

**Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council February 23, 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 #032-2026**

**RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL**

**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 January 27, 2026

Executive Minutes January 27, 2026

Special Meeting Minutes February 9, 2026

## **PRESENTATION**

- Firemen Presentations
- Chief Friel officer of the year
- Hammonton Little League Presentation

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

**Public Hearing of Ordinance #001-2026** – Amendment to Redevelopment Plan for the 8<sup>th</sup> Street location Lot 801 blocks 7, 8, 9, & 11

## **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 #1 – 11th Street Sidewalk Improvements (ARH#1140062.04)**

The proposed change order is to include additional scope of work for curbing, sidewalk, and concrete driveways along Washington Street. The intent is to utilize as much of the available NJDOT funding allotment for this project.

Action Item

Approve Change Order #1 for an amount not to exceed \$24,097.00.

#### **2. Thirteenth Street Drainage (ARH #P2025.0288)**

The Town is experiencing drainage issues on a section of Thirteenth Street near Clark Farms. ARH had previously collected survey data in the area of concern. The Town requested that ARH investigate the situation and develop a solution(s) to the issue.

#### **Action Item**

Approve ARH's proposal for Engineering services for an amount not to exceed \$11,450.00.

## **ROADWAY & TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS:**

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

We have made multiple contacts with NJDOT on this project and the discretionary aid application to set up a meeting to move this forward. We continue to wait for a substantive response.

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

The Town responded to the NJDOT's Memorandum of Record regarding the Line Street crossing. We are waiting for the NJDOT to provide a status update on their progress.

#### **5. NJDOT & NJ Transit Coordination (ARH #1101110.01): 50% Complete**

We are struggling to get movement from NJ Transit and NJDOT to set up a coordination call with all parties involved to discuss all open issues.

#### **6. 11th Street Sidewalk Improvements CA/CI (ARH#1140062.04): 15% Complete**

Due to weather delays, construction is now set to start on March 16th.

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

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

This work is on hold until the State funding source is secured.

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

We expect final approval from the State funding agency to bid the project. While we are pushing for construction in early 2026, we are setting up a coordination meeting with the NJDOT to confirm scheduling and request a delay to their work.

**9. Sanitary Sewer Study & Rehabilitation Program (ARH #1150146.01): 95% 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. Route 54 Water Main Replacement Project – Phase II (ARH #1130167.07): 85% Complete**

We received the BSDW permit and expect the NJDOT and NJ Transit permits shortly. This project is being coordinated with Phase I (see above).

**11. Lead Service Line Replacement (ARH #1130170.02): 75% 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.

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

We are nearly complete with our feasibility phase of work, and we are coordinating next steps with the Town.

**GENERAL SITE AND RECREATION INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**13. Lake Park ADA Walkways CA/CI (ARH #1190032.06): 98% Complete**

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

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

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

**15. Jake's Law Park (ARH #1190037.01): 85% Complete**

The construction plans and specifications were submitted to Green Acres for review ahead of bidding. We will continue to coordinate with the Town, Triad, and the Little League on scheduling.

**16. 11th St Recreation Area Engineering (ARH #1101065.12): 75% Complete**

The fencing site work is in final close out. Phase 2 of the site design is substantially completed. We are coordinating with the Town and Triad on potential funding sources for the construction phase.

**17. Lake Park Tot Lot (ARH #1190036.01): 40% 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:**

**18. 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.

**19. 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.

**20. 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.

**21. 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.

**22. 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 March 2026**

**Bulky waste pickup** – for the Month of March will be from the 2nd through the 6th.

**Brush pickup** – for the month of March will be the 9th through the 13th.

**The County Recycling pickup** – for March will be the 2nd to the 6th and the 16th to the 20th.

**TOWN CLERK REPORT**

1. Accept the resignation of regular member Sal Giorno from Fire Company #2 in good standing. He will remain as a social member only. Accept the transfer of Steven Sofia as regular member from Fire Company #1 to fire company #2
2. Accept retirement of Orlando Medina from his position at the Highway department. Effective May 1, 2026.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Introduction of Ordinance 002-2026- Affordable Housing repeal of Section 175-162 replace with new language**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution #033-2026- 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>
1902/37.01	Donates, Jose	233 13 <sup>th</sup> St	\$568.33	Refund/Overpayment Tax
2410/2	McGlone, . Melanie	422 W. Pleasant St	\$1,294.42	Refund/Overpayment Tax
2416/18	Aguilar-Ocampo, E	202 N. Washington St	\$2,963.49	Refund/Overpayment Tax
2801/7	Adams, Andrew	112 N 2 <sup>nd</sup> St.	\$1,120.47	Refund/Overpayment Tax
3606/31	Poulton, Patrick	771 Woodlawn Ave	\$1,285.96	Refund/Overpayment Tax
Various	Corelogic	Various	\$7,146.22	Refund/Overpayment Tax
2812/15	Leonetti, Vincent	209 Grape St	\$1,798.65	Cancel/Exempt Veteran

**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 #034-2026- Support ACUA Landfill Expansion**

**Supporting an Amendment to the Atlantic County Solid Waste Management Plan Endorsing the Expansion of the ACUA Landfill at the Howard “Fritz” Haneman Environmental Park**

**WHEREAS**, the Atlantic County Utilities Authority (“ACUA”) provides solid waste disposal services for Atlantic County municipalities, ensuring reliable, transparent, and environmentally responsible management of the region’s solid waste;

**WHEREAS**, waste generated within Atlantic County is currently disposed of at the landfill located at Howard “Fritz” Haneman Environmental Park, located at 6700 Delilah Road, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey;

**WHEREAS**, the existing landfill currently is project to reach disposal capacity by 2029

**WHEREAS**, the ACUA has proposed an expansion of the existing landfill that includes a horizontal expansion of approximately 5.74 acres and a vertical expansion of approximately 40 feet, which together will provide an estimated eleven (11) additional years of disposal capacity, extending the landfill’s useful life to approximately 2040;

**WHEREAS**, the continued operation of the ACUA landfill is essential for maintaining stable and predictable disposal rates for municipalities, helping local governments budget effectively and protect taxpayers from unexpected cost increases;

**WHEREAS**, ACUA’s publicly governed structure ensures full transparency, public accountability, and open decision-making regarding waste management operations, capital planning, and environmental compliance;

**WHEREAS**, ACUA operates under stringent environmental regulations and employs best-practice landfill engineering, environmental monitoring, and sustainability initiatives, making the expansion the most environmentally responsible option for the long-term management of Atlantic County’s solid waste;

**WHEREAS**, relying on ACUA for solid waste disposal avoids the uncertainties, environmental impacts, and significantly higher long-term costs associated with transporting waste to out-of-county or out-of-state facilities;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed landfill expansion will ensure that Atlantic County municipalities continue to benefit from the most economical, reliable, and environmentally beneficial solid waste disposal option available;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that the municipality hereby supports the proposed amendment to the Atlantic County Solid Waste Management Plan and endorses the expansion of the ACUA landfill at the Howard “Fritz” Haneman Environmental Park;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this governing body acknowledges that the expansion is in the best financial and environmental interests of the Town of Hammonton and its residents;

**Resolution # 035-2026- Approval of the TRI Veterans Memorial Day Parade**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING  
THE ANNUAL “TRI VET MEMORIAL DAY PARADE”**

**WHEREAS**, the Tri Vets continue to promote the Town of Hammonton with their annual “Tri Vet Memorial Day Parade”; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council continues to support the efforts of the Tri Vets; and

**WHEREAS**, **Monday May 25, 2026** is the scheduled date for the Tri Vet Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony beginning at 10:00 a.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tri Vets have requested assistance of the Town of Hammonton Police Department for this scheduled event and closure of the following street in the Town of Hammonton during the parade from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.:

Bellevue Avenue (Route 54) from Railroad Avenue to Tilton Street

**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 Tri Vet Memorial Day Parade is acknowledged and endorsed by the Town of Hammonton contingent upon the following:

1. Filing of required State written approvals for street closures with the Town Clerk’s office.
2. Filing of the necessary certificate of insurance.

**Resolution #036-2026- Approval of 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hammonton Arts & Music Festival**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
THE 4th ANNUAL HAMMONTON ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL 2026**

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, The Hammonton Arts & Music Festival attracted many new people to the town since it began in 2021 and therefore enhanced the growing reputation of Hammonton’s Art District, and

**WHEREAS**, Saturday, May 02, 2026, is the scheduled date for the Hammonton Arts & Music event during the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, MainStreet Hammonton has requested the following street closure for this event between the hours of 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.:

**Horton Street between Bellevue Ave and Orchard Street.**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that Saturday, May 02, 2026, is approved for the Hammonton Arts & Music Festival event, including the above requests for street closure and are approved and endorsed.

**Resolution #037-2026- Approval of Easter Eggstravaganza**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
THE ANNUAL DOWNTOWN HAMMONTON EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA 2026**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, MainStreet Hammonton will meet with the Police Chief to outline arrangements and is partnering with the HPD and Town of Hammonton Recreation Dept to offer this event;

**WHEREAS**, the Downtown Easter Eggstravaganza is a widely popular event attracting many people to the town and therefore generates increased exposure for the entire town, and

**WHEREAS**, Friday, April 3, 2026, is the scheduled date for the annual Downtown Easter Eggstravaganza event during the hours of 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, and

**WHEREAS**, MainStreet Hammonton has requested the following street closure for this event between the hours of 10:00 am - 4:00 pm:

South Second St. between Bellevue Ave. and Vine Street, and

**WHEREAS** MainStreet Hammonton has requested police assistance on Rt 54 from 1:00-3:00 pm and also assistance with crowd control in front of Toy Market, located at 200 Bellevue Ave. from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm for The Great Egg Drop,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that April 3, 2026 is approved for the Downtown Hammonton Easter **Eggstravaganza** event, including the above requests for street closure and police assistance are acknowledged, approved and endorsed;

**Resolution #038-2026- Approval of Cruisin Mainstreet**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING**

**CRUISIN MAINSTREET-REMEMBER FRIDAY NIGHTS EVENT**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Numerous Town residents have requested a Cruisin' MainStreet event each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Friday, May 15 (rain date May 16) is the scheduled date for the MainStreet Hammonton Annual "Cruisin' MainStreet-Remember Friday Nights" event during the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, Main Street Hammonton has requested the following street closures for this event between the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.:

Central Avenue (Rt. 542) from Bellevue Avenue to Vine Street;  
N. Egg Harbor Road between Rt. 54 and Pleasant Street;  
Orchard Street Railroad Crossing;  
Front Street from Twelfth Street to Passmore Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, Main Street Hammonton has requested the reservation of the following parking spaces:

West side of Rt. 54 between Third Street and West End Avenue;  
East side of Rt. 54 between Third Street and Egg Harbor Road;  
Both sides of Railroad Avenue between 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Orchard St;  
Both sides of Egg Harbor Road between Bellevue Ave. and Pleasant St; and

**WHEREAS**, Main Street Hammonton has requested appropriate Police Parking Control signs to be posted early in the day noting NO PARKING AFTER 4:00 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, Main Street Hammonton has requested 2 Police Officers to direct traffic at the intersections of Bellevue Avenue at Central Avenue and Bellevue Avenue at Egg Harbor Road due to increased event related pedestrian and vehicular traffic on State Route 54;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the Friday, May 15 (rain date May 16) and the "Cruisin' Main Street" event, including the above requests for street closures, reservation of parking spaces, posting of "NO PARKING" signs and two police officers are acknowledged, approved and endorsed;

**Resolution**  
**#039-2026-**

**RESOLUTION MAKING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS**

**IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON**

**MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides that temporary emergency appropriations may be made for the period between the beginning of the fiscal year and the date of

adoption of the budget for said year; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is not within the first thirty days of January, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, New Jersey, that the following temporary emergency appropriations are hereby made:

<u>Fund</u>	
Admin	\$80,000.00
Admin	\$10,000.00
Finance	\$40,000.00
Finance	\$8,000.00
Assessor	\$60,000.00
Assess	\$4,000.00
Collection	\$35,000.00
Collection	\$11,000.00
Legal OE	\$75,000.00
Computer	\$30,000.00
Computer	\$50,000.00
Plng Brd	\$16,000.00
Planning	\$ 5,000.00
Constructi	\$100,000.00
Constructi	\$10,000.00
Other	\$20,000.00
Group	\$1,000,000.00
Insurance OE	\$20,064.92
Workers Comp	\$300,000.00

NJ	\$12,000.00
Fire	\$100,000.00
State Fire	\$ 10,000.00
Police	\$1,700,000.00
Police OE	\$80,000.00
Radio	\$90,000.00
Prosecuto	\$20,000.00
Bldg &	\$70,000.00
Highway	\$350,000.00
Highway	\$500,000.00
Dog Reg.	\$5,000.00
Registrar	\$200.00
Park	\$700.00
Recreation	\$20,000.00
Recreation Exp.	\$20,000.00
Advertising	\$30,000.00
Airport OE	\$115,000.00
Gasoline	\$75,000.00
Natural	\$30,000.00
Electric	\$40,000.00
Street	\$100,000.00
Telephon	\$20,000.00
Social	\$70,000.00
Recycling	\$12,000.00
DCRP	\$6,000.00
Public	\$12,000.00
Municipal	\$100,000.00

Municipal	\$8,000.00
PERS	\$135,799.89
PFRS	\$738,956.45
Capital	\$25,000.00
Utility	\$300,000.00
Utility OE	\$400,000.00
Utility	\$ 6,000.00
Utility	\$ 6,000.00
Utility Capital	\$50,000.00
Utility	\$151,187.50

**Resolution #040-2026- 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 reserves:

**CURRENT FUND**

From: Police – Operating Expense	\$ 5,000.00
From: Legal – Operating Expense	\$ 17,000.00
To: Airport - Operating Expense	\$ 10,000.00
To: Road Repairs & Maint.- Operating Expense	\$ 12,000.00

**PUBLIC HEARD**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**