

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council February 25, 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 – Present
Marino - Absent
Matro - Present
R, Rodio - Present
S. Rodio – Present
Scipione – Present
Mayor Furgione – Present

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor

EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #032-2026

Motion by Council Person R. Rodio Second S. Rodio
Executive Session

Motion by Council Person Scipione Second R. Rodio
Close Executive Session

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

Roll Call

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Marino - Absent
Matro - Present
R, Rodio - Present
S. Rodio – Present
Scipione – Present
Mayor Furgione – Present

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

No one desired to be heard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Minutes January 27, 2026

Executive Minutes January 27, 2026

Special Meeting Minutes February 9, 2026

Motion by Council Person Scipione Second Matro

Approval of minutes

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Calderone – Yes

Marino - Absent

Matro - Yes

R, Rodio - Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Scipione – Yes

Mayor Furgione – Yes

Mayor Furgione– Declares motion carried

PRESENTATION

- **Firemen Presentations** – given by Councilwoman Renee Rodio. 8 awards for the following, 40 years of service, firemen of the year, 25 years of service.
- **Chief Friel officer of the year** – Chief presented the officer of the year award to Leslie Sabatini
- **Hammonton Little League Presentation**- given by Brandon Watson president of the little league. Spoke about registrations for this year's season and thanked the previous and current council for all the work at Lake Park and 11th Street recreation location.

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration - Councilman Marino- Given by Frank Zuber

- **Dental /Vision Insurance**- we are moving both under one provider. That provider is Delta Dental and there will be additional coverage added.

Business & Industry – Councilwoman R. Rodio

- New business will be opening in the coming months. (Wellness Center)
- Thanked town departments for their hard work during the snow storm
- Restaurant week was a success. 14 Restaurants participated in the 2nd annual event
- April 18th is the Mainstreet Gala
- Antique week is from 3/24 to 3/29

Quality of Life – Councilman Calderone

- Reviewed meeting with Atlantic County Economic Alliance. Spoke about the grant they can offer
- There will be a presentation to our seniors at the canoe club on March 18th at 11:00 am. There will be representatives from the county speaking about services that can be offered to them.
- There was a presentation from the Veterans committee to Mr. Cappuccio on Saturday Feb 21st who is a veteran and turned 105 years old
- Reviewed the Veterans affairs meeting. There is transportation available for Vets please call 609-645-5910.

- We are working on the Veterans monument. We will be collecting names for all post Vietnam veterans to place on the monument.

**Motion by Council Person Calderone Second Scipione
Purchase Vets monument in the amount of \$41,699.00 from Light House Monuments.**

This will be reimbursed to the Town through fund raising.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

- Calderone – Yes
- Marino - Absent
- Matro - Yes
- R, Rodio - Yes
- S. Rodio – Yes
- Scipione – Yes
- Mayor Furgione – Yes

Mayor Furgione– Declares motion carried

Education – Councilman Scipione

- School board met on 2/12. They announced the winner of the Art contest, gave awards to athletes that hit milestones, and announced the teachers of the year.
- The play this year is “Sister Act” and it will be held from March 12th to the 14th.
- Senior citizens program is moving along and we plan to have St. Joe students visit the canoe club to interact with the seniors.

Public Works & Transportation Councilman S. Rodio

- Reviewed action items on the engineers report. 11th Street recreation sidewalk project
- Thanked Public works and all the departments for their work during the snow storm.

Law & Order – Mayor Furgione- Given by Chief Friel

- Medication collection where done this month and there will be another one April 2nd.
- The roadways were cleared of vehicles for the snow storm. Thanked Mt. Carmel for the use of their lot for allowing residents to park there during the storm.
- Easter event will be held Good Friday, any one that wished to help please reach out to Adam or the chief.

Water & Sewer - Councilman Matro

- There have been no major issues at the plant due to the weather
- Trenches look good. We will start using the drip irrigation as soon as the weather warms up
- New water meters are on order, please make an appointment with the utility department to have your meter changed
- Thanked all departments for their work during the storm.

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

Resolution #044-2026- Approval of change order #1 11th Street Sidewalk project

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1
Charles Marandino, LLC
11th Street Sidewalk Project**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey authorized a contract to Charles Marandino, LLC on October 27, 2025 in the amount of \$138,749.00 for the 11th Street Sidewalk Project; and

WHEREAS, the change order in the amount of **\$24,097.00** reflects the additional scope of work for curbing, sidewalk & concrete driveways bringing the contract to a total of **\$164,846.00**; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton hereby:

1. Formally authorize the execution of Change Order #1, to the contract in the amount of \$24,097.00.

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second Scipione

Approve Change Order #1 for an amount not to exceed \$24,097.00 to Charles Marandino LLC, due to additional funding from a grant for this project. We are adding additional sidewalk.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Calderone – Yes
Marino - Absent
Matro - Yes
R, Rodio - Yes
S. Rodio – Yes
Scipione – Yes
Mayor Furgione – Yes

Mayor Furgione– Declares motion carried

SOLICITOR REPORT

Introduction of Ordinance #002-2026- Amending Chapter 175, Articles VII and XIII

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 175, ARTICLES VII AND XIII OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HAMONTON TO ADDRESS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMNDED FAIR HOUSING ACT (FHA) AND THE UNIFORM HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CONTROLS (UHAC) REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE TOWN’S AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATOINS

Section 1: Section 175, 162 is repealed and replaced in its entirety with the following:

Section 175-162 Affordable Housing

- A. Introduction & Applicability

1. This section of the Code sets forth regulations regarding the very low-, low- and moderate-income housing units in *Hammonton* consistent with the provisions outlined in P.L. 2024, Chapter 2, including the amended Fair Housing Act (“FHA”) at N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq., as well as the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Planning Services (“LPS”) at N.J.A.C. 5:99 et seq., statutorily upheld existing regulations of the now-defunct Council on Affordable Housing (“COAH”) at N.J.A.C. 5:93 and 5:97, the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (“UHAC”) at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq., and as reflected in the adopted municipal Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (“HEFSP”).
2. This Ordinance is intended to ensure that very-low-, low- and moderate-income units (“affordable units”) are created with controls on affordability over time and that very-low-, low- and moderate-income households shall occupy these units pursuant to statutory requirements. This Ordinance shall apply to all inclusionary developments, individual affordable units, and 100 percent affordable housing developments except where inconsistent with applicable law. Low-Income Housing Tax Credit financed developments shall adhere to affirmative marketing and random selection procedures set forth in UHAC.
3. The *Hammonton* Planning Board has adopted a HEFSP pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law at N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1, et seq. The Fair Share Plan describes the ways the municipality shall address its fair share of very-low-, low- and moderate-income housing as approved by the Superior Court and documented in the Housing Element.
4. This Ordinance implements and incorporates the relevant provisions of the HEFSP and addresses the requirements of P.L. 2024, Chapter 2, the FHA, N.J.A.C. 5:99, NJ Supreme Court upheld COAH regulations at N.J.A.C. 5:93 and 5:97, and UHAC at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1, as may be amended and supplemented.
5. Applicability
 - a. The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to all affordable housing developments and affordable housing units that are proposed to be created pursuant to the municipality’s most recently adopted HEFSP.
 - b. This Ordinance shall apply to all developments that contain very-low-, low- and moderate-income housing units included in the Municipal HEFSP, including any unanticipated future developments that will provide very-low-, low- and moderate-income housing units.
 - c. Projects receiving federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit financing and proposed for credit in the municipality’s most recently adopted HEFSP shall comply with the affirmative fair marketing requirements of UHAC at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.16 and the length of the affordability controls applicable to such projects shall be not less than a 30-year compliance period plus a 15-year extended-use period, for a total of not less than 45 years.

B. Definitions

As used herein the following terms shall have the following meanings in this Section 175-162:

“Accessory apartments” means a residential dwelling unit that provides complete independent living facilities with a private entrance for one or more persons, consisting of provisions for living, sleeping, eating, sanitation, and cooking, including a stove and refrigerator, and is located within a proposed preexisting primary dwelling, within an existing or proposed structure that is an accessory to a dwelling on the same lot, constructed in whole or part as an extension to a proposed or existing primary dwelling, or constructed as a separate detached structure on the same lot as the existing or proposed primary dwelling. Accessory apartments are also referred to as “accessory dwelling units”.

“Act” means the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq.

“Adaptable” means constructed in compliance with the technical design standards of the barrier free subcode adopted by the Commissioner of Community Affairs pursuant to the “State Uniform Construction Code Act,” P.L.1975, c. 217 (C.52:27D-119 et seq.) and in accordance with the provisions of section 5 of P.L.2005, c. 350 (C.52:27D-123.15).

“Administrative agent” means the entity approved by the Division responsible for the administration of affordable units, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:99-7, and UHAC at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.15.

“Affirmative marketing” means a regional marketing strategy designed to attract buyers and/or renters of affordable units pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.16.

“Affirmative Marketing Plan” means the municipally adopted plan of strategies from which the administrative agent will choose to implement as part of the Affirmative Marketing requirements.

“Affirmative Marketing Process” or “Program” means the actual undertaking of Affirmative Marketing activities in furtherance of each project with very low-, low-, and moderate-income units.

“Affordability assistance” means the use of funds to render housing units more affordable to low- and moderate-income households and includes, but is not limited to, down payment assistance, security deposit assistance, low interest loans, rental assistance, assistance with homeowner’s association or condominium fees and special assessments, common maintenance expenses, and assistance with emergency repairs and rehabilitation to bring deed-restricted units up to code, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:99-2.5.

“Affordability average” means an average of the percentage of regional median income at which restricted units in an affordable development are affordable to low- and moderate-income households.

“Affordable” means, in the case of an ownership unit, that the sales price for the unit conforms to the standards set forth at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.7 and, in the case of a rental unit, that the rent for the unit conforms to the standards set forth at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.13.

“Affordable housing development” means a development included in a municipality’s housing element and fair share plan, and includes, but is not limited to, an inclusionary development, a municipally sponsored affordable housing project, or a 100 percent affordable development. This includes developments with affordable units on-site, off-site, or provided as a payment in-lieu of construction only if such a payment-in-lieu option has been previously approved by the Program or Superior Court as part of the HEFSP. Payments in lieu of construction were invalidated per P.L. 2024, c.2.

“Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program” or “the Program” refers to the dispute resolution program established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-313.2.

“Affordable Housing Monitoring System” or “AHMS” means the Department’s cloud-based software application, which shall be the central repository for municipalities to use for reporting detailed information regarding affordable housing developments, affordable housing unit completions, and the collection and expenditures of funds deposited into the municipal affordable housing trust fund.

“Affordable Housing Trust Fund” or “AHTF” means that non-lapsing, revolving trust fund established in DCA pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-320 and N.J.A.C. 5:43 to be the repository of all State funds appropriated for affordable housing purposes. All references to the “Neighborhood Preservation Nonlapsing Revolving Fund” and “Balanced Housing” mean the AHTF.

“Affordable unit” means a housing unit proposed or developed pursuant to the Act, including units created with municipal affordable housing trust funds.

“Age-restricted housing” means a housing unit that is designed to meet the needs of, and is exclusively for, an age-restricted segment of the population such that: 1. All the residents of the development where the unit is situated are 62 years or older; 2. At least 80 percent of the units are occupied by one person that is 55 years or older; or 3. The development has been designated by the Secretary of HUD as “housing for older persons” as defined in Section 807(b)(2) of the Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. § 3607.

“Agency” means the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency established by P.L.1983, c. 530 (C.55:14K-1 et seq.).

“Assisted living residence” means a facility licensed by the New Jersey Department of Health to provide apartment-style housing and congregate dining and to ensure that assisted living services are available when needed for four or more adult persons unrelated to the proprietor. Apartment units must offer, at a minimum, one unfurnished room, a private bathroom, a kitchenette, and a lockable door on the unit entrance.

“Barrier-free escrow” means the holding of funds collected to adapt affordable unit entrances to be accessible in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-311a et seq. Such funds shall be held in a municipal affordable housing trust fund pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:99-2.6.

“Builder’s remedy” means court-imposed site-specific relief for a litigant who seeks to build affordable housing for which the court requires a municipality to utilize zoning techniques, such as mandatory set-asides or density bonuses, including techniques which provide for the economic viability of a residential development by including housing that is not for low- and moderate-income households.

“Certified household” means a household that has been certified by an administrative agent as a very-low-income household, a low-income household, or a moderate-income household.

“CHOICE” means the no-longer-active Choices in Homeownership Incentives for Everyone Program, as it was authorized by the Agency.

“COAH” or the “Council” means the Council on Affordable Housing established in, but not of, DCA pursuant to the Act and that was abolished effective March 20, 2024, pursuant to section 3 at P.L. 2024, c. 2 (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1).

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs.

Motion by Council Person Matro Second R. Rodio

Roll Call

Councilperson:

- Calderone – Yes
- Marino - Absent
- Matro - Yes
- R, Rodio - Yes
- S. Rodio – Yes
- Scipione – Yes
- Mayor Furgione – Yes

Mayor Furgione– Declares motion carried

Resolution #042-2026- Municipal Court Buena Vista amending contract amount

Motion by Council Person Scipione Second Matro

Roll Call

Councilperson:

- Calderone – Yes
- Marino - Yes
- Matro - Yes
- R, Rodio - Yes
- S. Rodio – Yes
- Scipione – Yes
- Mayor Furgione – Yes

Mayor Furgione– Declares motion carried

MAYOR REPORT

- Thanked all Departments for their work during the snow storm
- Spoke about the Goose issue that we are having. All State and County departments have been notified.
- We are applying for discretionary with Senator Van Drew office to help with lake park
- We will be working on pot holes once the weather breaks
- Weymouth road update- the traffic is being worked on with the DOT. We do not want trucks going down Lakeview drive
- RT 54 project - The tree removal will be starting on March 9th from Liberty to Valley Ave
- We will have a special meeting of Mayor and council on March 11 at 6 pm. This will include a discussion on Economic development.
- Gave an update on the Eagle Theater and what the future plans are. The May Teen Arts Festival will be held this year.

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.

Motion by Council Person R. Rodio Second Scipione
Items 1 & 2 above is approved

Roll Call

Councilperson:
Calderone – Yes
Marino – Absent
Matro - Yes
R, Rodio - Yes
S. Rodio – Yes
Scipione – Yes
Mayor Furgione – Yes

Mayor Furgione– Declares motion carried

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Motion by Council Person Calderone Second Matro
Approval of Bill list

Roll Call

Councilperson:
Calderone – Yes
Marino - Absent
Matro - Yes
R, Rodio - Yes
S. Rodio – Yes
Scipione – Yes
Mayor Furgione – Yes

Mayor Furgione– Declares motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

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

<u>Block / Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
1902/37.01	Donates, Jose	233 13 th 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 nd 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 4th 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 12th 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	\$60,000.00
Admin	\$10,000.00
Finance	\$40,000.00
Finance	\$6,000.00
Assessor	\$60,000.00
Assess	\$4,000.00
Collection	\$30,000.00
Collection	\$8,000.00
Legal OE	\$50,000.00
Computer	\$20,000.00
Computer	\$50,000.00
Plng Brd	\$10,000.00
Planning	\$ 4,000.00

Constructi	\$100,000.00
Constructi	\$6,000.00
Other	\$5,000.00
Group	\$1,000,000.00
Insurance OE	\$19,053.00
Workers Comp	\$200,000.00
NJ	\$12,000.00
Fire	\$80,000.00
State Fire	\$ 10,000.00
Police	\$1,700,000.00
Police OE	\$80,000.00
Radio	\$90,000.00
Prosecuto	\$20,000.00
Bldg &	\$50,000.00
Highway	\$300,000.00
Highway	\$500,000.00
Dog Reg.	\$5,000.00
Registrar	\$200.00
Park	\$700.00
Recreation	\$50,000.00
Recreation Exp.	\$30,000.00
Advertising	\$20,000.00
Airport OE	0.00
Gasoline	\$50,000.00
Natural	\$20,000.00
Electric	\$40,000.00

Street	\$70,000.00
Telephon	\$20,000.00
Social	\$70,000.00
Recycling	\$10,000.00
DCRP	\$4,000.00
Public	\$12,000.00
Municipal	\$100,000.00
Municipal	\$8,000.00
PERS	\$149,533.07
PFRS	\$885,126.45
Capital Improvem	\$50,000.00
Utility	\$300,000.00
Utility OE	\$400,000.00
Utility	\$ 6,000.00
Utility	\$ 6,000.00
Utility Capital	\$0.00
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 – Salary & Wages	\$ 5,100.00
From: Police – Operating Expense	\$ 2,500.00
From: Legal – Operating Expense	\$ 17,000.00
To: Airport - Operating Expense	\$ 20,000.00
To: Road Repairs & Maint. - Operating Expense	\$ 2,000.00
To: Building & Grounds – Operating Expense	\$ 2,600.00

Resolution #041-2026 – Approval of Transfer of Liquor from place to place for Frog Rock Country Club

Transfer Place to Place Liquor License

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a place to place transfer of a Distribution License #0113-33-008-003 Frog Rock Golf & Country Club; and

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; and

WHEREAS, The applicants are qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; furthermore

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 Distribution License owned by Frog Rock Golf & Country Club 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 approved to transferred from place to place, or its assignee.

Resolution #043-2026 – approval of appellation to Green Acres for Lake park Improvements
Resolution Enabling the Town of Hammonton to Make Application to the Green Acres Program for FY26 Funding for Lake Park Improvements

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 and, if available, a \$600,000.00 loan, 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:

1. Mayor Steven Furgione, or the successor to the office of Mayor, is hereby authorized to:
 - a. make application for such a loan and/or such a grant,
 - b. provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
 - c. act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant;
2. 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;
3. 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;
4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and

5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Council Person Scipione Second R. Rodio
Resolutions #033 to #041 and #043 are approved

Roll Call

Councilperson:
Calderone – Yes
Marino - Absent
Matro - Yes
R, Rodio - Yes
S. Rodio – Yes
Scipione – Yes
Mayor Furgione – Yes

Mayor Furgione– Declares motion carried

PUBLIC HEARD

– **Fidel Ramirez 121 Popular Street** – Asked mayor and council about a possible food truck on 112 S. Egg Harbor Road. He was told to put together a proposal and come back to the next meeting.

Councilwoman Rodio- Gave an update on the 250th event

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Council Person Calderone Second Matro