

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council July 28, 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 by telephone

Gribbin – Present

Marino – Present

Oliva- Present

R. Rodio - Present

S. Rodio – Present

Mayor DiDonato – Present by telephone

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor

EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #108-2025

Motion by Council Person Marino Second R. Rodio

Enter into Executive Session

Motion by Council Person Marino Second Oliva

Close Executive Session

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

Councilperson:

Furgione – Present by telephone

Gribbin – Present

Marino – Present

Oliva- Present

R. Rodio- Present

S. Rodio – Present

Mayor DiDonato - Present by telephone

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor

Rich Rehmann of ARH

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARD FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

No desired to be heard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Minutes June 30, 2025

Executive Minutes June 30, 2025

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

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin - Yes

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin – Declares motion carried

PRESENTATION

- **Veteran's Clinic** – Given by John Caruso 50 Judy's Court. Presented his plan to bring a Specialty Cares Facility to Hammononton for Veterans.
- **Police Proclamation** – Given by deputy Mayor Gribbin to Police Chief. Thanked them for their service and the terrific job they did at the 150 Mt. Carmel Festival.

Motion by Council Person Marino Second Oliva

Approval to send letter to Department of VA, Congressman Van Drew and our state senators request a specialty cares facility in Hammononton.

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin - Yes

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin – Declares motion carried

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Resolution #109-2025- Capital Budget Amendment (Jakes Law Grant, ADA Grant for pathways and various recreation upgrades)

WHEREAS, the local capital budget for the year 2025 was adopted on the 30th day of June, 2025; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire to amend said adopted capital budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Town of Hammononton, County of Atlantic, that the following modification to the adopted capital budget of the Town of Hammononton be made:

General Capital Fund

1) <u>Purpose</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Debt</u> <u>Authorized</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>CIF</u> <u>Downpayment</u>
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Jake's Law Playground at Hammonton Lake Park	\$ 995,000	\$ 237,500	\$745,000 (a)	\$ 12,500
Hammonton Lake Park Recreation Improvements at various recreation locations, including Engineering, Equipment, Paving, Playground Equipment and Various Upgrades	800,000	760,000		40,000
Hammonton Lake Park ADA Compliant Pathways	<u>488,259</u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$ 488,259 (b)</u>	<u> </u>
	<u>\$2,283,259</u>	<u>\$ 997,500</u>	<u>\$1,233,259</u>	<u>\$ 52,500</u>

(a) New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Green Acres)

(b) New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (Small Cities CDBG)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second Marino
Capital Budget Amendment is adopted

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin - Yes

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin – Declares motion carried

Administration - Councilman Gribbin

- Gave overview of the July 16th Admin meeting
- 3rd Quarter tax bills will be sent out in the next 2 weeks and will have an extension date

Business & Industry – Councilman Oliva

- Good Morning America visited our Town and presented highlights of the Town.. This is great for our Town.
- New grocery store will be moving into the hardware store location on Bellevue Ave. Opening early September.
- Touch a Truck will be held 8/24/2025, Corn hole Tournament will be held 9/13/2025 on Lincoln Street, and Hamm-o-Ween will be held 10/4/25 from 6 to 10 on Horton Street.

Quality of Life – Councilwoman R. Rodio

- Environmental Commission received the Tree City USA recognition the 5th year in a row. They will hold a public input session for recreation ideas also.
- 8/22/2025 the community market will be held again from 5pm to 8pm

Education – Councilman Marino

- No action items
- Very proud of our Veterans Committee and the hard work they have been doing.

Public Works & Transportation Councilman S. Rodio

- Old Forks Road is starting back up, the engineer will review the details.
- Hammonton Lake has been sprayed

Law & Order – Mayor DiDonato- Given by Chief Friel

- Thanked council for the proclamation
- National Night out is coming up on August 15 please joins us for a fun night.

Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione

- Water Tower repair is complete. We will seek reimbursement from the contractor.
- The overflow pipe on the Tank has been check and the Lincoln Street well was also inspected
- Water meter replacement is ongoing please respond to the letter you received so that we can change your meter.
- GLO lead service program is moving forward and a meeting is scheduled for 7/29/2025.
- 8/5/2025 there will be a meeting concerning the jail in Winslow Township. Please attend and voice your disapproval.

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Marino

Write a letter to all commissioners and county executive opposing the jail.

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin - Yes

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin – Declares motion carried

ENGINEER'S REPORT

ACTION ITEMS:

1. NJDOT FY2024 MA: Old Forks Road Phase 3 (ARH #1140061.04)

The Town received bids for Phase 3 of the Old Forks Road project. Three bidders purchased the bids, but one submitted a response. The response was within the project funding. We have reviewed the bid documents and sent a bid summary and award recommendation to the Business Administrator.

Action Item

Award the construction contract for Phase 3 of the Old Forks Road project to Arawak Paving Company for a total cost of \$141,000.00.

Resolution #125-2025- Award Contract Old Forks Road Phase III

**RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR
Phase III Old Forks Road**

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton received bids for the Phase III project for Old Forks Road on July 22, 2025 in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, said bids were received and consisted of a base bid; and

WHEREAS, bids were received and evaluated; and

WHEREAS, the summary of the bids received for the project are as follows :

CONTRACTOR	Total Bid
Arawak Paving	\$141,000

WHEREAS, after review and consideration of bids and the funding to be made available through Town Ordinances; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton that an award of the contract for the Phase III project for Old Forks Road for the bids received on July 22, 2025 is made to Arawak Paving 7503 Weymouth Road, Hammonton, NJ 08037, in the amount \$141,000.00.

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second R. Rodio

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin - Yes

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin – Declares motion carried

2. Old Forks Road Phase 3 Construction Inspections

We are requesting authorization to provide construction administration and inspection for the construction work related to Phase 3 of the Old Forks Road project.

Action Item

Approve ARH's proposal for Engineering and Construction Management services for an amount not to exceed \$21,110.00.

Motion by Council Person Marino Second S. Rodio

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin - Yes

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin – Declares motion carried

SOLICITOR REPORT

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second Furgione

Authorization to start eviction notice on the Fixed Base Operator at the airport

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin - Yes

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin – Declares motion carried

MAYOR REPORT

- No action items

Public Works Report

Lake Spraying update- Lake Spraying was completed on July 17th. We have an analysis report that is required by the Pinelands spraying permit that has be completed in late July and early August. Once report is complete and submitted to pinelands, we will work with them to develop a maintenance plan going forward.

Town Hall Parking Lot (K&K Building) – the tank was extracted from the ground today. We are moving forward on developing the lot for extra parking for Town Hall. This is the dirt lot located behind Town Hall.

Town Public Works Schedule August

Bulky waste pickup - will be from the 4th to the 8th.

Brush pickup - will be the 11th through 15th.

The County Recycling pickup – will be 4th to the 8th and the 18th to the 22nd.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

1. Accept the resignations of Harry Wozunk as a regular member, and Jonathan Cruz and David Capella as junior members all in good Standing. Accept Rocco DeLaurentis and Peter Falzone as regular members of company #2. Police background competed and approved at Fire Company meeting on July 9, 2025.
2. Approval to hire Ruby Silva effective July 14, 2025 as a violation clerk in the Hammonton Municipal Court. Salary following the current contract, single benefits 32.5 hours week. Contingent upon civil service rules and regulations.
3. Approval to release the performance guaranty bond for Harbor Freight. Reviewed and approved by ARH. This is contingent upon posting of a maintenance bond in the amount of \$4,236 and posting of \$500 in escrow to be held for 2 years.

4. Approval to hire Emily Vitalo as a telecommunication operator in police dispatch effective July 28, 2025. 40 hours per week, single benefits, salary to follow current contract. Contingent upon all civil service rules and regulations.
5. Approval to request RFP for a Fixed Base Operator at the Hammonton Municipal Airport.

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second Gribbin
Item 1 to 5 are approved

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Marino - Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin - Yes

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin – Declares motion carried

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second Gribbin
Approval of Bill list

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin - Yes

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin – Declares motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Ordinance #013- Recreation Improvements

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2025 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HAMMONTON LAKE PARK, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,283,259 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$997,500 IN 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 \$2,283,259, which sum includes (i) a grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection through its Green Acres Program in the amount of \$745,000 (the “Green Acres Grant”) and (ii) a grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs – Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program in the amount of \$488,259 (the “Small Cities CDBG Grant” and together with the Green Acres Grant, the “Grants”), and \$52,500 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 \$2,283,259 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of the Grants and said down payments, negotiable bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$997,500 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 \$997,500 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) Jake’s Law playground at Hammonton Lake Park;	\$995,000 (including the Green Acres Grant)	\$237,500	\$12,500	15 years
(ii) <u>Various recreation improvements at various locations at Hammonton Lake Park, including but not limited to, engineering, purchase of various equipment, paving, and playground upgrades and purchase of playground equipment; and</u>	\$800,000	\$760,000	\$40,000	15 years

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
(iii) Installation of ADA compliant pathways Hammonton Lake Park.	<u>\$488,259</u> (including the Small Cities CDBG Grant)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	
TOTAL	<u>\$2,283,259</u>	<u>\$997,500</u>	<u>\$52,500</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 \$997,500.

(d) The aggregate estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$2,283,259, the excess amount thereof over the said Grants and the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, is the aggregate down payments for said purposes in the amount of \$52,500.

SECTION 4. Except for the Grants, in the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Atlantic make a contribution or grant in aid to the Town for the improvements and purposes authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Town prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in

Section 5 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Atlantic. Except for the Grants, in the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Atlantic shall be received by the Town after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose. This Section 4 shall not apply, however, with respect to any contribution or grant in aid received by the Town as a result of using funds from this bond ordinance as “matching local funds” to receive such contribution or grant in aid.

SECTION 6. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Town (the "Chief Financial Officer"), provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8.1. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 7. The Town hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable, for the Town. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Town is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget of the Town, a revised capital or temporary capital budget for the Town has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

SECTION 8. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are improvements or purposes which the Town may lawfully undertake as general improvements or purposes, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of said improvements or purposes within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 15 years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Town and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Town as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$997,500 and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$456,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the improvements or purposes herein before described.

SECTION 9. The full faith and credit of the Town are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Town, and the Town shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Town for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 10. The Town reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. No funds from sources other than the bonds or notes authorized herein have been or are reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside by the Town, or any member of the same "Controlled Group" as the Town, within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(e), pursuant to its budget or financial policies with respect to any expenditures to be reimbursed. This Section 9 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Town's official intent to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

SECTION 11. The Town covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under section 103(a) of the Code of the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this ordinance.

SECTION 12. The Chief Financial Officer of the Town is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of

obligations of the Town and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Town. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into an appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Town pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Town and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Town fails to comply with its undertaking, the Town shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

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

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin - Yes

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin – Declares motion carried

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #110-2025- Approval of Amusement games DiDonato's Bowling Center

**Amusement Games for Stephen DiDonato Doing Business as
DiDonato's Blowing Center**

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 Deputy 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 DEPUTY 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 Games as hereinafter designated:

Name

Address

Town Fee

Game

Stephen DiDonato

1151 S. White Horse
Pike Hammonton, NJ
08037

\$3,075.00

See Attached list of
Games

Motion by Council Person R. Rodio Second S. Rodio
Approval of Resolution #110-2025

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – abstain

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin - Yes

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin – Declares motion carried

Resolution #111-2025- 159 Budget Amendment for Clean Communities Grant

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Town has received from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Clean Communities Program \$47,843.80 and wishes to amend its 2025 Current Fund Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the Current Fund Budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$47,843.80 which has been awarded and is available as a revenue from:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

Clean Communities Program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$47,843.80 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

Operations - Excluded from "CAPS":

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

Clean Communities Program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

Resolution #112-2025- Approval of the Corrective action plan

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Corrective Action Plan of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, for the year 2024.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of the Division of Local Government Services, at the completion of the audit, the local government unit shall prepare a Corrective Action Plan to address each audit finding in the current year audit report; and

WHEREAS, the Corrective Action Plan of the Town of Hammonton for the 2024 Report of Audit is as follows:

Finding No. 2024-001:

Condition:

A calculation of the actuarially calculated Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) obligation for the future cost of dental and vision insurance coverage to be paid by the Town for retired employees was not obtained.

Recommendation: That the Town obtain the actuarially calculated Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) obligation for the future cost of dental and vision insurance coverage to be paid by the Town for retired employees.

Corrective Action: This required disclosure is mandated by an accounting disclosure standard adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75. In New Jersey, municipalities and counties report and budget under regulatory accounting practices and therefore are not required to “book” OPEB future obligations. The Town carries its medical health insurance with the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP). The required disclosure, with which the Town complies, only references where information can be found on the SHBP and is not required to include any future obligation. The dental and vision insurance coverage is contracted through a private carrier and only represents less than 10% of the Town’s total annual SHBP obligation. The Chief Financial Officer and the Town Accountant have exhausted numerous possibilities to have these calculations prepared at no cost to the taxpayers without success. Therefore, since there is no financial impact on the Town for not obtaining the actuarially calculated obligation for its future cost of dental and vision insurance coverage for retired employees, the Town will continue to evaluate the cost/benefit of budgeting taxpayer funds in future budget years in order to solely comply with a financial disclosure requirement that has no financial impact on the Town’s current operations.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Corrective Action Plan for the 2024 Report of Audit of the Town of Hammonton be approved by the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Resolution #113-2025- Accept Annual Audit

ACCEPT ANNUAL AUDIT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2024 has been filed by a Registered Municipal

Accountant with the Town Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Findings and Recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Findings and Recommendations", as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 - to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52 - A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his/her office."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Resolution #114-2025- Authorizing Electronic Tax Sale

Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to hold an Electronic Tax Sale

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19, requires that the Tax Collector hold a tax sale once a year for unpaid property taxes and other municipal charges; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector is authorized to hold an electronic tax sale.

Resolution #115-2025- Authorizing contract for Online Tax Sale

**Resolution authorizing execution of a contract with ROK Industries, Inc. d/b/a
NJTaxLienInvestor.com and Real auction .com for electronic tax sale**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has requested the town to authorize a contract for an Electronic Tax Sale for the Tax Collector's office; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has issued requests for quotes for this project; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton wishes to enter into a contract with ROK Industries, Inc. d/b/a/ NJTaxLienInvestor.com and Realauction.com for the electronic tax sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with ROK Industries, Inc. d/b/a/ NJTaxLienInvestor.com and Realauction.com for the Electronic Tax Sale for the Tax Collector's Office, in the total maximum contract not to exceed \$15.00 per line item

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds to pay the above stated amount will be realized through the tax sale costs collected as part of the electronic tax sale.

Resolution #116-2025 – Authorizing Touch a Truck Event

**AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING
TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT WITH ROAD CLOSURE**

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

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

WHEREAS, Sunday August 24th, 2025 is the scheduled date for the annual 'Touch a Truck' event during the hours of 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm; and

WHEREAS, the following street closures are requested for this event between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm to parking and traffic;

S. 2nd St from Bellevue Avenue to Vine Street; and

WHEREAS, appropriate Police Parking Control signs are being requested to be posted noting 'NO PARKING AFTER 8:00 AM'; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the August 24th, 2025 'Touch a Truck'

event, including the above requests for street closure and posting of 'NO PARKING' signs are acknowledged, approved and endorsed.

Resolution #117-2025- Approval of MainStreet Cornhole Tournament

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE Main Street Hammonton Cornhole Tournament

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton continues to promote the Town of Hammonton through events that support local businesses and attract visitors to various areas of the downtown; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council have historically supported the efforts of MainStreet Hammonton in organizing inclusive, family-friendly community events; and

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton has proposed the **first-ever Cornhole Tournament** to take place on **Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** on **Lincoln Street**, an event designed to attract visitors to a historically less-trafficked part of town and support businesses "on the other side of the tracks" during a slower time of year; and

WHEREAS, this event is intended to activate Lincoln Street with friendly competition, community engagement, and increased foot traffic to adjacent businesses; and

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton has requested permission to **host two food trucks on-site** during the event to enhance the attendee experience and support local food vendors, with no road closures required; and

WHEREAS, the presence of food trucks will require coordination and approval by the appropriate departments for safety, access, and adherence to town regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that **September 13, 2025**, is approved for the **MainStreet Hammonton Cornhole Tournament**, including the request to host **two food trucks** on Lincoln Street as part of the event, and that the event is endorsed as a positive addition to the community calendar.

Resolution #118-2025- Authorize National Night Out

AUTHORIZE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT & FIREWORKS DISPLAY

WHEREAS, Friday August 15, 2025 is the scheduled date for the National Night Out Event in the Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, this year's event will include fireworks display to be held at Hammonton High School located on Old Forks Road in Hammonton;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, that the National Night Out Event and Fireworks Display is authorized along with assistance from Hammonton Police Department and other town departments as deemed necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to sign Atlantic County License Agreement and any other paperwork that is necessary for this event; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED approval is contingent upon the filing of the necessary certificate of insurance with the Municipal Clerk.

Resolution #119-2025- Authorizing Various Refunds

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the following refunds/close out of accounts are authorized as approved by the respective Department Heads of the Town of Hammonton:

Mark Forte	\$ 1,948.75	Refund Escrow
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Resolution #120-2025- 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>
3471/02	Tonczyczyn	55 Waterfront	\$34.31	Refund/Over Pymnt Sewer
4768/3	Bates Mill PTNR	431 Marlyn Ave	\$107.10	Refund/Over Pymnt Sewer
2496/3	Talavera	879 7 th Street	\$10.88	Refund/Over Pymnt 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 #121-2025- Extending Due Date for 3rd Quarter Property Tax

Extending Due Date for 3rd Qtr Property Tax

WHEREAS, the 2025/2026 preliminary tax bills will be mailed late due to a delay in receiving the established tax rate from county;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton to authorize and direct the tax collector to extend the due date for the third quarter taxes to be due on Thursday September 11, 2025 or at least 25 days from date of mailing (certification to follow);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that payments received after September 11, 2025 will accrue interest back to the Due date of August 1, 2025.

Resolution #122-2025- Approval of change order for Lake Park ADA project

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1
Fred M. Schiavone Construction Inc.
ADA Compliant Improvements
Hammonton Lake Park Project**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey authorized a contract to Fred M. Schiavone Construction Inc. on June 3, 2025 in the amount of \$199,420.00 for the ADA Compliant Improvements at the Hammonton Lake Park; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the additional work needed is the addition of One ADA complaint bleacher to be located at the girls softball field; and

WHEREAS, the change order reflects an increase to the contract in the amount of \$21,295.00; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of Hammonton hereby:

Formally authorize the execution of Change Order #1, to the contract in the amount of \$21,295.00

Resolution #123-2025- Approval of 1st Annual Hamm-O-Ween

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE 1st ANNUAL HAMM-O-WEEEN 2025**

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

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

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

WHEREAS, as a brand-new event, Hamm-o-ween is expected to draw a crowd comparable to the successful HAMFEST, attracting both local residents and new visitors from outside the area, further enhancing the growing reputation of Hammonton's Arts District. and

WHEREAS, Saturday, October 04, 2025 is the scheduled date for the Hamm-o-ween event during the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton has requested the following street closure for this event between the hours of 12:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.:

Horton Street between Bellevue Ave and Orchard Street.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that Saturday, October 04, 2025, is the approved for the Hamm-o-ween event, including the above requests for street closure and are approved and endorsed.

Resolution #124-2025- Request extension of time for NJDOT 2022 Bike Path Grant

Requested time extension for NJDOT Grant-L.A. – 2022 Bike, Hammonton Town, Veteran’s Place Bicycle Path Connector Phase II – 00035
Resolution Requesting a Six (6) Month Time Extension for Project Award for use of the NJDOT Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Funds

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

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

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

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

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

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

Furthermore, The Town planned to bid and award the Phase II Bike Path Connector – 00035 construction projects during the summer of 2024 and be compliant with the NJDOT requirements for award of the FY-2022, \$745,000.00 funds.

However, to be safe we are requesting a six (6) month time extension on the award for the FY-2022 project funds until February 16, 2026.

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.

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second Marino

Resolution #111 to #124 are approved

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes
Mayor DiDonato – Yes
Deputy Mayor- Gribbin - Yes

Deputy Mayor- Gribbin – Declares motion carried

PUBLIC HEARD

No on desire to be heard

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Council Person R. Rodio Second Marino