

**Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council December 15, 2025**  
**Town Hall Council Chambers, 100 Central Avenue**  
**Executive Session 5:00 P.M.**  
**Public Session 6:00 P.M.**

**CLOSED SESSION MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**  
**ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL**

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

**PRESENT ALSO**

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor

**EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #179-2025**

**RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL**

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Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor  
Rich Rehmann of ARH

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC HEARD FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Minutes November 24, 2025  
Executive Minutes November 24, 2025

**PRESENTATION**

- Plaque presentations

## **DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administration - Councilman Gribbin**

**Business & Industry – Councilman Oliva**

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

**Education – Councilman Marino**

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

**Law & Order – Mayor DiDonato**

**Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione**

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

No action items.

#### **ROADWAY & TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS:**

1. **Hammonton Bike Path Connector – Phase II (ARH #1140052.09):** **95% Complete**

We continue to follow-up with the NJDOT on the discretionary aid application to cover NJ Transit's railroad crossing improvement assessment. All other technical aspects of the project are substantially complete.

2. **NJDOT FY2023 Safe Streets to Transit: Front St (ARH #1140063.01):** **85% Complete**

We are providing NJDOT with our cost estimate for the potential intersection improvements. NJDOT is covering the cost for any engineering associated with the changes to the railroad crossing.

3. **NJDOT & NJ Transit Coordination (ARH #1101110.01):** **20% Complete**

We continue to work through the coordination items involved with the NJDOT and NJ Transit.

4. **11th Street Sidewalk Improvements CA/CI (ARH#1140062.04):** **10% Complete**

The pre-construction meeting was held, and the contractor is set to begin construction in January.

5. **11th St Sidewalk (Chew Rd to 11th St Rec Area) (ARH #1140062.03):** **1% Complete**

The NJDOT has not provided any decision on the funding allocation. This project will not go forward without that or other funds.

#### **SEWER/WATER INFORMATION ITEMS:**

6. **Lakeview Gardens Water Main Extension (ARH #1130172.01):** **95% Complete**

We have coordinated with Triad and are preparing for applying for 2026 NJDEP funding to support construction.

7. **Route 54 Water Main Replacement Project (ARH #1130167.06):** **95% Complete**

Bidding was shifted to January due to NJDEP funding and NJDOT coordination. We are targeting construction in the winter months, ahead of the NJDOT paving work.

8. **Sanitary Sewer Study & Rehabilitation Program (ARH #1150146.01):** **85% Complete**

We are actively soliciting quotes for the priority fixes.

9. **Lead Service Line Replacement (ARH #1130170.02):** **65% Complete**

We continue to support the Town and EPA while they perform more field work and data research. We are also investigating other, related funding to assist the Town.

10. **Route 54 Water Main Replacement Project (ARH #1130167.07):** **55% Complete**

This is for Phase 2 of the project (Central Ave to 1st Road). We are waiting for a response on the BSDW and NJDOT permits. Construction documents are substantially complete, and we anticipate bidding in early 2026.

11. **Boyer Ave Sanitary – Phase 2 (ARH #1150058.32):** **15% Complete**

We have had an initial call with NJ Pinelands regarding the project, and we are gathering more information as we investigate the feasibility of the project.

**GENERAL SITE AND RECREATION INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**12. Lake Park Pavilion Enhancements (ARH #1190035.01): 90% Complete**

We have coordinated with the Town, Triad, and Green Acres on the technical and funding options for the next phase of the project.

**13. Lake Park ADA Walkways CA/CI (ARH #1190032.06): 90% Complete**

The Contractor expects delivery of the bollards this week with installation occurring immediately upon arrival. Please note that this project is only one phase of a multi-phased project. There will be more work at the site, so the condition of the site is not final.

**14. Jake's Law Park (ARH #1190037.01): 78% Complete**

We have coordinated with the Town, Triad, and Green Acres on the technical aspects and scheduling expectations of the project. Our design is progressing nicely.

**15. 11th St Recreation Area Engineering (ARH #1101065.12): 68% Complete**

The fencing site work has started and is progressing on schedule. Work on Phase 2 of the site design is progressing, including gathering additional options for the dek hockey rink.

**16. Lake Park Tot Lot (ARH #1190036.01): 25% Complete**

We are on schedule for this project and coordinated with the Town who is purchasing the play equipment through NJ State Contract.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND REMEDIATION PROJECTS:**

**17. K&K Linens Property / 224 Vine Street (ARH #1101094.09): Ongoing**

We continue to execute the project tasks, staying in close coordination with the Town and NJDEP.

**18. Mazza Muffler Site / 104 S. Egg Harbor Road (ARH #1101102.04): Ongoing**

We continue to work with the site LSRP performing site investigation and monitoring.

**19. Skinner Property / 317 N. Egg Harbor Road (ARH #P2022.0424): Ongoing**

We continue to execute the project tasks, staying in close coordination with the Town and NJDEP.

**20. Celona Site Remediation - 130 Railroad Avenue (ARH #1101054.06): Ongoing**

We continue to execute the project tasks, staying in close coordination with the Town and NJDEP.

**21. Octagon Oil/Vine Street Parking Lot (ARH #1101060.23): Ongoing**

We are preparing a proposal for 2026 to perform additional work based on DEP's RAP application review.

**SOLICITOR REPORT**  
**MAYOR REPORT**

**Public Works Report**

**Town Public Works Schedule January 2026**

**Bulky waste pickup** – for the Month of January will be from January 5th to the 9th.

**Brush pickup** – for the month of January will be the 12th through 16th.

**Trash Collection**- for Christmas Day will be on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>, Trash Collection for New Years Day will be on Friday January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Trash Collection for Martin Luther King Day January 19<sup>th</sup> will be collected on Tuesday January 20<sup>th</sup>. Please place trash cans curb side by 6am

**Curb Side Leaf Collection** – Started on October 20<sup>th</sup> and will run until December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**The County Recycling pickup** – will be December 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup>. - No collection on December 25<sup>th</sup>, January 5<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> and January 19<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **TOWN CLERK REPORT**

1. Accept the resignation of Emily Vitalo from her position as a police dispatcher effective December 10, 2025

### **APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **Resolution #180-2025- Authorize Tax / Water / Serer 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

<b><u>Block / Lot</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Reason</u></b>
1001/15	Corelogic	580 14 <sup>th</sup> Street	\$347.42	Refund/Overpayment Tax
1902/37.01	Your Hometown Title	233 13 <sup>th</sup> Street	\$277.04	Refund/Overpayment Tax

**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 #181-2025- Authorize execution of grant for the Rehab of the apron at the Municipal Airport**

#### **AUTHORING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR (5513331) REHABILITATE APRON (PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING / ENVIRONMENTAL) PHASE-1**

**WHEREAS** the New Jersey Department of Transportation has offered a grant for the Rehab of the apron at the Hammonton Municipal Airport; and

**WHEREAS.** This grant includes preliminary engineering / environmental work; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IS RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, formally approves the execution of an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the above stated project; and

**BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and or Municipal clerk are hereby authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Town of Hammonton, and that his signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Agreement and approve the execution of the Agreement.

**Resolution #182-2025- Approval of Budget Transfers**

**TRANSFER OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey, that there be and hereby is authorized the following transfer from the 2025 Budget appropriations:

**CURRENT FUND**

From: Holiday Observance	\$ 23,500.00
From: Police – Operating Expense	\$ 16,000.00
To: Social Security	\$ 11,000.00
To: Legal- Operating Expense	\$ 3,000.00
To: Administration – Operating Expense	\$ 5,000.00
To: Radio - Salary & Wages	\$ 4,000.00
To: Municipal Court – Salary & Wages	\$ 500.00
To: Highway – Operating Expense	\$ 16,000.00

**UTILITY FUND**

From: Utility – Operating Expense	\$ 5,000.00
To: Utility – Salary & Wages	\$ 5,000.00

**Resolution #183-2025- Approval of a shared services agreement with Atlantic County**

**LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$2.2 million for Shared Services and School District Consolidation Study and Implementation Grants to assist local units with the study, development, and implementation of new shared and regional services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) is tasked with administering these grant funds through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP); and

**WHEREAS**, LEAP Implementation Grants exist to support costs associated with shared service implementation to ensure that meaningful, efficiency generating initiatives are not hindered by short term transitional expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Atlantic as lead entity and the City of Atlantic City, Brigantine City, Buena Vista Township, Egg Harbor City, Egg Harbor Township, Folsom Borough, Galloway Township, Hamilton Township, Hammonton, Longport Borough, Pleasantville, Somers Point, and the City of Ventnor, as Participating Local Units propose to enter into a shared services agreement, but face certain expenses associated with implementation that present a burden to the local units; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this shared services agreement is to permit the participating units to borrow on an as needed basis at no cost to the participating units, a thermoplastic traffic line striping hand cart and a

thermoplastic traffic line striping kettle to be used for road markings in their communities. These agreements will benefit the residents of all participating local units; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Atlantic has agreed to be the lead agency in this program and will submit the application to DLGS on behalf of all participating units; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton, that the Town of Hammonton does hereby joins with Atlantic County Government in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$76,125.00 to support implementation of this shared service.

**Resolution #184-2025- Approve Transfer of ABC liquor license**

**Transfer Place to Place Liquor License**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been filed for a place to place transfer of Consumption License 0113-33-007-004;

**WHEREAS**, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term;

**WHEREAS**, a police background check has been completed. The applicants are qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated there under, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton do hereby approve the Place to Place transfer of the aforesaid Consumption License owned by 15 N. Egg Harbor Road LLC, from in pocket to 19 N. Egg Harbor Road or its assignee, and does hereby direct the Town Clerk to endorse the license certificate as follows: "this license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred from pocket to 19 N. Egg Harbor Road, or its assignee.

**Resolution #185-2025- Approval of 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:

Gabrielle, Strolli	\$ 48.00	Refund Marriage App.
Bagliani's Market	\$ 300.00	Outside Detail

**PUBLIC HEARD**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**