

**Special Meeting of Mayor and Council June 8, 2026
Town Hall Council Chambers, 100 Central Avenue
Public Session 6:00 P.M.**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

Councilperson:

Calderone – Present

Marino - Present

Matro - Present

R, Rodio - Present

S. Rodio – Present

Scipione – Present

Mayor Furgione – Present

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

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Resolution #098-2026- Award Contract Rt. 54 Water Main Project (Murphy Pipeline Contractors, LLC)

RESOLUTION AWARDING BIDS FOR

12th Street (NJSH Rt. 54) Water Main Replacement

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton received bids for the ADA Walkways at Hammonton Lake Park on May 19, 2026 in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, said bids were received and consisted of a base bid and an alternate; and

WHEREAS, a bids were received and evaluated; and

WHEREAS, the summary of the bids received for the project is as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
Murphy Pipeline Contractors, LLC	\$3,010,100.00

WHEREAS, after review and consideration of bids and the funding to be made available through Town Ordinances; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton that an award of the contract for the 12th Street (NJSH Rt. 54) Water Main Replacement for the bids received on May 19, 2026 is made to Murphy Pipeline Contractors, 510 Shotgun Road, Unit 150 Sunrise, FL 33326 in the amount of \$3,010,100.00.

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second Matro

This is contingent upon the registration with the State of NJ to be completed, proof of workers comp ins. And approval by N.J.D.E.P.

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

Andy Culpepper Laborers International Union 1 Tower Center Blvd East Brunswick, NJ- He spoke about the contractor that is going to be awarded the project. The contract is not currently registered with the State of NJ as a State contractor. They have OSHA violations and do not have workers comp insurance.

Mayor Furgione - We are aware of the issue and have been in contract with the DOL. NJ DOL is aware of the issue and they are working with the contractor to rectify the situation. The Town is under a deadline and we have to move forward. We did have numerous contractors com and pick up the bid documents, but this contract was the only one that placed a bid. If we do not move forward we will lose 2 million dollars in principal forgives on the loan with H2loans.

Councilman Marino – asked about the timeline of the project. The timeline is aggressive due to the fact that we only have until April of 2026 to complete it.

Councilman Calderon- commented on the bid documents. They have been reviewed and all paperwork that is required is in the bid packet

Public Hearing of Bond Ordinance #011-2026- road program/ police vehicles / computer upgrades

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,660,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,577,000 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 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 \$1,660,000, which sum includes \$83,000 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 \$1,660,000 appropriation not provided for by said down payments, negotiable bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,577,000 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 improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Town in a principal amount not exceeding \$1,577,000 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) Purchase of a fuel tank for the Hammor Municipal Airport;	\$ 900,000	\$ 855,000	\$45,000	20 years
(ii) Purchase of four (4) non-passenger sport utility police vehicles for the Police Department;	\$ 350,000	\$ 332,500	\$17,500	5 years
(iii) 2026 Roadway Resurfacing Project to various roads located in the Town; and	\$ 300,000	\$ 285,000	\$15,000	10 years
(iv) Purchase of office equipment and computer upgrades for various Municipal Departments in the Town.	\$ 110,000	\$ 104,500	\$ 5,500	7 years
TOT:	<u>\$1,660,000</u>	<u>\$1,577,000</u>	<u>\$83,000</u>	

(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

Motion by Council Person Marino Second R. Rodio
Ordinance #011-2026 is open for public comment

Motion by Council Person Scipione Second Marino

Ordinance #008-2026 has passed 2nd reading and is adopted and approved for final publication

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

TOWN CLERK REPORT

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #099- 2026- Approval to submit a grant application for 11th Street Sidewalk

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY2027 11TH STREET SIDEWALK EXTENSION FROM RECREATION AREA TO CHEW ROAD PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is desirous of requesting additional funding consideration from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation (hereinafter "NJDOT") under the Transportation Trust Fund (FY2026 Safe Streets to Transit Program) for the 11th Street Sidewalk Extension from Recreation Area to Chew Road project within the Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is an eligible recipient for funding under said program; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer has been authorized to prepare the required application and agreement; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of same, it is necessary for the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton to authorize the Mayor to execute said application to allow the Town to be eligible for the New Jersey Department of Transportation Trust Fund (FY2027 Safe Streets to Transit Program) for the 11th Street Sidewalk Extension from Recreation Area to Chew Road project; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of same, it is necessary for the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton to authorize the Town Engineer to provide all required reports, narratives, estimates and maps required for said funding consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the attached application with the NJDOT Transportation Trust Fund (FY2027 Safe Streets to Transit Program) for services associated with the project entitled 11th Street Sidewalk Extension from Recreation Area to Chew Road project; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton that the Town Engineer is hereby authorized to provide all required reports, narratives, estimates and maps required for the NJDOT Transportation Trust Fund (FY2027 Safe Streets to Transit Program).

Resolution #100- 2026- Approval to submit a grant application for 9th Street Roadway Improvements

**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY2027 NINTH STREET ROADWAY
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is desirous of requesting additional funding consideration from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation (hereinafter "NJDOT") under the Transportation Trust Fund (FY2027 Municipal Aid Program) for the Ninth Street Roadway Improvements project within the Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is an eligible recipient for funding under said program; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer has been authorized to prepare the required application and agreement; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of same, it is necessary for the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton to authorize the Mayor to execute said application to allow the Town to be eligible for the New Jersey Department of Transportation Trust Fund (FY2027 Municipal Aid Program) for the Ninth Street Roadway Improvements project; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of same, it is necessary for the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton to authorize the Town Engineer to provide all required reports, narratives, estimates and maps required for said funding consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the attached application with the NJDOT Transportation Trust Fund (FY2027 Municipal Aid Program) for services associated with the project entitled Ninth Street Roadway Improvements project; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton that the Town Engineer is hereby authorized to provide all required reports, narratives, estimates and maps required for the NJDOT Transportation Trust Fund (FY2027 Municipal Aid Program).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY that it is hereby specifically determined and declared that the following named persons and corporation, if any, be and they are hereby adjudged to be entitled to a license of the class hereinafter specified to sell alcoholic beverages at or on the premises for a term of one year as herein fixed and described to wit:

Resolution #102-2026- Approval to join the County of Bergen Cooperative

**RESOLUTION FOR MEMBER PARTICIPATION
IN A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON
TO ENTER INTO the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance
COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT _____**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance # CK04- a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2026 the governing body of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Town of Hammonton,

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Business Administrator /Municipal and /or the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Motion by Council Person Marino Second Matro
Resolutions #099, #100 and 102

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

Resolution #101-2026- Approval of Renewal of Liquor licenses

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON,
ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ABC LICENSES
BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2027**

WHEREAS, it is a requirement of NJ ABC that in the matter of the authorization and issuance of license of the sale of Alcoholic Beverages, a resolution must be adopted, which resolution shall specifically determine and name the person, firm or corporation adjudged by such resolution to be entitled to such license as adjudged to be issued, and further such resolution must also fix the name and the licensed premises;

<u>License Number</u>	<u>Consumption License</u>
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0113 32 014 011	Intermex Inc.
	t/a Fiesta Mexicana Restaurant
	Location: 327-12th St.

0113 33 011 005	Hammonton Discount Liq & Bar t/a Railroad Bar & Grill Location: 18 Railroad Ave.
0113 32 005 006	GK of Palana Inc. t/a Pike Wines & Liquors Location: 111 N. White Horse Pike
0113 33 024 006	Cafe San Rocco, Inc. t/a Rocco's Town House Location: 21 N. Third St.
0113 33 010 003	Hammonton Joey Corp. t/a Maplewood Inn Location: 470 S. White Horse Pike
0113 33 019 007	E.J.'s Westend Inc. t/a West End Grill Location: 201 - 12th St.
0113 33 018 009	GB Liquors LLC t/a GB Liquors LLC Location: 104 Fairview
<u>License Number</u>	<u>Consumption License</u>
0113 33 020 004	Rodio Restaurant Group Location: 705 - 12th St.
0113 33 007 003	15 N. Egg Harbor Road LLC PO Box 830 Hammonton , NJ 08037
0113 33 001 006	Exquisite Events Resorts

	. Location: 755 S. White Horse Pike
0113 33 028 006	Lynne Lucca Pocket Special Ruling ABC Location: 774 Woodlawn Hammonton
0113 33 003 012	Apple New Jersey LLC t/a Applebee's Neighbourhood Grill Location: 47 S White Horse Pk Hammonton, NJ 08037
0113 33 013 018	Trinity Vintners Investment Holdings t/a Annata Location: 216 Bellevue Ave.
0113 32 002 003	Tomar Assoc. Inc. t/a Caldini's Fine Wine, Liquors & Deli Location: 101 E. 15th St.
0113 32 012 006	Westwind Assoc Inc. t/a Joe Canal's Discount Liquor Location: 80 S WHP St2
0113 33 021 004	Silver Coin Diner Inc. t/a Silver Coin Diner & Rest. Inc. Location: Route 30 and Route 206
0113 33 022 015	CAP 25 Properties LLC 555 N. Egg Harbor Road

<u>License Number</u>	<u>Consumption License</u>
0113 33 008 003	Frog Rock Golf & Country Club t/a same Location: 420 Boyer Ave.

<u>License Number</u>	<u>Distribution License</u>
0113-44-004-011	Williamstown Buy Rite LLC t/a Hammonton Buy Rite Location: 240 S. WHP Unit A-1A
0113-44-015- 011	Aryan Liquors t/a Town Food & Liquor Location: 333 S. Egg Harbor Rd.
0113 44 016 011	Superior Inc. t/a West Side Discount Liquors Location: 730 - 12th St.

<u>License Number</u>	<u>Theatre License</u>
0113-37-032-0021	Eagle Theatre Inc. 200-208 Vine Street
0113 31 026 001	The LGG Club t/a Sons of Italy Location: 427 N. Third St.

Motion by Council Person R. Rodio Second Calderone
Resolutions #101 is adopted

Roll Call

Councilperson:
Calderone – Yes
Marino – Yes, but recused on Eagle Theatre
Matro - Yes
R, Rodio - Yes
S. Rodio – Yes
Scipione – Yes
Mayor Furgione – Yes

Mayor Furgione– Declares motion carried

PUBLIC HEARD – no one desired to be heard

Mayor Furgione - Spoke about the following:

- The Town received a green acres grant in the amount of \$600,000.00 and a loan in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the lake park this will be for the pavilion, bocce courts and other upgrades at lake park
- The Town also received a grant for the Airport with help from Van Drew's office in the amount of 1.5 million.
- The changes to the detour on Weymouth Road have been granted from DOT. This will get the big trucks off of our local roads.
- Route 54 project – There have been some complaints about the project. We have spoken to the State and they are working on getting the issues.
- We will not have any AI Data center consultant at the council meeting on the 22nd. The AI centers are not prohibited in our master plan.

Mike Malinsky Solicitor – Spoke about the process if an AI Data center did want to build a center in Hammonton.

Councilman Scipione – There were individuals at the planning / Zoning board meeting last week regarding AI Centers. He explained what took place at that meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Council Person Marino Second R. Rodio