

**Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council January 26, 2026  
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**

**Roll Call**

Councilperson:

Calderone –

Marino -

Matro -

R, Rodio -

S. Rodio –

Scipione -

Mayor Furgione –

**PRESENT ALSO**

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor

**EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #021-2026**

**RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL**

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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 December 15, 2025

Executive Minutes December 15, 2025

Reorganization Minutes January 5, 2026

**PRESENTATION**

- Hammonton Hawks Football
- Triad Associates

- 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration
- Kevin Friel – Police Hiring temporary officer

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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administration - Councilman Marino**

**Business & Industry – Councilwoman R. Rodio**

**Quality of Life – Councilman Calderone**

**Education – Councilman Scipione**

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

**Law & Order – Mayor Furgione**

**Water & Sewer - Councilman Matro**

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

##### **1. Change Order #2– Old Forks Road Improvements (ARH #1101061.02)**

The proposed change order is a no cost change order to update the contract to address all the work adjustments.

##### **Action Item**

Approve Change Order #2.

##### **2. Change Order #1 – Old Forks Road Improvements Phase II (ARH #1101061.03)**

The proposed change order is a no cost change order to update the contract to address all the work adjustments.

##### **Action Item**

Approve Change Order #1

##### **3. Bidding, Construction Administration, & Inspection – Route 54 Water Main Replacement Project (ARH #1130167.06)**

We are requesting authorization to provide construction administration and inspection for the construction work related to the Bellevue Avenue Water Main Project from First to Second Road. This contract is required for NJDEP permitting and authorization to bid.

##### **Action Item**

Approve ARH's proposal for construction administration and inspection services for an amount not to exceed \$220,560.00. Contingent upon approval of funding thought H2Loans.

##### **4. Green Acres FY2026 Grant Application Support – Hammonton Lake Park (ARH #P2025.0895)**

We are requesting authorization to provide grant support services related to the submission of the 2026 Green Acres grant application for the continued improvements at the Lake Park.

##### **Action Item**

Approve ARH's proposal for grant support services for an amount not to exceed \$7,750.00.

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

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

**95% Complete**

All technical aspects of the project are substantially complete. We are waiting for the NJDOT and their final determination on the Town's discretionary aid application to move forward.

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

The NJDOT issued a Memorandum of Record to the Town regarding the Line Street crossing. We are working with the Town on the content of that letter.

**3. NJDOT & NJ Transit Coordination (ARH #1101110.01): 40% Complete**

We have coordinated with the Town and are setting up a coordination call with all parties involved to discuss all open issues.

**4. 11th Street Sidewalk Improvements CA/CI (ARH#1140062.04): 15% Complete**

Construction is anticipated to start in February due to weather. All contracting items are coordinated and pre-construction work completed.

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

The NJDOT did not approve the Town's funding request for this project. However, we are investigating other funding options for this work.

**SEWER/WATER INFORMATION ITEMS:**

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

We continue to assist the Town and Triad to find and secure funding to support the construction phase of work.

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

This is for Phase 1 of the project (First to Second Road). NJDEP and NJDOT are completing their project review, and we anticipate going to bid in February. We are targeting construction in early 2026, ahead of the NJDOT paving work, and we continue to communicate with NJDOT on the status of our project.

**8. Route 54 Water Main Replacement Project – Phase II (ARH #1130167.07): 85% Complete**

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

**9. Sanitary Sewer Study & Rehabilitation Program (ARH #1150146.01): 90% Complete**

We have coordinated with the Town and purchasing, and we anticipate field work to start in March/April 2026 for the initial, targeted improvements.

**10. Lead Service Line Replacement (ARH #1130170.02): 70% 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.

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

We are nearly complete with our feasibility phase of work. The Town will have to submit for a new NJDEP Treatment Works Approval in addition to gaining Pinelands approval for the system extension.

**GENERAL SITE AND RECREATION INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**12. Lake Park Pavilion Enhancements (ARH #1190035.01): 95% Complete**

This work is on hold until the turf installation is ready to start.

**13. Lake Park ADA Walkways CA/CI (ARH #1190032.06): 95% Complete**

The field work is substantially complete. We are coordinating with Triad for the grant project close-out.

**14. Jake's Law Park (ARH #1190037.01): 80% Complete**

We are nearly complete with our technical design. We have coordinated with the Town, Triad, and Green Acres on schedule and permitting compliance.

**15. 11th St Recreation Area Engineering (ARH #1101065.12): 70% Complete**

The fencing site work is substantially complete. Phase 2 of the site design is progressing as expected. We are coordinating with the Town and Triad on potential funding sources for the construction phase.

**16. Lake Park Tot Lot (ARH #1190036.01): 30% 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 to perform additional work based on DEP's RAP application review.

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

**MAYOR REPORT**

**Public Works Report**

**Town Public Works Schedule February 2026**

**Bulky waste pickup** – for the Month of February will be from the 2nd through the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Brush pickup – for the month of February will be the 9<sup>th</sup> through the 13th.

Trash Collection - for Presidents Day Monday February 16 will be on Tuesday February 17<sup>th</sup>, Please place trash cans curb side by 6am

The County Recycling pickup – for February will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **TOWN CLERK REPORT**

1. Approval to increase the per session rate for the Municipal Court interpreter Miriam Alicea from \$125.00 per session to \$150.00 per session.

#### **APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

##### **Resolution #022-2026- Approval of 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

<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>
2816/7	Zarrella, Lorian	342 E Pleasant St.	\$86.91	Refund/Overpayment Tax
4112/13	Somers, Eric	133 Fernwood Dr	\$1,699.36	Refund/Pd Tax in Error
4501/27	De Marco, Ricky	239 Basin Rd	\$3,961.06	Cancel/Exempt Vet
3207/7	Pro Cap 8 LLC		\$953.59	Refund/Cancel TSC
3801/1.01/c0021	Berenato, Charles J III	21 Harbor Dr	\$380.01	Refund/Overpayment Utility
604/2.01	CT07-75 SWH LLC	65 S. White Horse Pike	\$4,943.13	Refund/Overpayment Utility

**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 #023-2025- Approval of the Mt Carmel Festival**

##### **AUTHORIZE THE “FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL” PROCESSION, CARNIVAL & FIREWORKS**

**WHEREAS**, July 11<sup>th</sup> through July 20<sup>th</sup> is the scheduled date for the Lady of Mt. Carmel carnival and events in the Town of Hammonton; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mt. Carmel Society has requested assistance of the Town of Hammonton Police Department and the closing of Tilton Street aka "Mt. Carmel Lane" (between French and Pratt) and Third Street (between Pratt and Pleasant) during the week of the carnival; and

**WHEREAS**, July 16<sup>th</sup> is the scheduled date for processions, (times may vary at discretion of Hammonton Police Chief) and the Mt. Carmel Society requests police patrol and road closures of the following streets and times:

**9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. procession- with a Band through the Streets of Hammonton**

From Place of Origin on Third Street to intersection of Third Street and Fairview Avenue  
Continue on Fairview Ave to Egg Harbor Road to intersection of Egg Harbor Road and Bellevue Ave  
Continue to Intersection of Bellevue Avenue and Third Street  
Continue on Third Street to its conclusion at point of origin

**4:00 p.m. procession**

From St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church west (N. Third Street to Fairview Avenue)  
Continue south on Fairview Avenue to N. Egg Harbor Road  
Continue east on N. Egg Harbor Road to Bellevue Avenue (Route 54)  
Continue north on Bellevue Avenue to N. Third Street  
Conclude west on N. Third Street and conclude procession at place of origin

**WHEREAS**, July 16<sup>th</sup> is the scheduled date for fireworks event, there will be no rain date

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON that the Lady of Mt. Carmel carnival, procession and fireworks are approved along with police traffic patrol and trash cleanup contingent upon the following:

1. Filing of necessary insurance certificate by Mt. Carmel Society.
2. Filing of required State and County road closure approvals with the Town Clerk's office.
3. Contacting Police Chief and Public Works Manager 2 months prior to event.

**Resolution # 024-2026- Approve St John Procession**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING  
THE "ST. JOHN PROCESSION"**

**WHEREAS**, St. John the Baptist Society was founded in 1910, for the purpose of Holding a celebration for the feast of St. John on his feast day (on or about June 24<sup>th</sup>)

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council continue to promote the Town of Hammonton with their annual "St. John" procession; and has and continues to support the efforts of St. John the Baptist Society; and

**WHEREAS, Tuesday June 24, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. is the scheduled date for the Feast of St. John religious procession to be held in the Town of Hammonton; and**

**WHEREAS**, St. John the Baptist Society has requested assistance of the Town of Hammonton Police Department for this scheduled event and closure of the following streets in the Town of Hammonton for procession:

From St. Joseph Church (N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.) to Bellevue Ave  
Straight Across Bellevue onto South Third Street  
Left onto Vine Street back to Bellevue Ave  
Across Bellevue to Tilton onto Mt. Carmel  
Left onto Pratt Street, left onto Second Street  
Left onto French and back to St Joseph Church

**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 **Procession of St. John** is acknowledged and endorsed by the Town of Hammonton contingent upon the following:

1. Filing of necessary insurance certificates by St. John the Baptist Society as required by the Town of Hammonton.
2. Filing of required State and/or County written approvals for street closures with the Town Clerk's office and the Chief of Police at least two weeks prior to event.

**Resolution #025-2026- 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Leigh Wetterau	286 Chestnut St.	\$ 1,250.00	Refund Escrow

**Resolution #026-2026 – Approval of Green Acres Grant Application**

**Green Acres Application**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), provides grants and/or loans to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition, development, and stewardship of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton desires to further the public interest by obtaining total funding in the amount of \$600,000.00, in the form of a \$600,000.00 matching grant from the State to fund the following project(s): Recreational Improvements and related Stormwater Management Systems at Hammonton Lake Park at a cost of \$1,200,000.00;

**WHEREAS**, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations, and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named project;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Hammonton Town Council resolves that: Mayor Steven Furgione, or the successor to the office of Mayor, is hereby authorized to: make application for such a loan and/or such a grant, provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant; The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding request, if a match is required, in the amount of \$600,000.00; In the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project; The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**PUBLIC HEARD**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**