

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council May 19, 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

Rob Scharle – CFO Budget discussion

EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #080-2025

Motion by Council Person Marino Second Oliva
Enter into Executive Session

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second R. Rodio
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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Minutes April 28, 2025

Executive Minutes April 28, 2025

Motion by Council Person Marino Second Gribbin
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

- 2025 Budget – Rob Scharle CFO presented the budget
- Barbara Prettyman Proclamation given by Deputy Mayor Gribbin
- Green Committee grant information – Thomas Hatch chair of the committee gave an update on the grants that they are applying for. They are energy efficiency grants that can help save the Town money.

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Introduction of Ordinance #011-2025 CAP Bank (COLA)

**TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

ORDINANCE #011-2025

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

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

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton in the County of Atlantic finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2025 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$125,446.57 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2025 budget year, the final appropriations of the Town of Hammonton shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A.

40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$439,062.99, and that the CY 2025 municipal budget for the Town of Hammonton be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

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

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

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

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second Oliva

Ordinance has passed 1st reading 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

Resolution #081-2025- Self Examination of Budget

SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION

[as required by DCA]

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Town of Hammonton has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2025 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Town of Hammonton that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:

- a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
- b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
- c. Cash deficit of preceding year
- d. Reserve for uncollected taxes

- e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
- f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.

2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).

3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.

4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
- a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth,
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.

5. The budget has been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Furgione
Resolution #081-2025 is adopted

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

Resolution #092-2025- Certification of Equal Employment Opportunity

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE
UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S
“Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions
Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”**

FORM OF RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the

Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit’s hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual’s criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit’s hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second Furgione
Resolution #092-2025 is adopted

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

Resolution #082-2025- Introduction of the 2025 Municipal Budget

RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statement of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Local Municipal Budget for the year 2025;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said budget be published in the Hammonton Gazette, edition of June 4, 2025 as follows:

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Town Hall on the 23rd day of June, 2025 at 7:00 o’clock p.m., at which time and place objections to said budget and tax resolution of the Town of Hammonton for the year 2025 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Summary of General Section of Budget

Current Fund

Municipal Purposes within "CAPS"	\$13,337,319.94
Municipal Purposes excluded from "CAPS"	2,543,982.93
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>1,200,436.29</u>
Total General Appropriations	\$17,081,739.26
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>5,619,192.89</u>
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	<u><u>\$11,462,546.37</u></u>

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second Oliva
Resolution #082-2025 is adopted

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 Ordinance #005-2025 – An ordinance fixing salaries for certain employees of the Town of Hammonton

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY OF
CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby adopted the following salaries for employees of the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey, in those classifications which are here-in-before set forth:

TITLE	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Confidential Clerk 1	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Convenient Station - Part Time Hourly Rate	\$ 15.49	\$ 17.00
Laborer	\$ 41,600.00	\$ 55,000.00
Truck Driver	\$ 45,760.00	\$ 60,000.00
Truck Driver – Heavy	\$ 49,920.00	\$ 65,000.00
Equipment Operator/Truck Driver	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
Equipment Operator	\$ 56,160.00	\$ 80,000.00
Assistant Superintendent Public Works	\$ 62,400.00	\$ 85,000.00
Trainee Public Safety Tele-Communicator (Full Time)	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 38,000.00
Public Safety Tele-Communicator	\$ 41,600.00	\$ 55,000.00
Senior Public Safety Tele-Communicator	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Supervisor Public Safety Tele-Communicator	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
Public Safety Tele-Communicator Part time hourly Rate	\$ 18.00	\$ 24.00
Tax Assessor	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 105,000.00
Tax Collector	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 80,000.00

Code Enforcement Officer/Department Head	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Municipal Clerk/Administrator/Accountant	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 145,000.00
Deputy Clerk/Registrar	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 85,000.00
Communication Director/ Recreation Leader	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Municipal Court Interpreter – Hourly Rate	\$ 50.00	\$ 135.00
Utility Superintendent (Water/Sewer)	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 195,000.00
Computer Technician	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
Maintenance Workers1 Recreation (Dept Head)	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
Secretary Parks/ Environmental Commission	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,000.00
Police Officer	\$ 51,647.00	\$ 135,000.00
Police Officer/Corporal	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
Police Sergeant	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 145,000.00
Police Lieutenant	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 160,000.00
Police Capitan	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 190,000.00
Deputy Chief	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 210,000.00
Police Chief	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 225,000.00

SECTION 2. The specific salary or wage for any municipal employee shall be determined and set forth in salary contracts or collective bargaining agreements provided they are within the minimum and maximum amounts as set forth hereinabove. No salary or wage for any municipal employee shall be affective or intended unless by official action of the Governing Body.

SECTION 3. The amount to be paid to each employee within the salary range shall be fixed from time to time by Resolution of the Mayor and Council.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication according to law and its provisions shall be retroactive to January 1, 2025.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Marino

Ordinance is open for public comment

Motion by Council Person Marino Second Gribbin

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 Ordinance #007-2025- Amend Chapter 190- 3 Noise

Ordinance to Amend Chapter 190 Section 3 – Noise prohibited of the General Ordinances of the Town of Hammonton

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey as follows:

§ 190-3. Noise prohibited- amending to the following:

It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue or use to be made or continued any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise or any noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others within the limits of the Town of Hammonton. Such noise is prohibited, except as set forth in § 190-4(12), between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; and the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on the days of Saturday and Sunday, in a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of 50 feet from the building, structure, vehicle, or place in which the noise is emanating shall be prima face evidence of a violation of this section.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the Courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect following adoption and approval in the time and manner prescribed by law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed the first reading at a meeting of Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey held on April 28, 2025 meeting and said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing to be held at the Municipal Building located at 100 Central Avenue, Hammonton, NJ 08037, on the May 19, 2025, meeting, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

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

Motion by Council Person Marino Second Gribbin
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 #008-2025- Recreation Improvements & Purchase of Equipment

BOND ORDINANCE #008-2025

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$550,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$522,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements or purposes to be undertaken by the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey (the "Town"). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the aggregate sum of \$550,000, which sum includes \$27,500 as the aggregate amount of down payments for said improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the "Local Bond Law"). The down payments are now available by virtue of a provision or provisions in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Town for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$550,000 appropriation not provided for by said down payments, negotiable bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$522,500 pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Town in a principal amount not exceeding \$522,500 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law.

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
(i) Recreation improvements and acquisition including, but not limited to, engineering equipment, paving and various upgrades to 11 th Street Lake Park and to various other locations within the Town as necessary; and	\$300,000	\$285,000	\$15,000	15 years

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
(ii) <u>Purchase of various vehicles and equipment, including, but not limited to, a Kubota tractor, boom arm for tractor, a dump trailer and a Ford F-250 pick-up truck and related auxiliary equipment .</u>	\$250,000	\$237,500	\$12,500	5 years
TOTAL	<u>\$550,000</u>	<u>\$522,500</u>	<u>\$27,500</u>	

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

(c) The aggregate estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements or purposes is \$522,500.

(d) The aggregate estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$550,000, the excess amount thereof over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, is the aggregate down payments for said purposes in the amount of \$27,500.

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

Motion by Council Person Marino Second Oliva
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 Utility Bond Ordinance #009-2025- 4th Street Water Tank & Boyer Ave Sanitary Sewer

BOND ORDINANCE #009-2025
BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2025 UTILITY CAPITAL
ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF
HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY;
APPROPRIATING \$400,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
OF \$380,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE
COST THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements or purposes to be undertaken by the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey (the "Town"). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the aggregate sum of \$400,000, which sum includes \$20,000 as the aggregate amount of down payments for said improvements or purposes as required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the "Local Bond Law"). Said down payments are now available therefor by virtue of appropriations in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Town for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$400,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payments, negotiable bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$380,000 pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Town in a principal amount not exceeding \$380,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law.

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
(i) Painting and various improvements to the 4 th Street water tank; and	\$300,000	\$285,000	\$15,000	10 years

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
(ii) Various sanitary sewer improvements at Boyer Avenue.	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$ 95,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	20 years
Total:	<u>\$400,000</u>	<u>\$380,000</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>	

(b) Such improvements or purposes set forth in Section 3(a) shall also include, but are not limited to, as applicable, demolition and excavation, paving, resurfacing and reconstruction of the roadways, roadway painting and striping, replacing the castings on catch basins and manholes, the repairing and/or removal and installation of sidewalks, driveway aprons, curbing, retaining walls and curb ramps, guardrails, and concrete improvements, and all other related improvements, design work, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, contract administration, work, materials, equipment, accessories, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(c) The aggregate estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purposes is \$380,000.

(d) The aggregate estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$400,000, the excess amount thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor is the aggregate down payments for said purposes in the amount of \$20,000.

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second R.Rodino
Ordinance is open for public comment

Motion by Council Person Furgione 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 Ordinance #010-2025 - Amending Chapter 175 Article 12.
Ordinance #010-2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 175, ARTICLE XII, SECTION 175-137 AND ARTICLE XVII, SECTIONS 175-171 THROUGH 175-174 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCES, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Pinelands Protection Act (N.J.S.A. 13:18A-1) requires that the municipal master plan and local land use ordinances of the Town of Hammonton implement the objectives of the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan (N.J.A.C. 7:50) and conform with the minimum standards contained therein; and

WHEREAS, the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan incorporates by reference certain stormwater management regulations contained at N.J.A.C. 7:8; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection adopted amendments to certain stormwater management regulations contained at N.J.A.C. 7:8, effective July 17, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Pinelands Commission adopted amendments to the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan, effective December 4, 2023.

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

SECTION 1: Section 175-172, subsection D, last sentence, the website is changed from "https://njstormwater.org/bmp_manual2.htm" to "<https://dep.nj.gov/stormwater/bmp-manual/>."

SECTION 2: Section 175-172, subsection O, the following changes are made to paragraphs 2 and 3:

O. Groundwater Recharge Standards

- (1) (No change.)
- (2) For all major development, the total runoff volume generated from the net increase in impervious surfaces by the current 10-year, 24-hour storm, as defined and determined in §175-173H, shall be retained and infiltrated onsite.
- (3) For minor development that involves the construction of four or fewer dwelling units, the runoff generated from the total roof area of the dwelling(s) by the current 10-year, 24-hour storm, as defined and determined in §175-173H, shall be retained and infiltrated through installation of one or more green infrastructure stormwater management measures designed in accordance with the New Jersey Stormwater BMP Manual. Appropriate green infrastructure stormwater management measures include, but are not limited to dry wells, pervious pavement systems, and small scale bioretention systems, including rain gardens.
- (4) -- (5) (No change.)

SECTION 3: Section 175-172, subsection Q, the following changes are made:

Q. Stormwater Runoff Quantity Standards

- (1) (No change.)
- (2) In order to control stormwater runoff quantity impacts, the design engineer shall, using the assumptions and factors for stormwater runoff calculations at §175-173, complete one of the following:
 - (a) Demonstrate through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis that for stormwater leaving the site, post-construction runoff hydrographs for the current and projected 2-, 10-, and 100-year storm events, as defined and determined in §175-173(H - I), do not exceed, at any point in time, the pre-construction runoff hydrographs for the same storm events;
 - (b) Demonstrate through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis that there is no increase, as compared to the pre-construction condition, in the peak runoff rates of stormwater leaving the site for the current and projected 2-, 10- and 100-year storm events, as defined and determined in §175-173(H - I), and that the increased volume or change in timing of stormwater runoff will not increase flood damage at or downstream of the site. This analysis shall include the analysis of impacts of existing land uses and projected land uses assuming full development under existing zoning and land use ordinances in the drainage area;
 - (c) Design stormwater management measures so that the post-construction peak runoff rates for the current and projected 2-, 10- and 100-year storm events, as defined and determined in §175-173(H - I), are 50, 75 and 80 percent, respectively, of the pre-construction peak runoff rates. The percentages apply only to the post-construction stormwater runoff that is attributable to the portion of the site on which the proposed development or project is to be constructed; or
 - (d) (No change.)
- (3) -- (5) (No change.)

SECTION 4: Section 175-173, Subsection A, last sentence, after the colon, is changed to read as follows:

<https://directives.sc.egov.usda.gov/viewerFS.aspx?hid=21422> or at United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, New Jersey.

SECTION 5: Section 175-173, Subsection C, first, second and third sentence, are changed to read as follows:

- C. For the purpose of calculating curve numbers and groundwater recharge, there is a presumption that the pre-construction condition of a site or portion thereof is a wooded land use with good hydrologic condition. The term “curve number” applies to the NRCS methodology at Section 175-173(A) above. A curve number or a groundwater recharge land cover for an existing condition may be used on all or a portion of the site if the design engineer verifies that the hydrologic condition has existed on the site or portion of the site for at least five years without interruption prior to the time of application.

SECTION 6: Section 175-173, Subsections H and I are added, which read as follows:

- H. The precipitation depths of the current two-, 10-, and 100-year storm events shall be determined by multiplying the values determined in accordance with items (1) and (2) below:

- (1) The applicant shall utilize the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Weather Service's Atlas 14 Point Precipitation Frequency Estimates: NJ, in accordance with the location(s) of the drainage area(s) of the site. This data is available at:

https://hdsc.nws.noaa.gov/hdsc/pfds/pfds_map_cont.html?bkmrk=nj; and

- (2) The applicant shall utilize **Table 5: Current Precipitation Adjustment Factors** below, which sets forth the applicable multiplier for the drainage area(s) of the site, in accordance with the county or counties where the drainage area(s) of the site is located. Where the major development lies in more than one county, the precipitation values shall be adjusted according to the percentage of the drainage area in each county. Alternately, separate rainfall totals can be developed for each county using the values in the table below.

Table 5: Current Precipitation Adjustment Factors

County	Current Precipitation Adjustment Factors		
	<u>2-year Design Storm</u>	<u>10-year Design Storm</u>	<u>100-year Design Storm</u>
<u>Atlantic</u>	<u>1.01</u>	<u>1.02</u>	<u>1.03</u>
<u>Burlington</u>	<u>0.99</u>	<u>1.01</u>	<u>1.04</u>
<u>Camden</u>	<u>1.03</u>	<u>1.04</u>	<u>1.05</u>

- I. **Table 6:** Future Precipitation Change Factors provided below sets forth the change factors to be used in determining the projected two-, 10-, and 100-year storm events for use in this chapter, which are organized alphabetically by county. The precipitation depth of the projected two-, 10-, and 100-year storm events of a site shall be determined by multiplying the precipitation depth of the two-, 10-, and 100-year storm events determined from the National Weather Service's Atlas 14 Point Precipitation Frequency Estimates pursuant to H.(1) above, by the change factor in the table below, in accordance with the county or counties where the drainage area(s) of the site is located. Where the major development and/or its drainage area lies in more than one county, the precipitation values shall be adjusted according to the percentage of the drainage area in each county. Alternately, separate rainfall totals can be developed for each county using the values in the table below.

Table 6: Future Precipitation Change Factors

County	Future Precipitation Change Factors		
	<u>2-year Design Storm</u>	<u>10-year Design Storm</u>	<u>100-year Design Storm</u>
<u>Atlantic</u>	<u>1.22</u>	<u>1.24</u>	<u>1.39</u>
<u>Burlington</u>	<u>1.17</u>	<u>1.18</u>	<u>1.32</u>
<u>Camden</u>	<u>1.18</u>	<u>1.22</u>	<u>1.39</u>

SECTION 7: Chapter 175, Section 175-174, is hereby amended as follows:

§175-174. Sources for Technical Guidance

- A. Technical guidance for stormwater management measures can be found in the documents listed below, which are available to download from the NJDEP's website at: <https://dep.nj.gov/stormwater/bmp-manual/>.

(1) (No change.)

(2) Additional maintenance guidance is available on the NJDEP's website at: <https://dep.nj.gov/stormwater/maintenance-guidance/>.

B.

(1) Submissions required for review by the NJDEP should be mailed to:

The Division of Watershed Protection and Restoration, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Mail Code 501-02A, PO Box 420, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420.

(2) (No change.)

SECTION 6: Chapter 175, Section 175-171, Definitions, the following definitions are added:

DIVERT or DIVERSION – Means the taking of water from a river, stream, lake, pond, aquifer, well, other underground source, or other waterbody, whether or not the water is returned thereto, consumed, made to flow into another stream or basin, or discharged elsewhere.

NONCONSUMPTIVE USE – Means the use of water diverted from surface or ground waters in such a manner that at least 90 percent of the diverted water is returned to the source surface or ground water at or near the point from which it was taken.

SECTION 7: Chapter 175, Section 175-137, subsection H is changed to read as follows:

H. Water Management

- (a) Water shall not be exported from the Pinelands except as otherwise provided at N.J.S.A. 58:1A-7.1.
- (b) A diversion within Hammonton Town that involves the interbasin transfer of water from sources within the Pinelands Area between the Atlantic Basin and the Delaware Basin, as defined at [1] and [2] below, or outside of either basin, shall be prohibited.
- [1] The Atlantic Basin is comprised of Watershed Management Areas 13, 14, 15, and 16, as identified by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.
- [2] The Delaware Basin is comprised of Watershed Management Areas 17, 18, 19, and 20 as identified by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.
- (c) A diversion within Hammonton Town involving the intrabasin transfer of water between HUC-11 watersheds in the same basin, Atlantic Basin or Delaware Basin as defined at (b)[1] and [2] above, shall be permitted. If such an intrabasin transfer involves water sourced from the Kirkwood-Cohansey aquifer, the diversion shall meet the criteria and standards set forth at (d) below.
- (d) Within Hammonton Town a new diversion or an increase in allocation from either a single existing diversion source or from combined existing and new diversion sources in the same HUC-11 watershed and in the Kirkwood-Cohansey aquifer, that results in a total diversion of 50,000 gallons of water per day or more (hereafter referred to as "proposed diversion") shall meet the criteria and standards set forth at (d)[3] through [6] below and the water management standards of the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan at N.J.A.C. 7:50-6.86(d). "Allocation" shall mean a

diversion permitted pursuant to a Water Allocation Permit or Water Use Registration Number issued by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:19.

[1] When evaluating whether the proposed diversion meets the criteria set forth at (d)[3] through [6] below, all of the applicant's allocations in an HUC-11 watershed, in addition to the proposed diversion, shall be included in the evaluation.

[2] The standards set forth at (d)[3] through [6] below shall not apply to:

[a] A new well that is to replace an existing well, provided the existing well is decommissioned in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:9D-3 and the new replacement well will:

[i] Be approximately the same depth as the existing well;

[ii] Divert from the same aquifer as the existing well;

[iii] Have the same or lesser pump capacity as the existing well; and

[iv] Be located within 100 feet of, and in the same HUC-11 watershed as, the existing well;

[b] Any proposed diversion that is exclusively for agricultural or horticultural use; or

[c] Any proposed diversion for a resource extraction operation that constitutes a nonconsumptive use, provided the water returned to the source is not discharged to a stream or waterbody or otherwise results in offsite flow, and the diversion and return are located on the same parcel.

[3] A proposed diversion shall be permitted only in the following Pinelands Management Areas: Pinelands Town; and Agricultural Production Area.

[4] A proposed diversion shall only be permitted if the applicant demonstrates that no alternative water supply source is available or viable. Alternative water supply sources include, but are not limited to, groundwater and surface water sources that are not part of the Kirkwood-Cohansey aquifer, and public water purveyors and suppliers, as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:19-1.3. A list of alternative water supply sources is available at the offices of the Pinelands Commission and at <https://www.nj.gov/pinelands/>.

[5] A proposed diversion shall not have an adverse ecological impact on the Kirkwood-Cohansey aquifer. Adverse ecological impact means an adverse regional impact and/or an adverse local impact, as described at N.J.A.C. 7:50-6.86(d)6 and 7, respectively. A proposed diversion deemed to have an adverse local impact in the Pinelands Area is prohibited. A proposed diversion deemed to have an adverse regional impact shall only be permitted if an applicant permanently offsets the diversion in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:50-6.86(d)6i.

[6] An applicant for a proposed diversion shall provide written documentation of water conservation measures that have been implemented, or that are planned for implementation, for all areas to be served by the proposed diversion. Water conservation measures are measurable efforts by public and private water system operators and local agencies to reduce water demand by users and reduce losses in the water distribution system.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the Courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect following adoption and approval in the time and manner prescribed by law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced in and passed the first reading at a meeting of Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey held on April 28, 2025, and said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing to be held at the Municipal Building located at 100 Central Avenue, Hammonton, NJ 08037, on May 19, 2025, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second R. Rodio
Ordinance is open for public comment

Motion by Council Person R. Rodio 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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration - Councilman Gribbin

- We will be interviewing for the following positions next week, Court violation clerk and an account clerk
- We are working on a new phone provider which will save the Town 6 to 7 thousand dollars per month starting in July.
- Thanked Oak Grove Cemetery for the dedication to the Veterans
- Memorial Day event is this coming Monday the 26th. If there is rain the event will be held at the School.

Business & Industry – Councilman Oliva

- Memorial Day parade will be held at 10 am. If weather doesn't hold up the celebration will be at the School.
- Thanked Oak Grove Cemetery for the Veterans dedication.
- Food Truck Event June 7th from 4 to 9
- Hammonton Arts Club chalk the walk will be on June 21st
- Red/White & Blueberry Festival will be held on June 29th at the High School.
- Town wide yard sale is May 31st, please register by May 22nd. The fee is \$10.00

Quality of Life – Councilwoman R. Rodio

- May 3rd the trolley tour was held and was very successful
- Historical Society poster contest winner will be announced on May 29th
- The first green market of the year will be held on June 27th behind the Toy Market
- Upcoming events to be held at the Canoe Club: Garden club June 16th and Rain Barrel June 26th.

Education – Councilman Marino

- No Action items
- Thanked Oak Grove Cemetery for the Vets

Public Works & Transportation Councilman S. Rodio

- No Action Items
- Reviewed engineers action items

Law & Order – Mayor DiDonato

- There are a lot of Town events coming up please be safe and drive safety through Town
Please do not drink during the Memorial Day celebration this coming weekend

Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione

- Water meter reading will start next week
- Flushing of the Hydrants is ongoing.
- A meeting regarding the Lead based program with EPA was conducted. We are awaiting further instruction on what the next steps are.
- 4th Street Water Tower work is ongoing and should be complete by mid June.

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Gribbin

Approval to write a letter to the County and State officials regarding opposition of a prison to be located at the Ancora site in Winslow Township

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

ENGINEER'S REPORT

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Lake Park Pinelands Required Soil Testing (ARH #P2025.0389)

The NJ Pinelands recently requested additional soils testing at the Lake Park. ARH will engage a soils collection and testing subcontractor to complete the work involved with 34 soil borings, using the information collected to finalize response to the NJ Pinelands.

Action Item

Approve ARH's proposal for engineering services for an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second Gribbin

Approval of PO for ARH for Lake Park

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. **Lake Park ADA Walkways (ARH #P2025.0390)**

The Town has grant money for the installation of ADA-compliant walkways and other features that remove barriers for people with mobility challenges. The current Lake Park Master Plan and associated permitting documents identify pathways for the site. ARH will create construction documents to engage a contractor with special consideration of the December 2025 grant deadline.

Action Item

Approve ARH's proposal for Engineering services for an amount not to exceed \$28,500.00.

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Oliva

Approval of PO for ARH for Lake Park ADA walkways

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

Resolution # 091-2025- Authorizing and appointing conditional Redeveloper

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON AUTHORIZING AND APPOINTING CONDITIONAL REDEVELOPER, HAMMONTON 30 DEVELOPERS LLC FOR BLOCK 4604, LOTS 15, 21, 22, 26, 27 AND 28

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq., as amended and supplemented (the "Redevelopment Law"), provides a process for municipalities to participate in the redevelopment and improvement of areas in need of rehabilitation and/or redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 127-2015, adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton ("Council") on October 26, 2015, the entire Town of Hammonton (the "Town") has been designated as an area in need of rehabilitation as defined in the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, Hammonton 30 Developers LLC (the “Conditional Redeveloper”) made a presentation during the public portion of the April 28, 2025, Council Meeting regarding the rehabilitation and redevelopment of property designated as Block 4604, Lot(s) 15, 21, 22, 26, 27 and 28 on the official tax map of the Town of Hammonton (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-15 and N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-8(f), authorize the Town to arrange or contract with a redeveloper for the planning, construction or undertaking of any project or redevelopment in an area designated as an area in need of rehabilitation or redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Conditional Redeveloper intend to commence exclusive negotiations towards the formulation of a mutually acceptable Redevelopment Agreement for the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to designate Hammonton 30 Developers LLC, as Conditional Redeveloper and to negotiate with Conditional Redeveloper for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days in an effort to agree upon a Redevelopment Agreement, which period can be extended by the Parties’ mutual written agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Council of the Town of Hammonton, that Hammonton 30 Developers LLC, is hereby designated as “Conditional Redeveloper” for the Property for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days, which period can be extended by the Parties’ mutual written agreement.

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second Gribbin

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 Gribbin Second Oliva

Approval of MOU for 30 Developers LLC- White Horse Pike Project

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Motion by Council Person Marino Second Gribbin

Approval to purse claim against Triad Associates for grant error

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

Old Forks Road- Utility work was completed the week of April 28th. In July contractor will complete the concrete work and paving will occur in August.

Safe Routes to school – Meeting was held with the School to review the plans regarding the location of the retention basins for the project. There were questions that arose, that the engineer is working on. A second meeting will be held in the coming weeks to finalize the project and move forward with the permit process.

Town Public works Schedule June

Trash collection: - Reminder Memorial Day trash collection will be as follows: Trash collection for Monday May 26th will be collected on Tuesday May 27th.

Bulky waste pickup for June - will be from the 2nd to the 6th. Unlimited

Brush pickup for June- will be the 9th through 13th.

The County Recycling pickup – will be from June 9th to June 13th and June 23rd to the 27th.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

1. Approval of separation of employment from Andrew Spatola, from his position with the Highway Department effective May 9, 2025.
2. Approval to hire Mike Carrelli in the Highway department. Salary \$41,600 per year, 40 hours per week, single benefits effective May 19, 2025. Approval contingent upon all civil service rules and regulations.
3. Approval of Contract for Highway Superintendent Scott Rivera retroactive to January 1, 2025.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second R. Rodio

Item 1 to 3 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

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva

Approval of Bill list

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #083-2025- Approval of July 4th Parade and Fireworks Display

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING

July 4th Independence Day Parade / Fireworks Display and Road Closure

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton support and endorse the July 4th Independence Day Events scheduled to be held on July 4, 2025 with the following road closures beginning at 7:00 a.m. and ending at 1:00 p.m. for the parade and 8:45 pm to 9:45 pm for the Fireworks Display:

Parade Road Closing:

Egg Harbor Road from Bellevue Ave to French Street

Bellevue Avenue to Third Street

Central Avenue from Bellevue Avenue to Vine Street

Fireworks Display Road Closure:

S. Egg Harbor Road from 9th Street to 11th Street

WHEREAS, there shall be no parking between the hours of 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM on July 4, 2025 on the following road ways:

Central Avenue from Bellevue to Vine Street

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton will provide necessary services for the July 4th Independence Day Events and Road Closures including but not limited to Police assistance.

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 July 4, 2025 Independence Day Events are approved.

Resolution #084-2025- Authorizing issuance of ABC liquor license

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON,
ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ABC LICENSES
BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2026**

WHEREAS, it is a requirement of NJ ABC that in the matter of the authorization and issuance of license of the sale of Alcoholic Beverages, a resolution must be adopted, which resolution shall specifically determine and name the person, firm or corporation adjudged by such resolution to be entitled to such license as adjudged to be issued, and further such resolution must also fix the name and the licensed premises;

<u>License Number</u>	<u>Consumption License</u>
0113 32 014 011	Intermex Inc. t/a Fiesta Mexicana Restaurant Location: 327-12th St.
0113 33 011 005	Hammonton Discount Liq & Bar t/a Railroad Bar & Grill Location: 18 Railroad Ave.
0113 32 005 006	GK of Palana Inc. t/a Pike Wines & Liquors Location: 111 N. White Horse Pike
0113 33 024 006	Cafe San Rocco, Inc. t/a Rocco's Town House Location: 21 N. Third St.
0113 33 010 003	Hammonton Joey Corp. t/a Maplewood Inn Location: 470 S. White Horse Pike
0113 33 019 007	E.J.'s Westend Inc.

t/a West End Grill
Location: 201 - 12th St.

0113 33 018 009 GB Liquors LLC
t/a GB Liquors LLC
Location: 104 Fairview

License Number

Consumption License

0113 33 020 004 Rodio Restaurant Group
Location: 705 - 12th St.

0113 33 007 003 15 N. Egg Harbor Road LLC
Pocket Special Ruling
PO Box 830
Hammonton , NJ 08037

0113 33 001 006 Exquisite Events Resorts
. Location: 755 S. White Horse Pike

0113 33 028 006 Lynne Lucca
Pocket Special Ruling ABC
Location: 774 Woodlawn Hammonton

0113 33 003 012 Apple New Jersey LLC
t/a Applebee's Neighbourhood Grill
Location: 47 S White Horse Pk
Hammonton, NJ 08037

0113 33 013 018 Trinity Vintners Investment Holdings
t/a Annata
Location: 216 Bellevue Ave.

0113 32 002 003 Tomar Assoc. Inc.
t/a Caldini's Fine Wine, Liquors & Deli
Location: 101 E. 15th St.

0113 32 012 006 Westwind Assoc Inc.
t/a Joe Canal's Discount Liquor
Location: 80 S WHP St2

0113 33 021 004 Silver Coin Diner Inc.
t/a Silver Coin Diner & Rest. Inc.
Location: Route 30 and Route 206

0113 33 022 015 Tomasellos Catering Services LLC
t/a none
Location: 225 N. White Horse Pike

License Number

Consumption License

0113 33 008 003 Frog Rock Golf & Country Club
t/a same
Location: 420 Boyer Ave.

License Number

Distribution License

0113-44-004-011 Williamstown Buy Rite LLC
t/a Hammonton Buy Rite
Location: 240 S. WHP Unit A-1A

0113-44-015- 011 Aryan Liquors
t/a Town Food & Liquor
Location: 333 S. Egg Harbor Rd.

0113 44 016 011 Superior Inc.
 t/a West Side Discount Liquors
 Location: 730 - 12th St.

<u>License Number</u>	<u>Theatre License</u>
0113-37-032-0021	Eagle Theatre Inc. 200-208 Vine Street

0113 31 026 001 The LGG Club
 t/a Sons of Italy
 Location: 427 N. Third St.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY that it is hereby specifically determined and declared that the following named persons and corporation, if any, be and they are hereby adjudged to be entitled to a license of the class hereinafter specified to sell alcoholic beverages at or on the premises for a term of one year as herein fixed and described to wit:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED liquor licenses requiring a "Special Ruling" will be renewed by a separate resolution upon receipt of NJ ABC Special Ruling.

Resolution #085-2025- Approval of Temporary Budget 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>	
Computer Operating	\$ 10,000.00
Fire Preventio	\$ 2,000.00
Public Buildings &	\$ 10,000.00
Recreatio	\$ 20,000.00
Electric Operating	\$ 10,000.00
Telephon	\$ 5,000.00
Utility	\$ 20,000.00

Resolution # 086-2025 – Authorizing religious procession

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A “RELIGIOUS PROCESSION” FOR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CHURCH

WHEREAS, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parish/St. Joseph’s Church continues to promote the Town of Hammonton with their “Religious Processions”; and

WHEREAS, **Sunday June 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** is the scheduled date for the” Corpus Christi 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 the procession Start at Lady Mt. Carmel Church/ St Joseph’s Church:

To 3rd Street
 To Pleasant 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 Religious 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 #087-2025- refund Tax/ Water/ Sewer

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>
Multiple	Corelogic	Multiple	\$3,928.48	Tax Overpayment
903/13	Corelogic	278 W. 15 th Street	\$1,385.05	Tax Overpayment
206/13	Lereta	528 N. 3 rd Street	\$ 570.40	Tax 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 #088-2025- Award State contract for equipment for Police Vehicles

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT TO AWARD
THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, there exists a need to install equipment for 2 Ford Explorer- Hybrid police vehicles for the Hammonton Police Department; and

WHEREAS, after comparing the prices, a contract be awarded to Birch's Communication, LLC 88 Tuckahoe Road Dorothy, NJ 08317 to install the required equipment for each vehicle under state contract #83927, in the amount not to exceed \$53,682.72; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in ordinance #016-2024 for the purchase; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1-et seq. requires that the resolution awarding the contract without competitive bidding and the contract 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 Birch's Communication, LLC 88 Tuckahoe Road Dorothy, NJ 08317.

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 # 83927; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract is subject to the mutual acceptance of the appropriate contact documentation between Birch's Communication, LLC and the Town of Hammonton.

Resolution #089-2025- Approval of time extension NJ DOT Grant 11th Street Sidewalk

**Requested time extension for NJDOT Grant-L.A. – 2022 11th Street Sidewalk Improvement, Hammonton Town
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, \$265,000.00 dated February 15, 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, 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 completion which are listed as follows:

- Coordination with NJ Transit at the rail crossing.
- Coordination with County at Egg Harbor Road.
- Changes in personnel at the Town affecting action within PMRS.
- Plans are substantially complete, anticipated quick turn-around after extension.

Furthermore, The Town is requesting a six (6) month time extension on the award for the FY-2022 project funds until November 15, 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 #090-2025- Approval of time extension NJ DOT Front Street

Requested time extension for NJDOT Grant-L.A. – 2023 Front Street Pedestrian Connector, Hammonton Town

Resolution Requesting a Six (6) Month Time Extension for Project Award for use of the NJDOT Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 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, \$325,000 dated December 12, 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, 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 completion which are listed as follows:

- Coordination with NJ Transit at train station.
- Property line issues with neighbors affecting the scope of work.
- Changes in personnel at the Town affecting decisions and action within PMRS.

Furthermore, The Town is requesting a six (6) month time extension on the award for the FY-2022 project funds until November 15, 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 #83 to #090 are approved

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes to all but #084-2025

Gribbin – Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes to all but #084-2025

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes to all but #084-2025

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Schedule Special meeting for June 3rd at 6 pm no closed session.

PUBLIC HEARD

No one desired to be heard.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Council Person R. Rodio Second Marino