

**Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council April 27, 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 #070-2026**

**RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL**

**Roll Call**

Councilperson:  
Calderone –  
Marino -  
Matro -  
R, Rodio -  
S. Rodio –  
Scipione -  
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**PRESENT ALSO**

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 March 23, 2026  
Executive Minutes March 23, 2026

**PRESENTATION**

Atlantic County Veterans Association

**DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Introduction of Ordinance #008-2026 – Establish a CAP bank for the 2026 Budget**

**TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton in the County of Atlantic finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2026 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council hereby determines that a 1.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$200,059.80 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS** the Town Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2026 budget year, the final appropriations of the Town of Hammonton shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$466,806.20, and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the Town of Hammonton be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

**Resolution #071-2026- Compliance with Equal Opportunity**

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S**

**“Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit’s hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit’s hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual’s criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit’s hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

**Resolution #072-2026- Introduction of 2026 Municipal Budget**

**RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE THE 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following statement of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Local Municipal Budget for the year 2026;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the said budget will be published on the Town website on April 29, 2026, and online in The Courier Post edition of April 29, 2026 as follows:

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Town Hall on the 26th day of May 2026 at 7:00 o'clock p.m., at which time and place objections to said budget and tax resolution of the Town of Hammonton for the year 2026 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

**Summary of General Section of Budget**  
**Current Fund**

Municipal Purposes within "CAPS"	\$13,914,094.51
Municipal Purposes excluded from "CAPS"	2,874,762.51
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>1,258,793.23</u>
<b>Total General Appropriations</b>	<b><u>\$18,047,650.25</u></b>
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>6,087,875.94</u>
<b>Amount to be Raised by Taxation</b>	<b><u>\$11,959,774.31</u></b>

**Resolution #078-2026- Temporary Capital Budget Airport & Route 54 Drainage projects**

**WHEREAS**, the need has arisen to introduce a bond ordinance to provide funds for Hammonton Airport Development or Noise Program Implementation, including all appurtenances and water main and drainage improvements for Route 54 & 12<sup>th</sup> Street with necessary and related thereto, and;

**WHEREAS**, the regulations of the Local Finance board (N.J.A.C. 5:30-4.3(b)) of the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Services requires that the municipality adopt a temporary capital budget if a bond ordinance is to be passed prior to the adoption of the Annual Capital Budget, and;

**WHEREAS**, the ordinance provides a total appropriation as follows:

**General Capital Fund**

<b>1) <u>Purpose</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>Debt Authorized</u></b>	<b><u>Grant</u></b>	<b><u>CIF Downpayment</u></b>
Airport Development or Noise Program Implementation	<u>\$ 293,000</u>	<u>\$ 14,000</u>	<u>\$ 278,053 (a)</u>	<u>\$ 947</u>

(a) United States Department of Transportation – FAA

**Water/Sewer Utility Capital Fund**

<b>2) <u>Purpose</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>Debt Authorized</u></b>
Water Main & Drainage Improvements For Route 54 and 12 <sup>th</sup> Street	<u>\$ 2,600,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,600,000</u>

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic that:

- 1) a Temporary Capital Budget is hereby created for the following:

**General Capital Fund**

Airport Development or Noise Program Implementation \$ 293,000

**Water/Sewer Utility Capital Fund**

Water Main & Drainage Improvements for Route 54  
and 12<sup>th</sup> Street \$2,600,000

- 2) the projects will be included in the Annual Capital Budget, and
- 3) one certified copy shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services immediately after passage.

**Public Hearing of Ordinance 004-2026- Bond Ordinance for Road Improvements West End Ave and 13<sup>th</sup> Street**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$597,918 THEREFOR (INCLUDING STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANTS TOTALING \$506,418) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$86,925 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements or purposes to be undertaken by the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey (the "Town"). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the aggregate sum of \$597,918, which sum includes grants in the amounts of \$229,190 and \$277,228, respectively, expected to be received from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation (the "2025 DOT Grant", and the "2026 DOT Grant" and sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "DOT Grants"), and \$4,575 as the aggregate amount of down payments for said improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the "Local Bond Law"). The down payments are now available by virtue of a provision or provisions in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Town for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

**SECTION 2.** For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$597,918 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of the DOT Grants and said down payments, negotiable bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$86,925 pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Town in a principal amount not exceeding \$86,925 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law.

**SECTION 3.** (a) The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued, include, but are not limited to, as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
(i) Various roadway and drainage improvements along the entire length or portions thereof Thirteenth Street; and	\$275,190 (including the 2025 DOT Grant)	\$43,700	\$2,300	10 years
<b>(ii) Various roadway and drainage improvements along the entire length or portions thereof of West End Avenue.</b>	\$322,728 (including the 2026 DOT Grant)	\$43,225	\$2,275	10 years
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$597,918</b>	<b>\$86,925</b>	<b>\$4,575</b>	

(b) The above improvements and purposes set forth in Section 3(a) shall also include, as applicable, surveying, construction planning, engineering and design work, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration, environmental testing and remediation and also all work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances as necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(c) The aggregate estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements or purposes is \$86,925.

(d) The aggregate estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$597,918, the excess amount thereof over the said DOT Grants and the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefore, is the aggregate down payments for said purposes in the amount of \$4,575.

**Public Hearing of Ordinance #005-2026 – Installation of maintenance poles on Bellevue Ave**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TWO POLES WITHIN A RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE PLACEMENT OF BANNERS OVER BELLEVUE AVENUE (A/K/A ROUTE 54) IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-1(h) the Town of Hammonton is authorized to regulate the placing of banners over any street; and

**WHEREAS**, it would be advantageous and beneficial to the residents of the Town of Hammonton to place a banner over Bellevue Avenue (a/k/a Route 54) in downtown Hammonton in order to advertise to and inform the residents of various events occurring within the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the location of the poles to be installed and maintained by the Town of Hammonton for a banner are depicted in Exhibit "A" attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the location of the proposed poles within the right of way will not materially interfere with vehicular traffic, pedestrian circulation, drainage facilities, or other public improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed location for the installation of the poles has been reviewed by the Town Engineer, Department of Public Works and Police Department, who have determined that the location and placement are acceptable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, as follows:

**Section 1.** Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-1(h), the Town shall install and maintain two poles at the locations set forth in Exhibit "A" for the placement of banners over Bellevue Avenue (a/k/a Route 54).

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the Courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that this Ordinance shall take effect following adoption and approval in the time and manner prescribed by law.

**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:**

None

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

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

This project is on hold until the NJDOT awards the discretionary aid application.

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

We are working with the Town on options for these improvements.

**NJDOT & NJ Transit Coordination (ARH #1101110.01):** **80% Complete**

We continue to work with the Town to maintain communication with NJ Transit and NJDOT and seek a substantive discussion after the NJDOT's determination on the discretionary aid application.

**Thirteenth Street Drainage (ARH #1106001.03):** **80% Complete**

We met with the Town to review our design prior to submitting to the NJDOT for review. Our target is to get this project out to bid this year

**11th Street Sidewalk Improvements CA/CI (ARH#1140062.04):** **70% Complete**

The construction is substantially complete. We are in punch list items at this time.

**NJDOT FY2026 West End Ave Paving (ARH #1140064.01):** **60% Complete**

Design is progressing well. We will complete the design, review it with the Town, and submit to the NJDOT for their review. The bidding and construction of this project will be coordinated with the site development in the area.

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

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

This project phase is out to bid with a bid opening date of 5/19. We continue to work with the Town, NJDEP, NJDOT, and federal representatives to manage the timeline constraints with the current NJDOT project.

**Route 54 Water Main Replacement Project – Phase II (ARH #1130167.07):** **95% Complete**

We have started the funding application process with the NJDEP (I-Bank). The next step is a pre-application meeting. This project is being coordinated with Phase I (see above).

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

We have started the funding application process with the NJDEP (I-Bank). The next step is a pre-application meeting.

**Sanitary Sewer Study & Rehabilitation Program (ARH #1150146.01):** **95% Complete**

We met with the Town and potential contractor to finalize the scope and negotiate pricing. We expect field work to begin after the school year ends since the Liberty pump station services the Middle School.

**Lead Service Line Replacement (ARH #1130170.02):** **80% Complete**

We met with the Town, NJDEP and EPA to coordinate next steps and gather more information on funding to support system repairs.

**Boyer Ave Sanitary Sewer Improvements – Phase 2 (ARH #1150058.32):** **15% Complete**  
The feasibility phase of work is substantially complete. We are finalizing the preliminary concept plan with budget costs.

**GENERAL SITE AND RECREATION INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**11th St Recreation Area Engineering (ARH #1101065.12):** **85% Complete**  
We are scheduling a meeting with the Town to review Phase 2 of the site design.

**Jake’s Law Park (ARH #1190037.01):** **80% Complete**  
We are coordinating equipment purchasing with the Town. Once that is complete, we will finalize our plans and specifications and go out to bid. We will continue to coordinate with the Town, Triad, and the Little League on scheduling.

**Lake Park Pavilion Enhancements (ARH #1190035.01):** **70% Complete**  
This work is on hold until the turf installation is ready to start.

**Lake Park Tot Lot (ARH #1190036.01):** **50% Complete**  
The Town purchased the play equipment and associated materials. We are coordinating with the contractor for the installation.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND REMEDIATION PROJECTS:**

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 for May**

**Bulky waste pickup** – will be from the 4th through the 8th.

**Brush pickup** – will be the 11<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Trash Collection for the Memorial Day Holiday**- Monday May 25<sup>th</sup> will be collected on Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>. There will no collection on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**The County Recycling pickup** – will be May 1<sup>st</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>

### **TOWN CLERK REPORT**

- 1) Accept resignation of Gabriel Divello from his position with the Utility Department effective April 30, 2026. Also, approval of the payout for his accrued unused vacation time, health insurance buyout and education stipend.
- 2) Accept request from Abby Mauriello to move from full time to part time in her position as a telecommunicator in the police dispatch department. Effective April 10, 2026
- 3) Approval to hire Joseph D. Mallet as a police officer effective May 18, 2026. Salary will be at step 5 of the current contract. Contingent upon all civil service rules and regulations.
- 4) Accept resignation of Michael Bruce from his position as a Truck Driver with the Highway department effective May 7, 2026.

### **APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Introduction of bond ordinance #006-2026- Airport Improvements**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT AND/OR NOISE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AT THE HAMMONTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$293,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$14,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) **AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement or purpose to be undertaken by the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey (the "Town"). For the said improvement or purpose stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$293,000, which sum includes a \$278,053 Airport Improvement Program grant expected to be received from the United States Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration (the "FAA Grant"), and \$947.00 as the amount of down payment for said improvement or purpose required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the "Local Bond Law"). Said down payment is now available therefor by virtue of an appropriation in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Town for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

**SECTION 2.** For the financing of said improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$293,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment and the FAA Grant, negotiable bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$14,000 pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Town in a principal amount not exceeding \$14,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law.

**SECTION 3.** (a) The improvement hereby authorized and purpose for the financing of which said bonds or notes are to be issued is for airport development and/or noise program implementation at the Hammonton Municipal Airport. The improvements and purposes set forth in Section 3(a) shall also include, as applicable, all engineering and design work related thereto, surveying, construction planning, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration, environmental testing and remediation and all work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvement or purpose is \$14,000.

(b) The estimated cost of said improvement or purpose is \$293,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, is the down payment in the amount of \$947.00 for said improvement or purpose and the FAA Grant.

**Introduction of Bond Ordinance #007-2026 – Route 54 Water Main Project**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR WATER MAIN AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$2,600,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,600,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF**

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), **AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Water/Sewer Utility (the "Utility") of the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey (the "Town") as general improvements. For the said improvements stated in

Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$2,600,000. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c) of the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"), no down payment is required as this bond ordinance involves environmental infrastructure projects, which are funded by loans from the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (the "I-Bank") and the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP"). Additionally, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(h) and 40A:2-11(c) of the Local Bond Law, no down payment is required as the Utility of the Town is self-liquidating.

**SECTION 2.** For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and to fund the \$2,600,000 appropriation, negotiable bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$2,600,000 pursuant to, and within all limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Town in a principal amount not exceeding \$2,600,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, said Local Bond Law.

**SECTION 3.** The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said debt obligations to be issued are for the water main and drainage improvements along the entire lengths or portions thereof Route 54 and 12<sup>th</sup> Street in and for the Water/Sewer Utility of the Town.

a. All improvements shall include, as applicable, all field work, materials, equipment, engineering and site investigation, design, regulatory approvals, architectural work, environmental consulting work, demolition, and excavation, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, surveying, conducting and preparation of reports and studies, environmental testing and remediation, equipment rental, labor and appurtenances necessary therefore or incidental thereto.

b. The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements or purposes is \$2,600,000.

c. The estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$2,600,000.

**Introduction of Ordinance #009 -2026- Amend Chapter 271 Parking Orchard Street**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 271 SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC ENTITLED "PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES"**

**WHEREAS**, the Police Chief have recommended an amendment to Chapter 271 Vehicles and Traffic Section-6: Parking Prohibited At All Times, and the Mayor and Town Council have considered it in the best interest of the Town to amend this specific section; and

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

That Chapter 271-6 "Vehicles and Traffic" Parking prohibited at all times on certain streets, is hereby amended as follows:

<u>NAME OF STREET</u>	<u>SIDE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Orchard Street	West	No Parking from Monroe Street To 1 <sup>st</sup> Road

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as required by law and the approval of the New Jersey Commissioner of Transportation and the County of Atlantic as set forth in N.J.S.A. 39:4-8.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution #073-2026- Authorize 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

<u>Block / Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
3904/112	Williams, Kenneth	34 Golf Dr.	\$2,803.80	Cancel/Exempt Vet

**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 #074-2026- Approval of the Teen Arts Festival**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
THE ANNUAL DOWNTOWN HAMMONTON  
ATLANTIC COUNTY TEEN ARTS FESTIVAL 2025**

**WHEREAS**, The Atlantic County Teen Arts is a statewide multidisciplinary program in the fine arts and performing arts and has been available to young people in Atlantic County in varying forms since 1969; and

**WHEREAS**, The one-day Teen Arts Festival has been held in Downtown Hammonton since 2012 and is returning to Downtown Hammonton for 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, The Teen Arts Festival is held in the Arts District which aligns with the town's commitment to celebrating the arts; and

**WHEREAS**, The Teen Arts is a widely popular event attracting many people to the town and therefore generates increased exposure for the entire town, and

**WHEREAS**, Wednesday, May 6, 2026 is the scheduled date for the Teen Arts event during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, MainStreet Hammonton is partnering with Atlantic County to plan this event and requests the following street closure for this event between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.:

Front Street between 12<sup>th</sup> St. and Passmore Avenue  
Second Street from Bellevue to Vine; and; and

**WHEREAS**, MainStreet Hammonton has requested police assistance at crosswalks along Rt 54 and 12<sup>th</sup> Street at major crosswalks;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that May 6, 2026 is approved for the Atlantic County Teen Arts event, including the above requests for street closure and police assistance, are acknowledged, approved and endorsed;

**Resolution #075-2026- Approval of 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 6:00 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, Mainstreet Hammonton has requested permission to have two (2) food trucks present during the hours of the event to provide food service for attendees; 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 #076-2026-**  
**Temporary**

**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:

**Fund**  
**Appropriation**  
Capital            \$23,750.00  
Improvement

**Resolution #077-2026- Approval of purchase of Jake’s Law Equipment on State Contract**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT TO AWARD  
THE PURCHASE AND/ OR INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE JAKE’S LAW  
PROJECT AT LAKE PARK**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need to purchase and / or install Jake’s Law Playground Equipment at lake park;  
and

**WHEREAS**, after comparing the prices, a contract be to be awarded to MRC Recreation, PO Box 106, Spring Lake, NJ 07762, to purchase and / or install the Jake’s Law Playground Equipment under state contracts ESCNJ #24—Food-118177, in the amount not to exceed \$242,365.30; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available in ordinance #013-2025 for the purchase; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1-et seq. requires that the resolution awarding the contract without competitive bidding and the contract must be available for public inspection;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY that the Mayor and Town Clerk of the Town of Hammonton are hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with MRC Recreation, PO Box 106, Spring Lake, NJ 07762,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law as a State Approved Contract #ESCNJ #24—Food-118177; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the contract is subject to the mutual acceptance of the appropriate contact documentation between MRC Recreation and the Town of Hammonton.

**Resolution #079-2026- Approval of Time Extension for NJDOT Grant Front Street Project**

**Requested time extension for NJDOT Grant-L.A. – 2023 Front Street Pedestrian Connector, Hammonton Town**

**Resolution Requesting a Six (6) Month Time Extension for Project Award for use of the NJDOT Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Funds**

**Whereas**, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton desire to use the NJDOT Municipal Aid project funds, and

**Whereas**, the Town has received the following funding allotments from the NJDOT Municipal Aid program:

FY-2022, \$325,000 dated December 12, 2022, and

**Whereas**, the requirements for project award of the NJDOT Municipal Aid fund is two (2) years from the receipt of letter related to project funding allotment as listed within the NJDOT, and

**Whereas**, the Town has endeavored to comply with the project deadline standards as established by the NJDOT, and

**Whereas**, certain circumstances have caused delays in the project completion which are listed as follows:

- Coordination with NJ Transit at train station.
- Property line issues with neighbors affecting the scope of work.
- Ongoing coordination with Line Street railroad crossing between NJ Transit and NJ DOT

**Furthermore**, The Town is requesting a six (6) month time extension on the award for the FY-2022 project funds until November 15, 2026.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton that the adoption of this resolution be approved and forwarded to the NJDOT, Local Aid District IV Office for review and approval consideration for the reasons as stated above.

**Resolution # 080-2026- Accept the grant from the National Fitness Campaign**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR AN OUTDOOR FITNESS COURT AS PART OF THE 2026 NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN**

At a meeting of the Town of Hammonton council on April 27, 2026, wherein the following action was taken:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton has submitted a Grant Application to National Fitness Campaign (NFC) for participation in their 2026 initiative to install and activate outdoor Fitness Courts in over 1000 municipalities and schools across the country, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton will accept a \$40,000.00 National Grant from the NFC Grant Committee and Statewide Partners, and endeavor to provide a local match in the amount of \$135,000.00 from budgeted or internal funds within fiscal year 2026 to promote and implement a free-to-the-public outdoor Fitness Court, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton will endeavor to provide a local funding confirmation in the amount designated on the quote detailing the remaining funds for participation, provided by the National Fitness Campaign no later than September 2027 as identified on the official Grant Program Requirement document.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton Council believes joining the National Fitness Campaign is an important step in building a healthier community, commits to funding/fundraising to participate in NFC's 2026 Campaign, and will earn local and regional recognition as a leader in providing accessible health and wellness infrastructure and programs.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Hammonton Council will collaborate with NFC to join the National Fitness Campaign, implement the outdoor Fitness Court program, and make fitness free for community residents and visitors.

**Resolution #081-2026- 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:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Consalo, Vincent	1404 E. Oak Road	\$ 800.00	Refund Escrow
Dodimend, Kevin	4617 Old Forks Rd	\$ 113.82	Refund OPRA Fee

**Resolution #082-2026 – Approval of funding application for Mazza Muffler**

**Resolution Authorizing HDSRF Funding Application  
Former Mazza Muffler Property  
104 S. Egg Harbor Road  
Block 2804, Lot 2  
Hammonton, Atlantic County, New Jersey**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton has determined that on the former Mazza Muffler Property identified as Block 2804, Lot 2, located at 104 S. Egg Harbor Road (herein referred to as the "Property") there has been a discharge of hazardous substances or a hazardous waste.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton is applying for the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) for funding for the assessment and investigation of the property in order to determine the extent or the existence of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton owns the subject property; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that the Town of Hammonton is committed to the redevelopment of the Former Mazza Muffler Property for the purpose of returning the Property to a viable productive part of the community, which not only stimulates further economic growth but also protects the environment. Furthermore, the Town of Hammonton finds that a realistic opportunity exists for the redevelopment of the property within a three-year period after the completion of the remediation of this site either through the planned redevelopment project, or through alternate redevelopment.

**Resolution #083-2026 - Approval of funding application for Skinner Property**

**Resolution Authorizing HDSRF Funding Application  
Skinner Building Property  
317 N. Egg Harbor Road  
Block 2701, Lot 1  
Hammonton, Atlantic County, New Jersey**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton has determined that on the Skinner Building Property identified as Block 2701, Lot 1, located at 317 N. Egg Harbor Road (herein referred to as the "Property") there has been a discharge of hazardous substances or a hazardous waste; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton is applying from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) for funding for the assessment and investigation of the property in order to determine the extent or the existence of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton owns the subject property; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that the Town of Hammonton is committed to the redevelopment of the Skinner Property for the purpose of returning the property to a viable productive part of the community, which not only stimulates further economic growth but also protects the environment. Furthermore, the Town of Hammonton finds that a realistic opportunity exists for the redevelopment of the Skinner Property within a three-year period after the completion of the remediation of this site either through the planned redevelopment project, or through alternate redevelopment.

**Resolution #084-2026- - Approval of funding application for K&K Property**

**Resolution Supporting a Redevelopment Study at the  
K&K Industries Property  
224 Vine Street  
Block 2811, Lot 6  
Hammonton, Atlantic County, New Jersey**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton has determined that on the K&K Industries Property identified as Block 2811, Lot 6, located at 224 Vine Street (herein referred to as the "Property") there has been a discharge of hazardous substances or a hazardous waste.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton is applying from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) for funding for the assessment and investigation of the K&K Industries Property in order to determine the extent or the existence of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton owns the subject property; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that the Town of Hammonton is committed to the redevelopment of the K&K Industries Property for the purpose of returning the Property to a viable productive part of the community, which not only stimulates further economic growth but also protects the environment. Furthermore, the Town of Hammonton finds that a realistic opportunity exists for the redevelopment of the K&K Industries Property within a three-year period after the completion of the remediation of this site either through the planned redevelopment project, or through alternate redevelopment.

**Resolution #085-2026- Approval of funding application for Celona Property**

**Resolution Authorizing HDSRF Funding Application  
Celona Property  
(f.k.a., Sam's Super Service Station)  
130 Railroad Avenue  
Block 2421, Lot 2.03  
Hammonton, Atlantic County, New Jersey**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton has determined that on the Celona Property identified as Block 2421, Lot 2.03, located at 130 Railroad Avenue (herein referred to as the "Property") there has been a discharge of hazardous substances or a hazardous waste .

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton is applying from the Hazardous Discharge Site Fund for funding for the assessment and investigation of the Celona Property in order to determine the extent or the existence of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton intends to acquire the property by voluntary conveyance for the purposes of redevelopment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that the Town of Hammonton is committed to the redevelopment of the Celona Property for the purpose of returning the Property to a viable productive part of the community, which not only stimulates further economic growth but also protects the environment. Furthermore, the Town of Hammonton finds that a realistic opportunity exists for the redevelopment of the Celona Property within a three-year period after the completion of the remediation of this site either through the planned redevelopment project, or through alternate redevelopment.

**PUBLIC HEARD**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**