

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council June 30, 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 – Absent

Oliva- Present

R. Rodio - Present

S. Rodio – Present

Mayor DiDonato – Present by phone

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor

Tiffany Morrissey

EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #094-2025

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second R. Rodio
Enter into Executive Session

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

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

Councilperson:

Furgione - Present

Gribbin – Present

Marino - Absent

Oliva- Present

R. Rodio- Present

S. Rodio – Present

Mayor DiDonato - Present by phone

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor

James Sia 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 May 19, 2025

Executive Minutes May 19, 2025

Special Meeting June 3, 2025

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second R. Rodio

Minutes are approved

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Marino -absent

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin – Declares motion carried

PRESENTATION

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second R. Rodio

Approval to Hire Matthew Lawler

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Marino -absent

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin – Declares motion carried

- **presentation new police officer** - Deputy Mayor Gribbin gave oath of office et one Police officer Matthew Lawler
- **Presentation to Recreation employees** – Given by Councilman Jon Oliva to William Deininger and Eric Knight for their selfless act of saving a gentleman from drowning at the Lake Park.
- **Proclamation to Our Lady of MT. Carmel**- Given by Deputy Mayor Tom Gribbin to Lou Pantalone president of Mt. Carmel Society.
- **Proclamation to Son's of Italy** – Given by Councilman Jon Oliva to Dan Sacco president of Son's of Italy
- **Tiffany Morrissey**- our COAH attorney gave a presentation on the Town's COAH plan.

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Hearing 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 Oliva Second S. Rodio
Ordinance is open for public hearing

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Oliva
Ordinance has passed 2nd and public hearing reading and approved for final publication

Roll Call:

Councilperson:
Furgione - Yes
Marino -absent
Oliva- Yes
R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes
Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin – Declares motion carried

Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution #095-2025- to adopt the 2025 Municipal Budget

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2025 BUDGET

Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

- (a) \$11,462,546.37 (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
- (b) None (Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type I School Districts only (N.J.S. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation and,
- (c) None (Item 4 below) to be added to the Certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in Type II School Districts only (N.J.S. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of General revenues and appropriations.
- (d) None (Sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy
- (e) None (Item 5 Below) Minimum Library Levy

1. General Revenues

Surplus Anticipated	08-100	\$ 2,300,000.00
Misc. Revenues Anticipated	40004-10	\$ 3,313,192.89
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	15-499	\$ 6,000.00
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 6 (a), Sheet 11)	07-190	\$11,462,546.37
3. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY: Item 6, Sheet 42	07-195	0.00
Item 6 (b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.40A:4-14	07-191	0.00
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Schools in Type I School Districts Only		0.00
4. TO BE ADDED TO THE CERTIFICATE FOR AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE II SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:		
Item 6 (b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.40A:4-14)	07-191	0.00
5. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION MINIMUM LIBRARY LEVY	07-192	0.00
Total Revenues	40000-10	\$17,081,739.26

6. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Within "CAPS"

(a&b) Operations Including Contingent	\$11,926,221.94
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures – Municipal	\$ 1,411,098.00
(g) Cash Deficit	0.00
Excluded from "CAPS"	
(a) Operations – Total Operations Excluded From "CAPS"	\$ 181,723.93
(c) Capital Improvements	\$ 100,000.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service	\$ 2,228,259.00
(e) Deferred Charges – Municipal	34,000.00
(f) Judgements	0.00
(n) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S.40:48-17.1 & 17.3)	0.00
(g) Cash Deficit	0.00
(k) For Local District School Purposes	0.00
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Include Other	

	Reserves if Any)	\$ 1,200,436.39
7.	SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS-TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY (N.J.S. 40A:4-13)	0.00
	Total Appropriations	\$17,081,739.26

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 30th day of June, 2025. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2025 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second S. Rodio
Resolution for adoption of 2025 Budget is open for public hearing

Motion by Council Person R. Rodio Second Oliva
Resolution #095-2025 is adopted

Roll Call:

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

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin – Declares motion carried

Public Hearing Ordinance #012-2025- Adopt Redevelopment Plan

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN DATED JUNE 2, 2025, FOR PREMISES IDENTIFIED ON THE MUNICIPAL TAX MAP AS BLOCK 801, LOTS 7, 8, 9 AND 11

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2024, Mayor and Council adopted Resolution #134-2024 authorizing the Planning Board to investigate whether the area known as Block 801, Lots 7, 8, 9 and 11 (hereinafter the “Premises”) constituted an area in need of redevelopment without the municipality’s use of its eminent domain power; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2024, the Hammonton Planning Board (“Planning Board”) adopted Resolution No. 47-24PB, which recommended that the Premises be designated an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council on January 27, 2025, adopted Resolution #36-2025 accepting the Planning Board’s recommendation designating the Premises as a redevelopment area; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk per Resolution #36-2025, notified the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs of that action; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs approved the designation of the Premises as an area in need of redevelopment on March 20, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Town Planner, Stuart B. Wiser, P.P., A.I.C.P., of ARH Associates, Inc., prepared a Redevelopment Plan dated June 2, 2025, to which Mayor and Council have given their careful consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is on this 23rd day of June, 2025, ordained by Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton that:

The Redevelopment Plan dated June 2, 2025, prepared by Town Planner, Stuart B. Wiser, P.P., A.I.C.P., of ARH Associates, Inc., be and hereby is adopted by Mayor and Council;
It is further ordered that Mayor and Council are authorized to take further action consistent with said Redevelopment Plan including, but not limited to, designating Hammonton-8th Street Landfill Solar LLC, as the Redeveloper; and
The Municipal Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Ordinance and the Redevelopment Plan to the Pinelands Commission for their review and approval.

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.

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second S. Rodio
Ordinance #012-2025 is open for public hearing

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

Roll Call:

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

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin – Declares motion carried

Mayor DiDonato left meeting at this point. He was on the phone until this point.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration - Councilman Gribbin

- No action items
- New hires in the clerks office and municipal court will be under the clerks report
- Spoke about our little league teams and wished them the best in the playoffs

Business & Industry – Councilman Oliva

- The 10th annual food tuck festival was a success
- 39th Annual Blueberry Festival, thanked all the volunteers
- The Bake shop will be opening on Horton street in the coming weeks
- The Gazette will be moving to Bellevue Ave
- Hand Me Downs will be moving to Central Ave

- Congratulation to all the graduates at the High School.

Quality of Life – Councilwoman R. Rodio

- No action items
- Next community market will be July 30th from 5 to 8.

Education – Councilman Marino

- No action items Councilman Marino absent

Public Works & Transportation Councilman S. Rodio

- Gave update on lake spraying
- Wished everyone a Happy 4th
- Please come out and enjoy the festival

Law & Order – Mayor DiDonato given by Chief Friel

- Reviewed the festival event
- 4th of July parade overview

Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione

- 4th Street Tank repair is complete. Pipe was cleaned
- Reviewed the cost associated with the tank repair
- Water meters are in the process of being replaced
- GLO initiative meeting was held, working on the information need to proceed.
- Boyer Ave land application is dry and working great.
- Happy 4th to everyone

ENGINEER'S REPORT

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Lake Park Jake's Law Playground (ARH #P2024.0867)

ARH assisted the Town submit for a grant to complete the primary play area at the Lake Park within the Jake's Law Playground guidelines. The Town received a letter of award in early May, confirming approximately \$745,000 in funding from Green Acres for the project. Combined with matching funds of approximately \$248,000, the total funding for the project is roughly \$1M.

ARH will continue with the project, turning the approved Concept Plan into a final design with construction documents, bidding services, and construction management through project completion.

Action Item

Approve ARH's proposal for Engineering and Construction Management services for an amount not to exceed \$107,100.00. Contingent upon ordinance adoption once paper work is received for grant.

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second S. Rodio

Approve of above for Lake Park Jake's Law project. Contingent upon obtaining grant paperwork and funding

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Marino -absent

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes
Mayor DiDonato – Left meeting at 8 absent

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin – Declares motion carried

SOLICITOR REPORT
Resolution #106-2025- 4th round COAH

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON ENDORSING THE FOURTH ROUND HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN ADOPTED BY THE HAMMONTON PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton (hereinafter the “Town” or “Hammonton”) has a demonstrated history of voluntary compliance as evidenced by its Third Round record; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to In re N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97, 221 N.J. 1 (2015) (Mount Laurel IV), on July 15, 2015, the Town of Hammonton filed a Declaratory Judgment Complaint in Superior Court, Law Division seeking, among other things, a judicial declaration that its Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, to be amended as necessary, satisfied its “fair share” of the regional need for low and moderate income housing pursuant to the “Mount Laurel doctrine,” and

WHEREAS, that culminated in a Court-approved Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and Judgment of Compliance and Repose, which precluded all Mount Laurel lawsuits, including builder's remedy lawsuits, until July 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2024, c.2, which amended the 1985 New Jersey Fair Housing Act (hereinafter the “Amended FHA”); and

WHEREAS, the Amended FHA required the Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”) to provide an estimate of the Fourth Round affordable housing obligations for all municipalities on or before October 20, 2024, based upon the criteria described in the Amended FHA; and

WHEREAS, the DCA issued a report on October 18, 2024 (“DCA Report”) wherein it reported its estimate of the Fourth Round affordable housing obligations for all municipalities based upon its interpretation of the standards in the Amended FHA; and

WHEREAS, the Town adopted Resolution #32-2025 accepting the DCA-calculated Present Need and Prospective Need, as required by the Amended FHA, on January 27, 2025, establishing its Fourth Round Present Need (Rehabilitation) of 64 and Prospective Need (New Construction) of 49; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Amended FHA and the Administrative Office of the Court’s Directive #14-24 (hereinafter “AOC Directive #14-24”), the Town filed a timely Fourth Round Declaratory Judgment Complaint (“DJ Complaint”) with the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (“the Program”), along with its binding resolution, on January 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the filing of the DJ Complaint gave the Town automatic, continued immunity from all exclusionary zoning lawsuits, including builder’s remedy lawsuits, which is still in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, the Town did not receive any objections to its Present and Prospective Need numbers by February 28, 2025, resulting in the statutory automatic acceptance of the Town’s Fourth Round obligations on March 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2025, the Court entered an Order establishing the Town’s Fourth Round Present Need (Rehabilitation) of 64 and Prospective Need (New Construction) of 49 (“Fourth Round Obligations”); and

WHEREAS, once the Town had its Fourth Round Obligations, the Amended FHA required the Hammonton Planning Board adopt a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan by June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Amended FHA, the Town's affordable housing planner drafted a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, upon notice duly provided pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-13, the Hammonton Planning Board held a public hearing on the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan on June 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Hammonton Planning Board adopted the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan via Resolution 05-25 PB, on that same night; and

WHEREAS, AOC Directive #14-24 requires the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan be endorsed by the municipal governing body; and

WHEREAS, Town Council wishes to endorse the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 30th day of June 2025, by Council of the Town of Hammonton, as follows:

1. All of the Whereas Clauses are incorporated into the operative clauses of this Resolution as if set forth in full herein.
2. Town Council hereby endorses the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan attached hereto as Exhibit "A", which was adopted by the Hammonton Planning Board on June 4, 2025, via Resolution 05-25 PB, and filed with the Atlantic County Superior Court on June 5, 2025, under Docket No. ATL-L-179-25, identified as Transaction ID: LCV20251686195.
3. Town Council hereby authorizes and directs the Town Solicitor to: (a) file this Resolution with the Court, along with any additional documents the professionals deem necessary or desirable; and (b) seek Court approval of the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.
4. The Town of Hammonton Planning Board reserves the right to further amend the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, should that be necessary.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately, according to law.

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second Furgione

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Marino -absent

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Left meeting at 8 absent

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin – Declares motion carried

Resolution #107-2025- adopting 4th round COAH

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON ADOPTING A FOURTH ROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND SPENDING PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton (hereinafter the “Town” or “Hammonton”) has an approved Development Fee Ordinance that was adopted on June 17, 2002 via Ordinance No. 28-2002, amended August 26, 2002 via Ordinance No. 32-2002, amended August 23, 2004 via Ordinance No. 21-2004, amended August 27, 2018 via Ordinance No. 31-2018, and amended November 19, 2018 via Ordinance No. 45-2018; and

WHEREAS, the Town’s current Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan was approved by the Court in the Third Round; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2024, c.2, which amended the 1985 New Jersey Fair Housing Act (hereinafter the “Amended FHA”), which governs how municipalities will comply with their affordable housing obligations for the Fourth Round (2025-2035); and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Office of the Court’s issued Directive #14-24 (hereinafter “AOC Directive #14-24”), governing how municipalities file their compliance documents with the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (“the Program”); and

WHEREAS, the Town has prepared a Fourth Round Spending Plan consistent with the Amended FHA, AOC Directive #14-24 and applicable regulations, which projects anticipated revenues to the Town’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund and describes the anticipated expenditure of funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 30th day of June 2025, by Council of the Town of Hammonton, as follows:

1. All of the Whereas Clauses are incorporated into the operative clauses of this Resolution as if set forth in full herein.
2. Town Council hereby approves and adopts the Fourth Round Spending Plan that is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.
3. Town Council hereby authorizes and directs the Town Solicitor to file this Resolution with the Court, along with the Fourth Round Spending Plan and any additional documents the professionals deem necessary or desirable.
4. Town Council respectfully requests the Court review and approve the Town’s Fourth Round Spending Plan.
5. The Town reserves the right to further amend the Fourth Round Spending Plan, should that be necessary.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately, according to law.

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second Oliva

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Marino -absent

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes
S. Rodio – Yes
Mayor DiDonato – Left meeting at 8 absent

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin – Declares motion carried

MAYOR REPORT

- Absent left meeting at 8

Public Works Report

Lake Spraying update- Pinelands has given the approval to spray a portion of the lake. We are awaiting approval from NJDEP. Moving forward we are working with Pinelands to get an approval for a maintenance schedule to spray twice a year.

Town Public Works Schedule July

Trash collection: - Reminder Friday July 4th trash collection will occur on Thursday July 3rd.

Bulky waste pickup for July - will be from the 7th to the 11th.

Brush pickup for July- will be the 14th through 18th.

The County Recycling pickup July – will be July 1st to the 4th, July 14th to 18th and July 28th to the August 1st.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

1. Accept the resignation of Catherine Birch from her position as a violations clerk from the municipal court office effective June 20, 2025.
2. Approval to hire Matthew Lawler as an alternate route police officer effective June 23, 2025. Salary following the current contract. Contingent upon civil service rules and regulations.
3. Approval to hire Abigail Deleon full time in the municipal court office effective June 11, 2025, as a violations clerk. Single benefits 32.5 hours per week, salary to follow current contract. Contingent upon civil service rules and regulations.
4. Approval to hire Kimberly McDowell part time as a confidential clerk, 19.5 to 26 hours per week in the Municipal Clerks office effective June 30, 2025. No benefits, \$20.00 per hour. Contingent upon civil service rules and regulations.
5. Approval to release the performance bonds for both phases of the Atlanticare project from 2016.
6. Approval to reduce the performance bond for West End Associates Pleasant Street Station from \$1,111,053.76 to \$453,830.89. This has been reviewed and approved by ARH.
7. Approval of contract for salary increase only, for the White Collar Bargaining Unit. Contract duration is from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027. This will be retroactive to January 1, 2025.
8. Approval to assign Phillips Aviation LLC airport lease to Steve Minghenelli. Effective January 1, 2025.

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second R. Rodio
Item 1 to 8 are approved

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Marino -absent

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Left meeting at 8 absent

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin – Declares motion carried

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Motion by Council Person R. Rodio Second Oliva
Approval of Bill list

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Marino -absent

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Left meeting at 8 absent

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin – Declares motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #096-2025- Approve of Amusement games for Mt. Carmel Festival

Amusement Games for Mt Carmel Festival

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
HAMMONTON, ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, that the following license(s) are issued to the individual(s)
designated herein to operate the specific amusement game set forth herein and the issuance of said license be and
the same are hereby approved for the individual and Amusement Game as hereinafter designated contingent upon
police background check:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Town Fee</u>	<u>Game</u>
Brent Maize	Millington, MI	\$50.00	Hangman
		\$50.00	Ring a Duck
		\$50.00	Ring a Bottle
		\$50.00	Cork Gun
		\$50.00	Long Range Basketball
		\$50.00	Water Game
		\$50.00	Balloons #1
		\$50.00	Balloons #2

James Snyder	Allentown, PA	\$50.00	Long Range Basketball
		\$50.00	Balloon
		\$50.00	Water Game

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

Resolution #097-2025- Authorizing Tax/Water/Sewer Refunds

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON
AUTHORIZING TAX / WATER / SEWER REFUNDS**

Whereas, the following accounts need to have amounts credited, transferred, cancelled, refunded or changed

<u>Block / Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
3403/16.02	Bates Mill Ptnrs	410 S Liberty St	\$494.14	Refund/Over Charge Sewer
2014/3	PC4REOLLC	645 N 3 rd St.	\$127.62	Refund/Over Charge Sewer

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 #098-2025- Authorizing Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate

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

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

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

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

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

Resolution #099-2025- Establishing Fee for Tax Sale Notices

Resolution establishing the fee for the mailing of tax notices

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

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

Resolution #100-2025- Award cooperative purchase of Accessory parts for Kubota Tractor for the Highway Dept.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT
UNDER SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is a member of the Sourcewell Cooperative purchasing program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton will be purchasing accessory equipment for the Kubota Tractor for the Highway Department from Cherry Valley Tractor, 35 Route 70 West 08053-3099; and

WHEREAS, under the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contract #070821-AGI under the authority of N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 (b) (3) awards the purchase of a boom arm, joystick control, and a rotary head with blade bar for the Kubota tractor in the Highway Department, in the amount of \$91,985.20;and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey that the purchase of the accessory parts for the Kubota Tractor is awarded to Cherry Valley Tractor, 35 Route 70 West 08053-3099 in the amount of \$91,285.20.

Resolution #101-2025- Award cooperative purchase of a Kubota Tractor for the Highway Dept.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT
UNDER SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is a member of the Sourcewell Cooperative purchasing program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton will be purchasing a Kubota Tractor for the Highway Department from Cummins Equipment Co, Inc. 717 White Horse Pike Hammonton, NJ 08037; and

WHEREAS, under the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contract #080293-KBA under the authority of N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 (b) (3) awards the purchase of a Kubota tractor in the Highway Department, in the amount of \$66,308.87; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey that the purchase of the Kubota Tractor is awarded to Cherry Valley Tractor, 35 Route 70 West 08053-3099 in the amount of \$66,308.87.

Resolution #102-2025- Approval to submit grant application for 11th Street Sidewalk for recreation area

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY2026 11TH STREET SIDEWALK EXTENSION FROM RECREATION AREA TO CHEW ROAD PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is desirous of requesting additional funding consideration from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation (hereinafter "NJDOT") under the Transportation Trust Fund (FY2026 Safe Streets to Transit Program) for the 11th Street Sidewalk Extension from Recreation Area to Chew Road project within the Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is an eligible recipient for funding under said program; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer has been authorized to prepare the required application and agreement; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of same, it is necessary for the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton to authorize the Mayor to execute said application to allow the Town to be eligible for the New Jersey Department of Transportation Trust Fund (FY2026 Safe Streets to Transit Program) for the 11th Street Sidewalk Extension from Recreation Area to Chew Road project; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of same, it is necessary for the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton to authorize the Town Engineer to provide all required reports, narratives, estimates and maps required for said funding consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the attached application with the NJDOT Transportation Trust Fund (FY2026 Safe Streets to Transit Program) for services associated with the project entitled 11th Street Sidewalk Extension from Recreation Area to Chew Road project; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton that the Town Engineer is hereby authorized to provide all required reports, narratives, estimates and maps required for the NJDOT Transportation Trust Fund (FY2026 Safe Streets to Transit Program).

Resolution #103-2025- Approval to submit grant application for West End Roadway Improvements

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY2026 WEST END AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is desirous of requesting additional funding consideration from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation (hereinafter "NJDOT") under the Transportation Trust Fund (FY2026 Municipal Aid Program) for the West End Avenue Roadway Improvements project within the Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is an eligible recipient for funding under said program; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer has been authorized to prepare the required application and agreement;
and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of same, it is necessary for the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton to authorize the Mayor to execute said application to allow the Town to be eligible for the New Jersey Department of Transportation Trust Fund (FY2026 Municipal Aid Program) for the West End Avenue Roadway Improvements project; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of same, it is necessary for the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton to authorize the Town Engineer to provide all required reports, narratives, estimates and maps required for said funding consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the attached application with the NJDOT Transportation Trust Fund (FY2026 Municipal Aid Program) for services associated with the project entitled West End Avenue Roadway Improvements project; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton that the Town Engineer is hereby authorized to provide all required reports, narratives, estimates and maps required for the NJDOT Transportation Trust Fund (FY2026 Municipal Aid Program).

Resolution #104-2025- Approval of Time Extension for NJDOT Front Street Grant (6 months)

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 June 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 #105-2025- Support funding for Mainstreet program

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RESTORING FULL FUNDING FOR THE MAIN STREET NEW JERSEY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Main Street New Jersey (the “MSNJ”) program plays a critical role in revitalizing older and historic downtowns across the State of New Jersey, including in the Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, the MSNJ program provides resources that enable communities to undertake significant improvements to commercial areas, including storefront upgrades, façade enhancements, and the restoration of historic features, helping to create more vibrant, welcoming, and economically viable downtown districts; and

WHEREAS, Hammonton has directly benefited from the MSNJ program through recent storefront improvement projects that have strengthened the Town’s downtown appearance and supported local businesses; and

WHEREAS, these improvements contribute not only to the aesthetic appeal of downtown areas, but also to the vitality of small businesses—the backbone of New Jersey’s economy—by helping them attract more customers, create jobs, and remain competitive; and

WHEREAS, the MSNJ program represents a smart investment in New Jersey’s local economies and shared heritage, fostering community pride and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the current funding level of \$750,000 is insufficient to meet the growing needs of communities throughout the state, and restoring funding to the previous level of \$1.5 million would allow the program to continue its important work at scale,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton express their strong support for the Main Street New Jersey program and urge the New Jersey State Legislature and Governor to restore funding for the program to its previous level of \$1.5 million; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor of New Jersey, the President of the New Jersey State Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, and Hammonton’s representatives in the New Jersey Legislature.

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second Furgione

Resolution #096 to #105 are approved

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Marino -absent

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Left meeting at 8 absent

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin – Declares motion carried

PUBLIC HEARD

No one desired to be heard

Councilman Oliva - reminded everyone that the July 4th parade starts at 11am

Deputy Mayor Gribbin – Please slow down when driving in Town. There are a lot of events going on and residents are walking about town.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second R. Rodio