

ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING
Town Hall Council Chambers, 100 Central Avenue
100 Central Avenue, Hammonton, New Jersey
January 7, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Meeting Called To Order

By Mayor DiDonato

Oath of Office – Councilpersons Elect

Councilperson – Steven Furgione Oath office given by Assemblyman Michael Torrissi

Councilperson – Renee Rodio Oath office given by James Curcio

Councilperson – Sam Rodio Oath office given by Assemblyman Michael Torrissi

Appoint Deputy Mayor

That **Thomas Gribbin** is hereby appointed as Deputy Mayor for the Town of Hammonton for a term of one (1) year.

Motion By council person DiDonato seconded Oliva the resolution is adopted.

Appoint Deputy Mayor

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – abstain

Marino - Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

Official 2025 Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Present

Gribbin – Present

Marino -Present

Oliva- Present

Renee Rodio-Present

Sam Rodio – Present

Mayor DiDonato - Present

Public Notice

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Heard for Agenda Action Items

No One desired to be heard

APPOINT TOWN SOLICITOR FOR ONE YEAR TERM

Resolution #001-2025

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TOWN SOLICITOR FOR THE YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 provides for an Open and Fair Process through Requests for Proposals, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services", must be publicly advertised.

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

That **Michael Malinsky of Fox Rothschild** is hereby appointed as Solicitor for the Town of Hammonton for a term of one (1) year.

That Solicitor has agreed to provide the legal services for the sum of \$125,000.00 with extraordinary services (Including litigation) billed at a rate of \$300.00 per hour for services rendered.

That the Solicitor shall be available as consultant to the Officials of the Town of Hammonton and render such legal assistance as may be necessary during contract term.

That this contract is awarded as a "Professional Service", under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Laws and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law.

That the attached certification showing availability of funds and specifying the exact line item appropriations
Which shall be charged is incorporated herein and attached hereto as though set forth herein in verbatim

Motion By council person Marino seconded Gribbin the resolution is adopted.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino - Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

Oath of Office

Town Solicitor

ADOPTION OF RULES OF COUNCIL

RULES OF COUNCIL

RULE 1 – MEETING

Council Meetings shall be held as set forth by resolution of Mayor and Council at 7:00 p.m., or as scheduled, with an executive session to be held at 6:00 p.m. and Council may adjourn from time to time, if

a quorum is not present, or should there be a quorum, Council may adjourn from time to time until all business before it is completed. Council may schedule such executive meetings as it deems appropriate subject to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act.

In accordance with the provisions of the "Open Public Meeting Act", all meetings of the governing body shall be open to the public at all times. However, nothing in this act shall be construed to limit the discretion of the governing body to permit, prohibit, or regulate the active participation of the public at any meeting. In addition, the governing body may exclude the public from any meeting or portion of the meeting, normally reserved for discussion in an executive session of the governing body.

Department Heads shall be required to attend Council Meetings when asked to do so by the Mayor or Town Clerk.

RULE 2 – QUORUM

A majority of members of Council or Committees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

RULE 3 – VOTING

All voting shall be conducted orally in public and be taken by "Yeas" and "Nays" unless otherwise ordered by the Mayor or Deputy Mayor. In the event a member is unable to attend a meeting due to an unexpected personal or family emergency or because a special meeting conflicts with a previously scheduled commitment, that member may request permission from the Mayor, or his designee, which permission shall not be unreasonably withheld, to participate in the meeting by telephone or via other electronic or telecommunication device designed to permit the member to listen to the proceeding and participate verbally in the dialogue and the voting.

RULE 4 – REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

All committee chairpersons shall report at regular meetings of Council or at special meetings of Council called for that purpose, and every report of a committee shall be by a majority of the members thereof; except in the case of sickness, or absence or recusal of the Chairperson; in which case it may be presented by any members of the Committee. This rule shall not be construed to prevent a minority of any Committee from presenting a counter report upon any matter which has first been reported by a majority.

RULE 5 – NOTICE: CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

Every member desiring to speak shall address the chair, and no member shall discuss any subject or engage in conversation during the meeting in any manner to interfere with business.

RULE 6 – PRIVILEGE OF NON-MEMBERS

Persons not members of Council shall not speak on any question, or interfere in any manner with the business while Council is in session, except on request and approval of the Chair.

RULE 7 – PAYMENT OF BILLS

All bills presented to Council for payment shall, before being paid, be approved by the Mayor and Chairperson of the proper committee; all supplies to be purchased on behalf of Town Council shall first be authorized by a purchase order given by the Purchasing Agent or Town Accountant which shall follow the State and Local purchase procedure. All bills must be presented in the form of a bill list to Mayor and Council prior to their approval at the regularly scheduled council meeting.

RULE 8 – MAYOR EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

The Mayor shall be a member of all committees by virtue of his/her office.

RULE 9 – RULES OF ORDER

- A. The Mayor shall preserve order and decorum, and decide questions of Order, subject to appeal of Council, upon a call of one member, on which appeal no member shall speak.
- B. No question on a motion or resolution shall be debated or put unless the same shall be seconded. When a motion or resolution shall be seconded, it shall be so stated by the Mayor. It shall then be read by the Clerk. Any member including the Mayor can request that the Motion or Resolution be reduced to writing if the Motion or Resolution is a matter of substance and not procedure. If such a request is made, the Motion or Resolution dealing with a matter of substance shall not be voted on until the entire Council has an opportunity to review it in its written form.
- C. A Motion to adjourn shall be in order.
- D. A Motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, or for the previous questions, shall be decided without debate.
- E. If any questions in debate shall contain several distinct propositions, a division shall be made at the request of any member.
- F. When a question has been put and decided, it shall be in order for a member who voted in the majority to move the consideration thereof; but no motion for reconsideration shall be in order more than once at the same meeting at which the vote was taken or more than once at the next subsequent meeting of Council and no motion for reconsideration shall be made after said next subsequent meeting.
- G. At the call on one member present, the “Yeas” and the “Nays” shall be ordered and entered on the minutes, and every member shall then be required to vote or abstain of record.
- H. No standing rule of order of Council shall be suspended, altered or amended unless same shall be proposed in writing at a regular or special meeting and adopted at the next meeting by a majority of the members of Council; but any of them may be suspended temporarily with the concurrence of two-thirds of the member of the Council present.
- I. In voting for election of Town Officers, or to fill vacancies in any position, where such election devolves upon council, a majority of the whole Council shall be necessary to elect, unless otherwise provided by statute or Ordinance.
- J. In voting for the payment of bills and other important questions, it shall be the call of the members and it shall be made a matter of record.
- K. All matters to be considered placed on the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council shall have a cut off of 12:00 Noon on the Thursday preceding the Monday regular meeting. The Mayor shall set the agenda. Nothing in this section of this rule shall limit the right of the Mayor at his/her discretion to place on the floor for discussion and action if he/she deems necessary matters that are emergent and relate to the health, safety, or welfare of the community.
- L. Vote shall be cast on all matters put before Council in alphabetical order with the exception the Mayor shall cast the last vote.
- M. Notwithstanding the above, parliamentary procedure shall be consistent with “ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER.”

RULE 10 – ORDER OF BUSINESS

The following shall be the order of business at all non-executive meetings – Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, Public Notice, Public Heard for Input on Agenda Action Items with an allowable time of five minutes for each person who desires to speak, Approval of Minutes, Dispense with Regular Order of Business, Report of Committees, Consideration of Bill List, New Business and Public Heard with an allowable time of five minutes for each person who desires to speak. The Mayor retains the right to change the Order of Business.

Rule 11 – DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor may appoint a Deputy Mayor to serve at the Mayor's pleasure and who shall preside during the Mayor's absence or at any time so called upon to act by said Mayor or a majority of Council. The Deputy Mayor shall act as Chairperson of any meetings that occur in the Mayor's absence, but the Deputy Mayor shall have all the rights and obligations of a member of Council while so acting, including the right to make and second motions and resolutions, the right to vote and the right to participate in discussions on all matters before the governing body. Should the Mayor fail to appoint a Deputy Mayor, then in the event of the Mayor's absence Council shall appoint one of its members to so act in his/her place and stead.

RULE 12 – CHAIR OR CHAIRPERSON

Except where used in Rule 4, the term Chair or Chairperson in the Rules of Council shall be defined as the Mayor or in his/her absence the Deputy Mayor.

RULE 13 – STANDING COMMITTEES

The following shall be the Standing Committees which shall be appointed by the Mayor:

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

COMMITTEE ON LAW & ORDER

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

COMMITTEE ON QUALITY OF LIFE

COMMITTEE ON WATER & SEWER

RULE 14 – DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

Each Committee as designated in Rule 13 shall have the following duties and functions:

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

This Committee shall oversee the office of the Town Clerk, Finance, I.T., Tax Collector, Tax Assessor, Building Inspector, the Construction Official and all sub-Code Officials. This Committee shall also oversee the television station, as well as all real property of the Town including its maintenance and care.

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

This Committee shall concentrate on the efforts to enhance the Town's commercial and industrial expansion. It will act as liaison between Mayor & Council and the Chambers of Commerce, Main Street, Arts & Cultural Committee and the Service Clubs.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

This Committee shall serve as a liaison between Mayor and Council and the Hammonton Board of Education as well as Richard Stockton College.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

This committee shall be composed of all members of Council. The Town Accountant, after receipt of the proposed budget requests of the Department Heads, and after conferring with the Chairperson of the various committees, shall submit the proposed budget to the office of the Mayor for review and suggestions. Upon completion (reflecting all appropriations and expenditures), the Mayor at the March Council meeting shall present the proposed budget to the full committee.

COMMITTEE ON LAW & ORDER

This Committee will oversee the Police Department and Judicial Department (Municipal Court). This Committee will also oversee the town's Volunteer Fire Department.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

This Committee will oversee the Highway Department, Convenience Station and the provision and maintenance of streetlights and signs. They will oversee the ever-expanding and overlapping issues that arise in conjunction with the Municipal Airport and all transportation arteries that impact on the traffic flow involved with the Town.

COMMITTEE ON QUALITY OF LIFE

This Committee shall work to expand the quality of life of the Community. They will oversee all related items to the quality of life in Hammonton. This will include, but not be limited to the following: Planning Board, Zoning Board, Parks Commission, Environmental Commission, and the Historical Commission.

COMMITTEE ON WATER & SEWER

This Committee will oversee the Water and Sewer Department. They will also oversee the expansion and the future water allocation needs of the town, as well as the wastewater treatment system and discharge fields.

RULE 15 – APPOINTMENTS

No more nominations shall be made for any public office or position over and above the number of vacancies that exists for said office position. Each nominee for said office shall be voted on in turn through the casting of "Yes" or "No" votes until the vacancy is filled.

RULE 16 – COMMITTEE REPORTS

All reports of committees shall be made verbally except where the Mayor requests that the report be reduced to writing. Where the Mayor requests that the report be reduced to writing, it shall be submitted to Council in written form prior to the next subsequent meeting.

RULE 17 – SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

Seating arrangements will be made by the Mayor.

RULE 18 – REFERRALS TO COMMITTEES

All matters brought to the floor by a member of Council or the public which cannot be summarily disposed of at the same meeting shall be referred by the Mayor to the appropriate Committee as determined by him/her at his/her sole discretion.

RULE 19 – STEERING COMMITTEES

The Mayor, may, from time to time, create steering committees and select the members to serve on such committees at the Mayor's pleasure. The Mayor shall inform each such committee of the issue or issues that it is to explore and discuss. The steering committee shall report to the regular standing committee and provide input

to that committee on various issues and assist the standing committee in it's decision making process. The steering committee will not have any authority to vote or commit the Town or Council on any issue, but shall only serve in an advisory capacity. The Mayor shall dissolve the committee at his/her pleasure or when its work is completed.

Motion By council person Gribbin seconded Oliva the rules of council are adopted.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino - Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

MAYOR'S COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (First named Chairman)

Administration – Gribbin, Oliva, Mayor

Business & Industry – Oliva, Gribbin, Mayor

Education – Marino, R. Rodio, Mayor

Finance - All

Law & Order – Mayor, S. Rodio, Gribbin

Public Works & Transportation – S. Rodio, Furgione, Mayor

Quality of Life – R.Rodio, Marino, Mayor

Water & Sewer – Furgione, S. Rodio, Mayor

MAYOR'S AD-HOC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS for 2025

Green Committee

Chair: Thomas Hatch

Members:

Jeanette DiPiero

Linda Esposito

Leslie Infante

Lisa Zeuner

Amy Menzel

Dudley Prince

Kathia Ramirez

Kathryn McIntosh

Property Maintenance Task Force

Mayor Steve DiDonato Chair

Deputy Mayor - Co Chair

Shirley Grasso

Kevin Friel

Jonathan Oliva

Great Egg Harbor Watershed Assoc.

John Keenan

Lynnee Locicero, Alt

Airport Committee

Bike Advisory Committee

Frank Zuber, BA/Airport Admin.
Public Works & Transportation Committee

Communications Director

Adam Monacelli

Alicia Murphy Chair

Steve Carr

Tracy Carr

Jayson Resch

Dan Bachalis

Donna Pherribo

Clock Committee

Robert Schenk

John Runfola

Veterans Committee

Jonathan Oliva-Co-chair

Anthony Marino – Co-chair

Josh Trepiccione

Reports to Admin Committee

**Diversity, Equity, Inclusion/ Homeless,
addiction & Mental Health Committee**

Mryna Santiago

Copelia Morales

Kathia Ramirez

Mary Young

Elissa Campanella

Mary Ruberton

Barbara Neary

Brittany Leahey

Dave Murphy

Renee Rodio

Rick Sepe

Trisha Donio

Jackie Cappuccio

Mayor's Appointments

Term

Appointee

Environmental Commission

3 year

Terry Cafiso

Environmental Commission

3 Year

Amy Menzel

Environmental Commission/Class II

2 Year

Dr. Michael Hozik

Ethical Standards Board

4 Year

Zack Brown

Ethical Standards Board

4 Year

Drew Dilllon

Ethical Standards Board

4 Year

Sean Oliva

Ethical Standards Board

4 Year

Josh Trepiccione

Ethical Standards Board

4 Year

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Historic Preservation Commission Class C	4 year	Carol Santora
Historic Preservation Commission Class C	4 year	Barbara Neary
Historic Preservation Commission Class A	4 year	Jeffrey Michelini
Historic Preservation Commission Class A	4 year	Christine McCullough
Historic Preservation Commission Alt 1	2 Year	Lorraine Chappine
Obscenity Review Board Council (Mayor has to serve)	1 year	Stephen DiDonato
Planning/Zoning Class IV	4 Year	Ralph Cappuccio
Planning/Zoning Class II	3 year	Dr. Michael Hozik
Planning/Zoning Class IV	4 year	Bill Olivo
Planning Board Alternate II	2 Year	Phil Barbagallo
Rep Revitalization Committee Council – Alternate	1 year	Thomas Gribbin
Rep Revitalization Committee Council	1 year	Jonathan Oliva
Park Commission Chair	2 year	Louis Cappuccio
Park Commission Co-Chair	2 year	Paul Ordille
Park Commission Alternate II	1 year	Shawn McCloud
Park Commission Alternate 1	2 year	Jason Wilson
Park Commission Council	1 year	Steve Furgione
Park Commission Council	1 year	Sam Rodio

Motion By council person Gribbin seconded Marino the above appointments are approved.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

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

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS

APPOINT TOWN AUDITOR FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR

Resolution #002-2025

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TOWN AUDITOR FOR THE YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 provides for an Open and Fair Process through Requests for Proposals, and:

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services", must be publicly advertised.

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

That **Leon Costello of Ford Scott Assoc. LLC** is hereby appointed as Town Auditor for the Town of Hammonton for a term of one (1) year.

That Auditor has agreed to provide necessary auditing services in an amount not to exceed \$34,800.00. The Purchasing Agent is authorized to re-advertise for RFQ's during the term of this contract if she Determines the contract will exceed same.

That the Auditor shall be available as consultant to the Officials of the Town of Hammonton and render such assistance as may be necessary during contract term.

That this contract is awarded as a "Professional Service", under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Laws and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law.

That the attached certification showing availability of funds and specifying the exact line item appropriations
Which shall be charged is incorporated herein and attached hereto as though set forth herein in verbatim.

Motion By council person Gribbin seconded Marino the resolution is adopted.

Roll Call

Councilperson:
Furgione - Yes
Gribbin – Yes
Marino - Yes
Oliva- Yes

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

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

APPOINT BOND COUNSEL FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR

Resolution #003-2025

RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOND COUNSEL FOR THE YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 provides for an Open and Fair Process through Requests for Proposals, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services", must be publicly advertised.

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

That **Anthony Solomine of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, PA** is hereby appointed as Bond Counsel for the Town of Hammonton for a term of one (1) year.

That Bond Counsel has agreed to provide requested services at the following rates:

Ordinance/Certified Record Proceedings	\$1200
Note Sales	\$.50 per \$1000 up to \$15,000,000
	\$.40 per \$1000 in excess of \$15,000,000
Each Additional Series	\$500
Bond Sales	\$3,500 plus \$1 per \$1000 bonds up to \$15,000,000
	\$.75 per \$1000 in excess of \$15,000,000
Refunding Bond Issue	\$5,000-per series of bonds plus bond sale fee
Arbitrage Compliance	\$250
Credit Enhancement	\$1,000
Hourly Fee Attorney	\$215
Hourly Fee Legal Assistant	\$135

Plus Reasonable Charge for Out of Pocket Expenses (copies, express delivery, etc), total not to exceed \$60,000.00 annually. Before the total of \$60,000.00 is reached, the Purchasing Agent is authorized to seek RFQ's for the position of Bond Counsel during the term of this contract.

That the Bond Counsel shall be available as consultant to the Officials of the Town of Hammonton and render such assistance as may be necessary during contract term.

That this contract is awarded as a "Professional Service", under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Laws and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law.

That the attached certification showing availability of funds and specifying the exact line item appropriations which shall be charged is incorporated herein and attached hereto as though set forth herein in verbatim.

Motion By council person Gribbin seconded Oliva the resolution is adopted.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino - Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

APPOINT LABOR ATTORNEY FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR

Resolution #004- 2025

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A LABOR ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 provides for an Open and Fair Process through Requests for Proposals, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services", must be publicly advertised.

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

That **Steve Barse of the Law Firm of Steve Barse** is hereby appointed as Labor Attorney for the Town of Hammonton for a term of one (1) year.

That Labor Attorney has agreed to provide legal services at a rate of \$250.00 per hour at a total anticipated annual cost for services rendered not to exceed \$60,000.00. Before the total of \$60,000.00 is reached, the Purchasing Agent is authorized to seek RFQ's for the Labor Attorney position during the term of this contract.

That the Labor Attorney shall be available as consultant to the Officials of the Town of Hammonton and render such legal assistance as may be necessary during contract term.

That this contract is awarded as a "Professional Service", under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Laws and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law.

That the attached certification showing availability of funds and specifying the exact line item appropriations

Which shall be charged is incorporated herein and attached hereto as though set forth herein in verbatim.

Motion By council person S. Rodio seconded Oliva the resolution is adopted.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino - Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried
APPOINT LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT/ PARK DESIGNER FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR

Appoint **Scott Taylor of Taylor Design Group LLC** as Landscape Architect / Park Designer for a term of one year.

Motion By council person Gribbin seconded Oliva the professional named above is appointed.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Recused

Gribbin – Yes

Marino - Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

APPOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GRANT ADVISORY SERVICES FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR

Appoint **Carolyn Zumpino of Triad Associates** as Economic Development and Grant Advisory Services for a term of one year.

Motion By council person Furgione seconded S. Rodio the professional named above is appointed.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino - Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

APPOINT CONFLICT SOLICITOR FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR

Appoint **Brian Howell** as Conflict Solicitor for a term of one year.

Motion By council person Gribbin seconded R. Rodio the professional named above is appointed.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino - Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

APPOINT DEPUTY TOWN CLERK FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR

Appoint **Denise Mazzeo** as Deputy Town Clerk for a one year term

Motion By council person Oliva seconded R. Rodio the professional named above is appointed.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino - Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

APPOINT FIRE CHIEF & ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEFS FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR

Appointment of **Sean Macri as Fire Chief , Jim Day III and Anthony Berenato** as Assistant Fire Chiefs for a term of one year, per Fire Company Elections.

Motion By council person R.Rodio seconded Marino the professional named above is appointed.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino - Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

APPOINT COURT PROSECUTOR FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR

Resolution #005-2025

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A PROSECUTOR FOR THE YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 provides for an Open and Fair Process through Requests for Proposals, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services", must be publicly advertised.

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

That **Shirley Grasso** is appointed as the Prosecutor for the Town of Hammonton for a term of one (1) year.

That Prosecutor has agreed to provide services to the Town for the sum of \$59,000.00 annually. Before the total of \$59,000.00 is reached, the Purchasing Agent is authorized to seek RFQ's for the Court Prosecutor position during the term of this contract.

Should the prosecutor miss a regularly scheduled court session, for any reason including a conflict, each session(s) shall be docked at a rate of \$729.17.

That the Prosecutor shall be available as consultant to the Officials of the Town of Hammonton and render such legal assistance as may be necessary during contract term.

That this contract is awarded as a "Professional Service", under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Laws and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law.

That the attached certification showing availability of funds and specifying the exact line item appropriations which shall be charged is incorporated herein and attached hereto as though set forth herein in verbatim.

Motion By council person Gribbin seconded Oliva the resolution is adopted.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino - Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

APPOINT CONFLICT COURT PROSECUTOR FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR

Appoint **Rick DeMichele** as Conflict Court Prosecutor

Motion By council person Oliva seconded R.Rodio the professional named above is appointed.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino - Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

APPOINT PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR

Appoint **Mark D. Kargman** as Public Defender for a term of one year.

Motion By council person Furgione seconded Gribbin the professional named above is appointed.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino - Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

APPOINT CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR

Appoint **Frank Lentz** as Conflict Public Defender for a term of one year at a rate of \$175.00 per session.

Motion By council person R. Rodio seconded Gribbin the professional named above is appointed.

Roll Call

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

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

APPOINT AIRPORT CONSULTANT FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR

Resolution #006- 2025

RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN AIRPORT CONSULTANT FOR THE YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 provides for an Open and Fair Process through Requests for Proposals, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services", must be publicly advertised.

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

That, **Dennis Yap of DY Consultants** is appointed as the airport consultant for the Town of Hammonton for a term of one (1) year.

That Airport Consultant has agreed to provide requested services at the following rates:

	<u>Hourly Rates</u>
Principal	\$ 80.00
Project Manager	\$163.00
Senior Civil Engineer	\$151.00
Civil Engineer	\$ 73.00
Senior Airport Planner	\$ 60.00
Airport Planner	\$ 40.00
Environmental Planner	\$ 40.00
Electrical Engineer	\$151.00
CADD	\$ 35.00
RPR	\$ 35.00
Budget Controller	\$ 45.00

That the total annual expenditure for services rendered shall not exceed \$400,000.00. Before the total of \$400,000.00 is reached; the Purchasing Agent is authorized to seek RFQ's for the Airport Consultant position during the term of this contract.

That the Airport Consultant shall be available as consultant to the Officials of the Town of Hammonton and render such assistance as may be necessary during contract term.

That this contract is awarded as a "Professional Service", under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Laws and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law.

That the attached certification showing availability of funds and specifying the exact line item appropriations which shall be charged is incorporated herein and attached hereto as though set forth herein in verbatim.

Motion By council person S. Rodio seconded Furgione the resolution is adopted.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino - Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

APPOINT TOWN PLANNER FOR TERM OF ONE YEAR

Resolution #007– 2025

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TOWN PLANNER FOR THE YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 provides for an Open and Fair Process through Requests for Proposals, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services", must be publicly advertised.

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

That **Stuart Wiser of ARH as TOWN PLANNER** for the Town of Hammonton for a term of one (1) year.

That the Town Planner has agreed to provide professional services at the following rates:

Principal Engineer Partner	\$ 135.00
Associates	\$ 105.00
Project Manager	\$ 100.00
Engineer	\$ 90.00
Assistant Engineer	\$ 75.00
Inspector	\$ 75.00
CAD Operator	\$ 65.00

That the total annual expenditure for services rendered shall not exceed \$60,000.00. Before the total of \$60,000.00 is reached for any or all services listed above, the Purchasing Agent is authorized to seek RFQ's for the position(s) during the term of this contract.

That this contract is awarded as a "Professional Service", under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Laws and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law.

That the attached certification showing availability of funds and specifying the exact line item appropriations Which shall be charged is incorporated herein and attached hereto as though set forth herein in verbatim.

Motion By council person Oliva seconded Gribbin the resolution is adopted.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino - Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

APPOINT TOWN ENGINEER FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR

Resolution #008– 2025

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TOWN ENGINEER FOR THE YEAR 2025

(Includes Municipal Utilities and all departments of the Town of Hammonton)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 provides for an Open and Fair Process through Requests for Proposals, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services", must be publicly advertised.

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

That **Mark Herrmann of ARH** is appointed as the Engineer for the Town of Hammonton for a term of one (1) year.

That Engineer has agreed to provide engineering services at the following rates:

Principal Engineer	\$150.00
Project Administrator	\$130.00
Dept Head	\$130.00
Senior Project Mgr	\$110.00
Project Mgr	\$ 95.00
Assoc Project Mgr	\$ 75.00
Sr. Tech	\$ 65.00
Technician	\$ 50.00
Survey Crew (3 person)	\$145.00
Survey Crew (2 person)	\$125.00
Survey Crew (1 person)	\$105.00

Senior Inspector	\$ 75.00
Inspector	\$ 60.00
Project Clerk	\$ 45.00

That the total annual expenditure for services rendered shall not exceed \$400,000.00. Before the total of \$400,000.00 is reached; the Purchasing Agent is authorized to seek RFQ's for the Engineer position during the term of this contract.

That the Engineer shall be available as consultant to the Officials of the Town of Hammonton and render such services as may be necessary during contract term.

That this contract is awarded as a "Professional Service", under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Laws and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law.

That the attached certification showing availability of funds and specifying the exact line item appropriations which shall be charged is incorporated herein and attached hereto as though set forth herein in verbatim.

Motion By council person Furgione seconded R. Rodio the resolution is adopted.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino - Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

APPOINT ALTERNATE ENGINEER FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR

Appoint **Timothy Kernan of Colliers Engineering & Design** as Alternate Town Engineer for a term of one year.

Motion By council person Oliva seconded Marino the professional named above is appointed.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino - Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

APPOINT TOWN TRAFFIC CONSULTANT FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR

Resolution #009-2025

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A

TRAFFIC CONSULTANT FOR THE YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 provides for an Open and Fair Process through Requests for Proposals, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services", must be publicly advertised.

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

That, **Mark Herrmann of ARH** is appointed as the Traffic Consultant for the Town of Hammonton for a term of one (1) year.

That the Traffic Consultant has agreed to provide professional services at the following rates:

Principal Engineer Partner	\$ 135.00
Associates	\$ 105.00
Project Manager	\$ 100.00
Engineer	\$ 90.00
Assistant Engineer	\$ 75.00
Inspector	\$ 75.00
CAD Operator	\$ 65.00

That the total annual expenditure for services rendered shall not exceed \$60,000.00. Before the total of \$60,000.00 is reached for any or all services listed above, the Purchasing Agent is authorized to seek RFQ's for the position(s) during the term of this contract.

That this contract is awarded as a "Professional Service", under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Laws and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law.

Motion By council person R. Rodio seconded Marino the resolution is adopted.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino - Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

APPOINT TOWN DOCTOR FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR

Appoint **Atlanticare Occupational Medicine & Urgent Care** as Town Doctor for a term of one year per approval of Statewide Insurance Fund.

Motion By council person R. Rodio seconded Oliva the professional named above is appointed.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

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

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

Appoint Planning Board Class III (Council Members) – FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR

Appoint **Jonathan Oliva and Ed Wuillermin in Mayor's Seat** to the positions of Planning Board Class III Members.

Motion By council person Gribbin seconded S. Rodio the professional named above is appointed.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino - Yes

Oliva- abstain

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

Appoint Obscenity Review Board (Council Members) – FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR

Steven Furgione and Thomas Gribbin for a term of one year.

Motion By council person S. Rodio seconded Oliva the above appointments are approved.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Abstain

Gribbin – Abstain

Marino - Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

Town Clerks Report

1. Approval to Broadcast the Hammonton Board of Education board meetings, either live or by re-broadcasting, on the Local Access Hammonton cable station.

Motion By council person Marino seconded R. Rodio

Item 1 above is approved.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

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

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

New Business

Ordinances for Introduction

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #011-2025 Defer School Tax

Resolution Deferred School Tax

WHEREAS, regulations provide for the deferral of not more than 50% of the annual levy when school taxes are raised for a second year and have not been requisitioned by the school district; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services requires that a resolution be adopted by a majority of the governing body prior to February 10 of the year subsequent to the deferral, authorizing an increase in the amount of the deferral; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic to increase the amount of local school deferred taxes by \$69,278.50.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton that the amount of deferred local school taxes be increased to \$10,144,227.00.

Resolution #012-2025 Designate Banks and Signatures

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL BANKS AND SIGNATURES

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is obligated to designate depositories in connection with the deposit of all monies received; and

WHEREAS, the proper officials who are authorized to sign all checks, warrants and drafts of the Town of Hammonton, excluding Municipal Court, should likewise be designated.

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 following are hereby designated as official depositories of the Town of Hammonton:

U.S. Bank
Ocean First Bank

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 2 signatures are required on each check as follows:

1st Signature must be one of the following:

Mayor
Deputy Mayor
Town Accountant
Qualified Purchasing Agent
Court Administrator
Business Administrator

2nd Signature must be one of the following:

Treasurer
Town Accountant
Qualified Purchasing Agent
Deputy Court Administrator

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED the TTL Account and Premium Accounts require 2 signatures on each check as follows:

1st Signature must be one of the following:

Mayor
Deputy Mayor
Town Accountant
Qualified Purchasing Agent
Business Administrator

2nd Signature must be one of the following:

Treasurer
Town Accountant
Qualified Purchasing Agent
Tax Collector

Resolution # 013-2025 Approving State Vendors

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT(S) WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDOR(S)
FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURUSANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a**

Whereas, the Town of Hammonton pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any good or service under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Town of Hammonton authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved New Jersey State Contract Vendor(s) listed below, pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contracts between January 1 and December 31; and

Be it further resolved, that the governing body of the Town of Hammonton, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made; and

Be it further resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 the following state contract is awarded:

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>CERTIFICATION NUMBER</u>
A.E. Stone Inc.	82251
All Industrial Safety Products	85989
Avaya Inc. (Lucent)	80802
Continental Fire & Safety, Inc.	81365 80956
Contractor Service Inc.	43024
Dell	89850, 89967, 88706
Fisher Scientific Co Inc	61493
Garden State Highway Products	87100, 86462
Gov Connect	83453
Govdeals	83453

General Spring Service Corp	42120, 89283
HA DeHart & Son	88264
Hach Co Inc	85091
Johnson & Towers, Inc.	42098
KML Technology Inc.	83903
Kyocera	40465
Lakeview Garage	82478
Lawmen Supply Co. of NJ Inc.	81295, 82100
Old Dominion Brush Inc.	85861
Pitney Bowes Inc.	41258, 75237
Ransome Engines	85847
RFP Solutions	85847
SHI International	89851
Tactical Public Safety aka Harris Corp	85932
Vineland Auto Electric	81339, 86001 42084
Winner Ford (Chas)	86921

Resolution #014-2025 Designate Official Newspapers

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:53-1 provides that the governing body of every municipality may designate qualified newspaper(s) that circulate within the municipality for the publication of all advertisements and notices required by law to be published; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY as follows:

The Hammonton Gazette shall be designated as the official newspaper for the Town of Hammonton for the year 2025.

The Press of Atlantic City shall be designated as the secondary newspaper(s) for publications to be displayed in the event that the Town cannot meet the deadline for legal advertising requirements in the official newspaper or in the event that the legal document is required to be advertised in two newspapers circulating within the municipality.

The Newark Star Ledger is designated as the newspaper for publications requiring statewide distribution.

Resolution #015-2025 Authorize Temporary Budget for 2025

Resolution Adopting Temporary Appropriations

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time provided; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty days of January; and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the prior year budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for debt service or receipt of grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Current Fund and Utility Fund appropriations are made and will be attached hereto.

Resolution #016-2025 Fixing Interest rate for Nonpayment of Taxes or Assessments

Fixing Interest rate for Nonpayment of Taxes or Assessments

Whereas, NJSA 54:4-67 permits the governing body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for nonpayment of taxes or assessments subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law; and

Whereas, NJSA 54:4-67 has been amended to permit the fixing of said rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 and allows an additional penalty of 6% to be collected against a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 on properties that fail to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year.

Now, Therefore be it resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8% annum on the first \$1,500.00 of taxes, water, sewer becoming delinquent after due date and 18% per annum on any amount of taxes, water or sewer in excess of \$1,500.00 becoming delinquent after due date and if a delinquency is in excess of \$10,000.00 and remains in arrears beyond December 31st, an additional penalty of 6% shall be charged against the delinquency.
2. "Delinquency" Now is to be calculated on the sum of all taxes from year to year and not to be calculated on an individual year basis.
3. Effective January 1, 1991 a ten day grace period of quarterly tax payments and semi annual water/sewer payments made by cash, check or money order was established and will remain in effect with the addition of on line payment and charge card payment availability.

Any payments not made in accordance with paragraph 3 of this resolution shall be charged interest from the due date as set forth in paragraph 1 of this resolution.

Resolution #017-2025 Adopt Cash Management Plan

Adopt Cash Management Plan

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 requires certain municipalities to adopt Cash Management Plans for certain public funds pending the use of such funds for intended purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is intended to cover the deposit and/or investments of certain accounts identified by the Cash Management Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY that a Cash Management Plan shall and be hereby adopted for **year 2025** consistent with the Cash Management Plan which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer, the Treasurer, the Town Accountant and the Purchasing Agent of the Town of Hammonton are hereby authorized and directed to make the required deposits and/or investments for the funds referred to in the within Plan.

CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Cash Management Plan (the "Plan") is prepared pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 in order to set forth the basis for the deposits ("Deposits") and investment ("Permitted Investments") of certain public funds of the Town of Hammonton, pending the use of such funds for the intended purposes. The Plan is intended to assure that all public funds identified herein are deposited in interest bearing Deposits or otherwise invested in Permitted Investments hereinafter referred to. The intent of the Plan is to provide that the decisions made with regard to the Deposits and the Permitted Investments will be done to insure the safety, the liquidity (regarding its availability for the intended purposes), and the maximum investment return within such limits. The Plan is intended to insure that any Deposit or Permitted Investment matures within the time period that approximates the prospective need for the funds deposited or invested so that there is not a risk to the market value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.

IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS TO BE COVERED BY THE PLAN

The Plan is intended to cover the deposit and/or investment of the following funds and accounts of the Town of Hammonton:

- Current Fund
- Animal Control Funds
- Trust Funds
- Capital Funds
- Utility Funds

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS UNDER THE LAW

The Chief Financial Officer of the Town of Hammonton and the Treasurer (the "Designated Official") are hereby authorized and directed to deposit and/or invest the funds referred to in the Plan. Prior to making any such Deposits or any Permitted Investments are made a written copy of this Plan which shall be acknowledged in writing by such parties and a copy of such acknowledgment kept on file with such officials. All such depositories shall acknowledge in writing receipt of this Plan by sending a copy of such acknowledgment to the Designated Official referred to in Section III above.

AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS

Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the Designated Official is hereby authorized to invest the public funds covered by this Plan, to the extent not otherwise held in Deposits, in the following Permitted Investments:

- 1) Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;
- 2) Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase,

- provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;
- 3) Bonds or other obligations of the Local Unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the Local Unit is a part or within which the school district is located;
 - 4) Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury for investment by Local Units;
 - 5) Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1977, c.281 (C.52:18A-90.4); or
 - 6) Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities if:
 - a) the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) of this section;
 - b) the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;
 - c) the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;
 - d) the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section 1 of P.L. 1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41); and
 - e) a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

SAFEKEEPING CUSTODY PAYMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF PLAN

To the extent that any Deposit or Permitted Investment involves a document or security which is not physically held by the Town of Hammonton, then such investment or security shall be covered by a custodial agreement with an independent third party, which shall be a bank or financial institution in the state of New

Jersey. Such institution shall provide for the designation of such investments in the name of the Town of Hammonton to assure that there is no unauthorized use of the funds or the Permitted Investments or Deposits. Purchase of any Permitted Investments that involve securities shall be executed by a "delivery versus payment" method to insure that such Permitted Investments are either received by the Town of Hammonton or by a third party custodian prior to or upon the release of the Town of Hammonton's funds.

To assure that all parties with whom the Town of Hammonton deals either by way of Deposits or Permitted Investments are aware of the authority and the limits set forth in this Plan, all such parties shall be supplied with a copy of this Plan in writing and all such parties shall acknowledge the receipt of that Plan in writing, a copy of which shall be on file with the Designated Official (s).

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

On the fifteenth day of each month during which this Plan is in effect, the Designated Official(s) referred to in Section III hereof shall supply to the governing body of the Town of Hammonton a written report of any Deposits or Permitted Investments as of the end of the previous month made pursuant to this Plan, which shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- 1) The name of any institution holding funds of the Town of Hammonton as a Deposit or Permitted Investment.
- 2) The amount of securities or Deposits purchased or sold during the immediate preceding month.
- 3) The class or type of securities purchased or Deposits made.
- 4) The book value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.
- 5) The earned income on such Deposits or permitted Investments. To the extent that such amounts are actually earned at maturity, this report shall provide an accrual of such earnings during the immediate preceding month.
- 6) The fees incurred to undertake such Deposits or Permitted Investments.

TERM OF THE PLAN

Attached to this Plan is a resolution of the governing body of the Town of Hammonton approving this Plan for such period of time. The Plan may be amended from time to time. To the extent that any amendment is adopted by the Mayor and Town Council, the Designated Official is directed to supply copies of the amendments

to all of the parties who otherwise have received the copy of the originally approved Plan, which amendment shall be acknowledged in writing in the same manner as the original Plan was so acknowledged.

Resolution #018-2025 Appointing Assessor as Agent

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ASSESSOR AS AGENT FOR TOWN OF HAMMONTON

WHEREAS, from time to time the Assessor discovers an error in calculation, transposing, measurement, computer of typographical errors in the Tax Assessments on the Tax List after the time the County Board of Taxation has certified the tax rate for the tax year; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Taxing District of the Town of Hammonton is desirous that every taxpayer pays their fair share of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the method of correcting such errors is to file a Petition of appeal for the current year with the Atlantic County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the error was not caused by the taxpayer.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Town of Hammonton that the Assessor is hereby authorized to act as an agent for the Taxing District and file a Petition of Appeal(s) for the **year 2025** with the Atlantic County Board of Taxation to correct such errors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Assessor shall report all tax appeals filed in the taxing district to the Governing Body and the Chief Financial Officer no later than June 1st of each year;

And BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Hammonton Tax Assessor to forward to Atlantic County Board of Taxation with any such Petition of Appeal.

Resolution #019-2025- Appointing Statewide Insurance Fund Commissioner and Alternate fund Commissioner

**STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND
RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER**

WHEREAS, The Town of Hammonton (hereinafter "Local Unit") is a member of the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter "Fund"), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Fund's Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Fund Commissioner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Town of Hammonton that **Frank Zuber** is hereby appointed as the Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the **Fund Year 2025**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that **Denise Mazzeo** is hereby appointed as the Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the **Fund Year 2025**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Unit's Fund Commissioner is authorized and directed to execute all such documents as required by the Fund.

Resolution #020-2025- Appoint Risk Management Consultant

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING
RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT
2025 Fund Year**

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton (hereinafter "Local Unit") has joined the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter "Fund"), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Risk Management Consultant, as those positions are defined in the Bylaws, if requested to do so by the "Fund"; and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit has complied with relevant law with regard to the appointment of a Risk management Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the "Fund" has requested its members to appoint individuals or entities to that position; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of "Local Unit", in the County of and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Town of Hammonton hereby appoints Paul Pullia of ML Ruberton Risk Management as its Risk Management Consultant.

1. The Municipal Clerk and or the Mayor and Risk Management Consultant are hereby authorized to execute the Risk Management Consultant's Agreement for the year 2025 in the form attached hereto.

Resolution #022-2025- Approval to apply for NJ DCA Grant for Lake Park

SCHEDULE I: RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Town of Hammonton desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for up to \$100,000 for Park Maintenance Building at Hammonton Lake Park.

Be it therefore RESOLVED,

- 1) That the Town of Hammonton does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
- 2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Town of Hammonton and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

Be it further RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

Resolution #023-2025- Approval of Payment for Economic Development Eagle Theatre

A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Town of Hammonton recognizes that the Atlantic County economy has and will continue to be negatively impacted by the closure of several Atlantic City casinos; and

WHEREAS, the governing body believes that, in order to sustain Hammonton's positive revitalization efforts, a coordinated economic development plan shall be necessary; and

WHEREAS, some of the residential, commercial and industrial properties in Hammonton have experienced a physical deterioration as a result of the inability of their owners to properly maintain same; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey permits implementation of residential rehabilitation and commercial rehabilitation and new construction incentive programs in the form of a tax abatement program; and

WHEREAS, much of the Town's downtown revitalization can be attributed to the exponential growth of its arts community; and

WHEREAS, the governing body desires to capitalize and expand upon those successes and, as permitted by New Jersey Law (*N.J.S.A. 40:48-1(30)*), fund a local arts entity with a broad geographic reach to advertise to the Delaware Valley and the entire State of New Jersey Hammonton's advantages including its open space, its geographic proximity to Philadelphia, Atlantic City and New York City and all points in between, its favorable tax structure, its thriving downtown and its traditional focus on family and education including its public and parochial schools and its affiliation with Stockton University, all of which have served as economic drivers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Council authorize approval of a Resolution authorizing funding via a professional services contract with Eagle Theatre in the amount of \$40,000.00 of a broad-based advertising program through the vehicle of a non-profit 501-C3 arts entity focused on attracting visitors to Hammonton and in turn stimulating economic growth and attracting new residents and businesses to build upon the successes of the last decade and N.J.S. 40:48-1(30); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the amount will be paid as follows:

- \$40,000 in January 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authorization of payment is for the year 2025.

Motion By council person Gribbin seconded Oliva
Resolutions #11 to #23 are approved.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino - Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

Motion By council person Marino seconded Oliva

Approval to allow Buena Vista Township to drop off prescription drugs through a shared services agreement with the Town.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

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

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried

MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Summary: The Mayor spoke about his 15years of services and thanked all of council and the residents of the Town. It was an honor of his to serve the community. He also thanked all the employees that work so hard for the Town. Over his terms as mayor the Town was able to invest in our infrastructure, our police department, fire dept and obtain grants to hold our taxes down.

He is proud of the culture and the family orientated Town that Hammonton is.
The mayor also thanked his wife and family for all of their support.

PUBLIC HEARD

No one desired to be heard

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion By council person Marino seconded R. Rodio