

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 – Present
Gribbin – Present
Marino – Present
Oliva- Present
R. Rodio - Present
S. Rodio – Present
Mayor DiDonato – Present

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor- Jack Plackter in for Mike Malinsky

EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #179-2025

Motion by Council Person Marino Second Oliva
Executive Session

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Close Executive Session

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor – Jack Plackter in for Mike
Rich Rehmann of ARH

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARD FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

No one desired to be heard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva
Approval of minutes

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino – Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio - Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato– Declares motion carried

PRESENTATION

- Deputy Mayor Gribbin presented Councilman Oliva a proclamation - Jon thanked all of council and the residents of Hammonton for allowing him to serve to on council. Thanked his family and fiends for all their support.
- Councilman Oliva presented a proclamation to Deputy Mayor Gribbin – Tom thanked the residents and his family for all their support through the years. He was honored to serve as deputy mayor, you must show up and be present for the residents of this great Town.
- Deputy Mayor Gribbin presented proclamation to the Mayor - The Mayor spoke about the accomplishments that we made over the last 20 years. He also thanked his brother John for tenor as Mayor. He thanked all the residents. Our Town is beautiful and we all worked together to make it that way.
- Chief Friel presented the Mayor with a service to Community award for the Police department – Mayor thanked the police department and everyone in Hammonton. This is not about the DiDonato’s, it’s about the Town of Hammonton we are all in this together.

- **DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration - Councilman Gribbin

- The tax sale will be held on December 18, 2025 online
- We are planning to hire a court violations clerks at the beginning of next year.
- Boiler in Town Hall was installed their past weekend.
- Happy Holidays

Business & Industry – Councilman Oliva

- New Years Eve celebration will be on the 31st at Town Hall from 10:30 to 12am
- Please remember to shop local
- Thanked all volunteers for the Tree Lighting ceremony and the fireman’s Parade

Quality of Life – Councilwoman R. Rodio

- no action items
- Thanked the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Gribbin and Councilman Oliva for their service.
- Happy Holidays

Education – Councilman Marino

- The standardized testing at the school was completed and Hammonton was #1.

- The Veterans committee presented a certificate to council for all their work and help with their committee.

Public Works & Transportation Councilman S. Rodio

- The highway department is behind on leaves due to the snow. Please be patient
- Thanked the Mayor, Tom and Jon for their service.
- He also spoke about how the plan to Have Town Hall built were it stands today.
- Merry Christmas and Happy New to everyone.

Law & Order – Mayor DiDonato given by Chief Friel

- Thanks all members of council for their hard work and dedication
- Fatal accidents are down by half of what it was last year.
- Noon year’s eve will be held at 12pm on the 31st at Town Hall.

Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione

- Spoke about the jail in Winslow. Please keep your attention to this issue. There is more to come, but it is not a done deal yet.
- Thanked Tom and Jon for their hard work over the years for the Town.
- Thanked the Mayor for his dedication to the Town and all his hard work over the 16 years.
- Mayor – Thanked Steve and wished him good luck as the new mayor.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

ACTION ITEMS: No action items.

SOLICITOR REPORT

- No action items

MAYOR REPORT

Motion by Council Person Mayor Second Gribbin

Motion to give proceeds from Law suit regarding the grant application that Eagle Theatre applied for through Triad Associates.

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione – No

Gribbin – Yes

Marino – No

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio - No

S. Rodio – No

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato– **Declares motion denied**

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second S. Rodio

Except the settlement from Triad regarding Eagle Theatre and proceeds shall be released to the Town.

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin – No

Marino – Yes

Oliva- No
R. Rodio - Yes
S. Rodio – Yes
Mayor DiDonato – No

Mayor DiDonato– Declares motion carried

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

Curb Side Leaf Collection – Started on October 20th and will run until December 23rd.

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

TOWN CLERK REPORT

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

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva
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– Declares motion carried

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva
Approval of Bill list

Roll Call:

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

S. Rodio – Yes
Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato– Declares motion carried

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

<u>Block / Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
1001/15	Corelogic	580 14 th Street	\$347.42	Refund/Overpayment Tax
1902/37.01	Your Hometown Title	233 13 th 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 State of NJ DOT 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
From: Elections- Operating Expense	\$ 3,000.00
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	\$ 1,100.00
To: Highway – Operating Expense	\$ 16,000.00
To: Tax Collections – Salary & Wages	\$ 2,400.00

UTILITY FUND

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

Resolution #183-2025- Approval of a shared servies 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, Sirolli	\$ 48.00	Refund Marriage App.
Bagliani's Market	\$ 300.00	Outside Detail

Motion by Council Person Marino Second R. Rodio
Resolution #180 to #185 are approved

Roll Call:

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

Mayor DiDonato– Declares motion carried

PUBLIC HEARD

Matthew Donio 509 Bellevue Ave- From his point of view he only knows one Mayor is his 17 years. He thanks the Mayor for all his hard work. He also thanked Tom and Jon for their dedication. He wished the new council the best of luck.

Joe Giraldo 321 East Orchard Street- Thanked the mayor for his service and for his dedication to the Town.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva