio

Ordinance is open for public comment

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second S. Rodio

Ordinance is adopted and approved for publication

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administration - Councilman Gribbin**

- Looking into new payroll service
- Hire additional help in Court office
- New ladder fire truck was delivered
- Happy Easter

**Business & Industry – Councilman Oliva**

- Antique week will be from March 25<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>
- There are new events being planned for this year. Tyler Wilson the new HRC head is doing a great job on this venture.
- Marquez grill is open at the new location at the Old Central location on Orchard Street. The old location on Railroad Ave is also open. Both locations will be open simultaneously.
- Ribbon cutting for Loder travel and Rise and Revive Yoga occurred this month
- Cape Regional Urgent Care has also opened its doors. They will have a ribbon cutting event in the coming weeks.
- 3/29/2025 will be the Mainstreet Gala
- Easter egg extravaganza will be April 18 on 2ns Street

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

- Green Committee has applied for a grant they will know the outcome in the coming months.
- Seed swap will be 7pm this Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> of March
- Thanked all the volunteers for the Town wide cleanup

**Education – Councilman Marino**

- 3/13/25 was the Board of Ed meeting.
- The wrestling team is doing great this year
- Thanked Robert Capoferri for the donation towards the new bathroom facilities.

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

- Reviewed Engineers report
- Happy Easter everyone
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### **Law & Order – Mayor DiDonato –Given by Chief Friel**

- We received a grant for 80 grant hours for “Put away the phone” from 4/1 to 4/30
- The Police Dept applied for a pedestrian grant
- Atlantic County is #2 in the state for serious accidents , please be careful when diving
- There will be an event for seniors at the canoe club on April 22<sup>nd</sup> for seniors regarding financial fraud.
- April is Autism month. On the 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a walk / run event

### **Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione**

- Old Forks Road should be completed over the next couple of months
- ARH is working on the lead service line project. Please respond to any correspondence you may receive.
- Rt 54 project will be starting soon. The Town is working on installing new water lines during this project
- Happy Easter

## **ENGINEER’S REPORT**

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **1. 11th Street Recreation Area Survey (ARH #P2025.0148)**

We are requesting authorization to gather survey information in the front portion of the 11th Street Recreation Area to support subsequent design and coordination with other work being performed on-site.

#### **Action Item**

Approve ARH’s proposal for Land Surveying services for an amount not to exceed \$5,750.00.

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second Gribbin

Approval of PO TO ARH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,750.00

#### **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

#### **2. Hammonton Lake Permit Compliance 2025 (ARH #P2025.0176)**

We are requesting authorization to perform the coordination and permitting services to comply with the NJ Pinelands permit for Lake spraying, including performing a post-treatment aquatic survey, reporting to the NJ Pinelands, and coordinating with the Town’s consultant (LMS). ARH will also complete the 2025-2026 lake lowering permit application.

#### **Action Item**

Approve ARH’s proposal for Environmental Permitting services for an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00.

Motion by Council Person Marino Second Furgione

Approval of PO TO ARH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,500.00

**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

**3. Lake Park Tot Lot (ARH #P2025.0165)**

We are requesting authorization to prepare bidding documents and provide construction administration and inspection to support the installation of the Tot Lot at Hammonton Lake Park. All work remains consistent with the Town's Lake Park Master Plan and is funded in part by an NJ DCA LRIG grant.

**Action Item**

Approve ARH's proposal for engineering services for an amount not to exceed \$5,500.00.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second R. Rodio

Approval of PO TO ARH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,500.00

**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

**4. Lake Park Pavilion Enhancements (ARH #P2025.0164)**

We are requesting authorization to prepare bidding documents and provide construction administration and inspection to support the enhancements for the Pavilion at Hammonton Lake Park. All work remains consistent with the Town's Lake Park Master Plan and is funded in part by an NJ DCA LRIG grant.

**Action Item**

Approve ARH's proposal for engineering services for an amount not to exceed \$13,500.00.

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second Furgione

Approval of PO TO ARH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,500.00

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

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

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

### **SOLICITOR REPORT**

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva

Approval to Hire Judge Michelle Verno for night court 1 day a month at \$750.00 per session

#### **Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

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

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Motion by Council Person Marino Second Oliva

Approvals to have Mayor sign the settlement agreement for the Pedro Benitez case. The settlement amount is \$30,000. Pedro Benitez will receive \$2,000.00 out of the \$30,000. The insurance company will pay for the total settlement amount.

#### **Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

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

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

### **MAYOR REPORT**

- No action items

### **Public Works Report**

#### **-Safe Streets for all SS4 Project-**

We have applied for additional funding in the amount of 3.3 million dollars through congressionally directed spending. The application was submitted on March 11<sup>th</sup>. This funding will help the Town in reaching their march for this project.

**- Airport Taxiway Project-** excavation along the taxiway was completed on March 19. Final inspection by FAA will occur on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**- Safe Routes to School** – GPI has completed the storm water analysis. The next step is to setup a meeting with the school board and complete the permitting process.

**- Bike Path Project-** A zoom meeting and an onsite meeting were held early this month to review the railroad crossing portion of the project with NJDOT. There are some alterations that have to be made to the concrete and gates for safety. A resolution for an extension of time for the grant is on the agenda for approval.

**- 11<sup>th</sup> Street Recreation upgrade-** New irrigation installation is under way. The new irrigation pump was installed on March 11<sup>th</sup>; the irrigation lines will be installed this week.

#### **Town Public works Schedule for April**

**Trash collection:** - Easter Holiday trash collection will be as follows: Trash collection for Friday April 18<sup>th</sup> will be collected on Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup>; trash collection for Monday April 21<sup>st</sup> will be collected on Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Yard waste collection starts, please use biodegradable bags or open top containers only. Please do not put yard waste in your trash or recycling toter.

**Bulky waste pickup for April** - will be from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Brush pickup for April** - will be the 14<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>.

**The County Recycling pickup** – will be from March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **TOWN CLERK REPORT**

1. Approval to hire Joann Farrell crossing guard effective April 14, 2025 at \$15.50 per hour, 20 hours a week no benefits.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Marino  
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**

#### **Introduction of Ordinance #004 – 2025- Amend Chapter 271 Section 18.1 (B)**

#### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 271 VEHICLES SECTION 18.1 (B) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON**

**BE IT ORDAINED** BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT THE FOLLOWING IS REMOVED:

**SECTION 271-18.1 (B)** Handicap parking, on-street: 544 South Third Street has been repealed and shall be removed from chapter 271.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, If any section, sentence, or other part of this Ordinance is judged unconstitutional or invalid, that judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance, but shall be limited in its effect to the specific section, sentence or other part of this Ordinance directly involved in the controversy in which the judgment shall have been rendered.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication as required by law.

Motion by Council Person Marino Second Oliva

Ordinance #004-2025 passed first reading approval for 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

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **Resolution #052-2025 – Request Time Extension for NJDOT Bike Path Grant**

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

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

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

**Whereas**, the Town has received the following funding allotments from the NJDOT Municipal Aid program: FY-2022, \$745,000.00 dated February 16, 2022, and

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

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

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

- Coordination with NJDOT regarding a proposed railroad crossing which requires upgrades to existing signalization, concrete path and a safety gate.

**Furthermore**, The Town planned to bid and award the Phase II Bike Path Connector – 00035 construction projects during the summer of 2024 and be compliant with the NJDOT requirements for award of the FY-2022, \$745,000.00 funds. However, to be safe we are requesting a six (6) month time extension on the award for the FY-2022 project funds until August 16, 2025.

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

#### **Resolution #053-2025- Appoint Temporary Qualified Purchasing Agent**

##### **RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TEMPORARY QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT PER THE PROVISIONS OF N.J. ADMIN. CODE 5:32-4.4**

**WHEREAS**, N.J. ADMIN. CODE 5:32-4.4 permits a municipal governing body to appoint a person who does not possess a Qualified Purchasing Agent Certificate to serve as a temporary purchasing agent for a term of 1 Year: and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton desires to appoint Kelly Vitalo as the Temporary Purchasing Agent for a second term of 1 year, commencing on April 1, 2025 and expiring on March 31, 2026 for the Town of Hammonton;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, in the State of New Jersey hereby sets its bid threshold at \$44,000 and its quotation threshold to \$6,600; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton hereby appoints Kelly Vitalo as the Temporary Purchasing Agent for an additional term of 1 year as stated above, to exercise the duties of a purchasing agent pursuant to N.J. ADMIN. CODE 5:32-4.4, with specific relevance to the authority, responsibility, and accountability of the purchasing activity of the Town of Hammonton.

#### **Resolution # 054-2025- Naming Recycling Coordinator for recycling tonnage grant**

##### **RESOLUTION NAMING CERTIFIED RECYCLING PROFESSIONAL, AND AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION FOR RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT FOR YEAR 2024**

**WHEREAS**, The Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and



- WHEREAS,** It is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and
- WHEREAS,** The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and
- WHEREAS,** The recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and
- WHEREAS,** A resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such tonnage grants will memorialize the commitment of the municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Town of Hammonton to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and
- WHEREAS,** Scott Rivera Certified Recycling Professionals, is herein designated as the individual authorized to ensure that the application is properly completed and timely filed.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton in the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey that the Town of Hammonton hereby endorses this submission of the Recycling Tonnage Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and therefore designates Scott Rivera Certified Recycling Professional, to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the monies received from the Recycling Tonnage Grant be deposited in a dedicated Recycling Trust Fund to be used solely for the purpose of recycling; and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, Town Clerk, Scott Rivera Certified Recycling Professional, are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in furtherance of this Resolution

**Resolution # 055-2025- Approval of Good Friday Procession**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE “SPANISH COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION”**

**WHEREAS,** St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parish/St. Joseph’s Church continues to promote the Town of Hammonton with their annual “Spanish Community Good Friday Procession”; and

**WHEREAS,** Friday April 18, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. is the scheduled date for the Spanish Community Good Friday Procession; and

**WHEREAS,** St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parish/St. Joseph’s Church has requested assistance of the Town of Hammonton Police Department for this scheduled event and closure of the following streets in the Town of Hammonton for stations of the cross and procession:

From N. Third St.  
To French St.  
To Second St.  
To Pleasant St.  
To Tilton St.  
To French  
To N. Third St.

**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 Spanish Community Good Friday Procession is approved by the Town of Hammonton; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the necessary certificate of insurance has been filed with the Town Clerk.

**Resolution #056-2025- Approval of grant application for Congressional Funding**

**SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE FY2026  
CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING AND COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR  
SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress is accepting applications for funding from the Congressionally Directed Spending and Community Project Funding programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is seeking financial assistance from the United States Congress by submitting to US Senators Cory Booker and Andy Kim and to US Representative Jeff Van Drew applications for funding under the FY2026 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) and Community Project Funding (CPF) programs, respectively, for safety improvements to Bellevue Avenue at the intersections of Egg Harbor Road and Railroad Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023 the Town of Hammonton committed to provide a \$7,772,316 local match upon receipt of a \$14,430,000 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation for safety improvements and rehabilitation along several dangerous sections of the Bellevue Avenue corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, The grant received covers 65 percent of the total project cost, and Federal funding for the SS4A project is capped at 80 percent, and an additional 15 percent can come from Federal sources, the Town Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to apply for funds through the FY2026 CDS and CPF programs for \$3,335,293;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The allegations of the preamble are incorporated herein by this reference.
2. The Town of Hammonton hereby supports the submission of applications to the FY2026 Congressionally Directed Spending and Community Project Funding programs, in an amount not to exceed \$3,335,293, for safety improvements to Bellevue Avenue at the intersections of Egg Harbor Road and Railroad Avenue, and authorizes the Mayor, Town Administrator/ Municipal Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary and related to the submission of said grant application or grant agreement.
2. All Town officials and officers are hereby authorized and empowered to take all action deemed necessary or advisable to carry into effect the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

**Resolution #057-2025- Approval to move Premium payments to the general fund**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO MOVE  
PREMIUM PAYMENTS TO THE GENERAL FUND PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-33**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton Tax Collector has reported that premium payments for the following tax lien certificates, and in the following amount, have been deposited in the Premium Account for the Town of Hammonton on the following dates:

<b><u>Block/Lot</u></b>	<b><u>Certificate #</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Sale</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
4402/4	#13-00335	12/23/2013	\$1,900.00

4720/12	#15-00256	12/28/2015	\$6,000.00
5001/2	#15-00274	12/28/2015	\$22,000.00
2104/3	#16-00038	12/27/2016	\$100.00
2415/2	#17-00068	12/26/2017	\$7,500.00

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54:5-33 provides that premium payments made for tax sale certificates shall be held by the Tax Collector and returned to the purchaser of the fee if and when redemption is made; and

**WHEREAS**, the above tax sale certificate premium payments have been held by the Tax Collector for over five years and shall now escheat to the Town of Hammonton General Fund.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic in the State of New Jersey that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to transfer the premium amounts set forth above in the total of \$37,500.00 to the General Fund in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-33.

**Resolution #058-2025- 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>
2505/6	Federation Title Agency	500 12 <sup>th</sup> Street	\$846.24	Refund/Overpayment

**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 #059-2025- Approval to Award Lease of Fuel Tank under State Contract for the Hammonton Airport**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT TO AWARD  
THE LEASE OF FUEL TANK FOR MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need to lease a Jet-A Fuel tank for the Hammonton Municipal Airport until a new Fuel Tank is purchased; and

**WHEREAS**, after comparing the prices, that a contract be awarded to Spark Contractors 1307 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Dorothy, NJ 08317 to complete lease a Jet –A Fuel Tank under state contract #A42263, T-0849, in the amount not to exceed \$111,016.52; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available in the Operating Budget of the Airport; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1-et seq. requires that the resolution awarding the contract without competitive bidding and the contract itself must be available for public inspection;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY that the Mayor and Town Clerk of the Town of Hammonton are hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Spark Contractors .

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law as a State Approved Contractor # A42263, T-0849; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the contract is subject to the mutual acceptance of the appropriate contact documentation between Spark Contractors and the Town of Hammonton.

**Resolution #60-2025- Approval of waiver of the Water Connection fee for Lakeview Gardens**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF WATER CONNECTION FEES  
FOR THE LAKEVIEW GARDENS RESIDENTS WITH PRIVATE WELLS**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton desires to install water service to the Lakeview Gardens section of Town due to the potential of contamination to the current wells; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton will waive the Water Connection Fee only in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the list of properties attached to this resolution only; and

**Furthermore**, the Water Connection Fee will only be waived if the connection to the water service occurs with in 6 months of the installation of the water service: and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the list of properties attached herein shall be authorized to receive a waiver of the water connection fees for his development project if connections occurs within 6 months after the project is complete.

**Resolution #061-2025- 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:

Hunter, Amy	\$ 567.50	Refund Escrow
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**Resolution # 063-2025- Approval of Budget Transfers**

**TRANSFER OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey, that there be and hereby is authorized the following transfer from the 2024 Budget appropriations reserves:

**CURRENT FUND**

From: Collection of Taxes - Operating Expense	\$ 1,220.00
From: Construction - Salary & Wages	\$ 1,080.00
From: N.J. Disability Insurance - Operating Expense	\$ 1,200.00
From: Other Code Enforcement – Salary & Wages	\$ 930.00

From: Highway – Salary & Wages	\$ 1,200.00	
From: Recreation – Salary & Wages	\$ 930.00	
From: Airport - Operating Expense	\$ 1,200.00	
From: Recycling Tax	\$ 2,900.00	
From: Municipal Court Salary & Wages	\$ 1,090.00	
To: Highway - Operating Expense		\$ 3,500.00
To: Fire – Operating Expense		\$ 8,250.00

Motion by Council Person Marino Second Oliva

**Resolution #052 to #061 and #063 are approved**

**Roll Call:**

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**PUBLIC HEARD**

**Joe Capoferri 140 Lincoln Street-** Spoke about the noise that occurs on Friday and Saturday nights in his neighbor. Requesting a time change on the noise ordinance from 11pm on Friday and Saturday nights to 10pm.

**Rocco Fichetola 540 S. First Road-** Would like to have Stone road cleared so you can go all the way through. This is currently a paper street.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva