

**Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council August 24, 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 #138-2026

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

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Rich Rehmann of ARH

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARD FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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PRESENTATION

- Puerto-to Rican Civic Association
- Paramount - Development White Horse Pike

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Resolution #153-2026- Capital Budget Amendment Green Acres Lake Park 2026 Grant

WHEREAS, the local capital budget for the year 2026 was adopted on the 26th day of May, 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire to amend said adopted capital budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, that the following modification to the adopted capital budget of the Town of Hammonton be made:

General Capital Fund

<u>1) Purpose</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Debt Authorized</u>	<u>Green Acres Grant</u>	<u>Local Match Grants (a)</u>
Green Acres Lake Park Recreation Improvements	<u>\$1,200,000</u>	<u>\$ 150,000</u>	<u>\$ 600,000</u>	<u>\$ 450,000</u>

Local Match includes the following:

- a. Pinelands Receipt of \$57,963.49;
- b. National Fitness Grant of \$40,000;
- c. Reappropriate \$67,000 of Tot Lot Grant from Ordinance 6-25; and
- d. Reappropriate \$285,036.51 of Debt Authorized from Ordinance 13-25

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration - Councilman Marino

Business & Industry – Councilwoman R. Rodio

Quality of Life – Councilman Calderone

Education – Councilman Scipione

Public Works & Transportation Councilman S. Rodio

Law & Order – Mayor Furgione

Water & Sewer - Councilman Matro

ENGINEER'S REPORT

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Route 54 Water Main Replacement Project II – CA/CI (ARH #P2026.0491)**

We are requesting authorization to provide construction administration and inspection for the construction work related to

Phase II of the Bellevue Avenue Water Main Project from Central Ave to First Road. This contract is required for NJDEP permitting and authorization to bid.

Action Item

Approve ARH's proposal for Construction Administration and Inspection services for an amount not to exceed \$222,000.00.

ROADWAY & TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS:

Hammonton Bike Path Connector – Phase II (ARH #1140052.09):

95% Complete

Negotiations continue with NJ Transit. The result will impact our design. We are coordinating with NJDOT on the progress since they are the funding source. Filing grant extension request.

Thirteenth Street Drainage (ARH #1106001.03):

90% Complete

We have completed our draft response to the NJDOT's design document comments, and that will be submitted after property easement items are resolved.

NJDOT FY2023 Safe Streets to Transit: Front St. (ARH #1140063.01):

88% Complete

The scope of work is in flux given a potential County project on-site. We will assist the Town with communications to adjacent landowners potentially affected by the project.

NJDOT FY2026 West End Ave Paving (ARH #1140064.01):

85% Complete

NJDOT approved our design. We will prepare the bid documents and hold the bidding process until the West End Townhomes Development is substantially complete.

SEWER/WATER INFORMATION ITEMS:

Route 54 Water Main Replacement Phase I – CA/CI (ARH #1130167.06):

10% Complete

The project has started and is progressing well. We are in close contact and coordination with the contractor, and all regulatory/permitting agencies are satisfied.

Route 54 Water Main Replacement Project – Phase II (ARH #1130167.07):

98% Complete

We have responded to all of the NJDEP's design comments and have been in close contact with them to maintain emphasis on timelines.

Lakeview Gardens Water Main Extension (ARH #1130172.01):

98% Complete

The design and bidding tasks of this project are on hold until the NJDEP I-Bank (H2Loans) application process is completed.

Lakeview Gardens Watermain – Funding Support (ARH #1130172.02): **35% Complete**
We are nearly complete with our design edits and technical documents related to the NJDEP I-Bank (H2Loans), application. We will submit our application package by the end of this month.

Sanitary Sewer Study & Rehabilitation Program (ARH #1150146.01): **95% Complete**
We continue to coordinate with the Contractor as they prepare a proposal for the work at the Liberty Pump Station.

Lead Service Line Replacement (ARH #1130170.02): **85% Complete**
We met with the Town to discuss the specifics of the ordinance relating to the replacement of water service lines. We will take that input and collaborate with the GLO Program to create a final draft ordinance for Town review.

Boyer Ave Sanitary Sewer Improvements – Phase 2 (ARH #1150058.32): **15% Complete**
We remain on hold until Phase 1 hook-ups are completed to ensure the existing is free of issues and has the needed capacity.

GENERAL SITE AND RECREATION INFORMATION ITEMS:

Lake Park Pavilion Enhancements (ARH #1190035.01): **90% Complete**
The Town has received notice of award for 2026 Green Acres funding. This project is tied to that funding, and it will be restarted soon.

11th St Recreation Area Engineering (ARH #1101065.12): **85% Complete**
Construction of this project is contingent on funding, and this project is on hold.

Jake's Law Park (ARH #1190037.01): **85% Complete**
We met with the Town to review the Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) edits to address a contingency of the Town's agreement with NJDEP Green Acres. The next step is to complete the formal agreement with the NJDEP. The construction documents are complete, and we are ready for bidding.

2026 Green Acres Lake Park Design & CA/CI (ARH #1190038.02): **85% Complete**
We started the development of construction documents and presented our final layout to the Town. We are also working with the Town to complete the agreement with NJDEP Green Acres.

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. We are submitting a reimbursement application for approximately \$106,000 on behalf of the Town to help defray the overall costs of the project.

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. We are submitting a reimbursement application for approximately \$15,000 on behalf of the Town to help defray the overall costs of the project.

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. We are submitting a reimbursement application for approximately \$67,000 on behalf of the Town to help defray the overall costs of the project.

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

Airport Fuel Tank – Installation of the new tank should be complete the 1st week of September. There was an issue with a cable on the new tank which had to be replaced by the manufacture. This has delayed the install.

Town Public Works Schedule for September

Bulky waste pickup – will be from September 7th through the 11th.

Brush pickup – will be September 14th through the 18th.

Trash pickup for the Labor Day Holiday- Monday September 7th will occur on Tuesday September 8th.

The County Recycling pickup – September 1st to the 4th, September 14th through the 18th and September 28th to 30th.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

1. Approval to release the performance bond for the Polyvel Solar Improvements in the amount of \$306,414.14. Reviewed and approved by ARH.
2. Approval to release the performance bond for the Spark Car Wash project in the amount of \$91,975.20. Reviewed and approved by ARH.
3. Approval to release the performance bond for 1100 Bel Air Properties LLC for the Lincoln Avenue project in the amount of \$89,814.00.
4. Accept retirement of Crystal Czerwinski from her position as Joint Municipal Court Administrator effective January 1, 2027.
5. Accept retirement of Sergeant Jared Baglivo from his position with the Hammonton Police Department effective January 1, 2027.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Ordinance #014-2026 Lake Park Upgrades Green Acres Improvements

BOND ORDINANCE #014-2026

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS AT HAMMONTON LAKE PARK, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY;

APPROPRIATING \$1,200,000 THEREFOR (INCLUDING \$67,000 REAPPROPRIATED FROM BOND ORDINANCE #6-2025, \$285,036.51 REAPPROPRIATED FROM BOND ORDINANCE #13-2025, \$57,963.49 RECEIVED FROM PINELANDS PRESERVATION ALLIANCE, A \$40,000 FITNESS GRANT EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN GRANT COMMITTEE AND A \$600,000 GRANT EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES PROGRAM) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$150,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey (the "Town"), finally adopted the following bond ordinances of the Town on the dates set forth after each bond ordinance: Bond Ordinance Number 6-2025 finally adopted on April 28, 2025 and Bond Ordinance Number 13-2025 finally adopted on August 25, 2025 (collectively, the "Ordinances"); and

WHEREAS, there currently remains on deposit in the Town's capital account excess grant funds received from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (Local Recreational Improvement 2024 Program), allocable to Bond Ordinance Number 6-2025 (the "Excess Grant Funds") but no longer necessary to complete the improvements or purposes authorized therein; and

WHEREAS, following the effective date of Bond Ordinance Number 13-2025, the Town issued notes to fully fund same and to finance the improvements or purposes authorized therein; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that the capital improvements or purposes set forth in the Bond Ordinance Number 13-2025 have either been completed in full or discontinued as a result of events occurring subsequent to the adoption of Bond Ordinance Number 13-2025, as applicable; and

WHEREAS, there currently remains on deposit in the Town's capital accounts excess note proceeds allocable to Bond Ordinance Number 13-2025 (the "Excess Note Proceeds" and together with the Excess Grant Funds, the "Excess Monies"), but no longer necessary to complete the improvements or purposes authorized therein; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the statutory powers set forth in section 39 of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the "Local Bond Law"), the Town Council of the Town has determined that it is in the best interest of

the Town to reappropriate the Excess Monies to finance a portion of the cost of improvements or purposes of the Town for which bonds may be issued, thereby decreasing the amount of additional Town debt to finance such current capital needs; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council now desires to reappropriate the Excess Monies to undertake a portion of the cost of the improvements or purposes set forth in this bond ordinance, which comprise improvements or purposes for which bonds may be issued; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council also now desires to appropriate additional monies and authorize the issuance of bonds or notes to undertake the portion of the cost of the improvements or purposes set forth herein, which are not provided for by the reappropriation of the Excess Monies.

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 above recitals are fully incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. The following amounts of Excess Monies from the Ordinances listed below are no longer necessary for the improvements or purposes for which they were appropriated, authorized and issued:

<u>Bond Ordinance Number and Date of Adoption</u>	<u>Excess Monies Amount</u>
6-2025, finally adopted April 28, 2025	\$ 67,000.00
13-2025, finally adopted August 25, 2025	<u>\$285,036.51</u>
Total:	<u>\$352,036.51</u>

SECTION 3. The total amount of \$352,036.51 in Excess Monies is hereby reappropriated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-39, and shall be used to finance a portion of the cost of the undertaking by the Town of general capital improvements or purposes for which bonds may be issued. Said general capital improvements or purposes are set forth in Section 6 of this bond ordinance.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #139-2026- 159 Budget addition for Recycling tonnage grant

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Town has received from the State of New Jersey, Recycling Tonnage Grant in the amount of \$34,991.80 and wishes to amend its 2026 Current Fund Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the Current Fund Budget of the year 2026 in the sum of \$34,991.80 which has been awarded and is available as a revenue from:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

Recycling Tonnage Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$34,991.80 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

Operations - Excluded from "CAPS":

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

Recycling Tonnage Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

Resolution #140-2026- 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>
2302/1/C016U	Diaz, David	16U Deborah Lane	\$786.18	Refund/Overpayment
2502/15	Fortune Title Agency	625 Passmore Ave	\$1,219.69	Refund/Overpayment
2812/15	Corelogic (Leonetti)	209 Grape St	\$1,876.55	Refund/Exempt Vet
3605/19	National Integrity Title	720 Bellevue Ave	\$1,891.98	Refund/Overpayment
Various	Vision Abstract LLC	Various	\$3,974.79	Refund/Overpayment
Various	Corelogic	Various	\$17,242.68	Refund/Overpayment
1807/1	Ingemi, Frank	30 Leah Court	\$841.09	Refund/Overpayment
1902/36	Sacco, Steven	215 13 th Street	\$137.19	Refund/Overbilled
3801/17.04	Wolf, Donna	13 Samuel Dr	\$327.85	Refund/overbilled
3304/39	Davies, George	197 Park Ae	\$3,556.26	Cancel/Exempt Vet
3917/8	Pino, Samuel	120 Winding Way	\$9,306.46	Cancel/Exempt Vet
4501/27	DeMarco, Ricky	239 Basin Rd	\$8,187.56	Cance/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 #141-2026- Approval of Transfer of Liquor License Person to Person Place to Place (Lynn Lucca)

**Transfer Person to Person &
Place to Place Liquor License**

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a person to person and place to place transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License 0113-33-028-006;

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term;

WHEREAS, a police background check was completed. The applicant is 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;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton does hereby approve the Person to Person and the Place to Place transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License owned Lynne Lucca at 774 Woodlawn Ave Hammonton, NJ 08037. The Transfer from in Pocket to The Monarch Room LLC 620 S. White Horse Pike Hammonton and from Lynn Lucca to the Monarch Room LLC at 620 S. White Horse Pike Hammonton, NJ 08037, and does hereby direct the Town Clerk to endorse the license certificate as follows: "this license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred from in pocket to the location at 620 S. White Horse Pike and from Lynn Lucca to the Monarch Room LLC.

Resolution #142- 2026- Authorize Kiwanis's Halloween Parade

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING
KIWANIS CLUB HALLOWEEN PARADE**

WHEREAS, Kiwanis Club of 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 Kiwanis Club of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, October 28, 2026 is the scheduled date for the Annual Kiwanis Club Halloween Parade (rain date to be October 29, 2026);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the Kiwanis Club Halloween Parade is acknowledged and endorsed with the following streets being closed:

N. Egg Harbor Road from Rt. 54 to Fairview Avenue from 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Rt. 54 (Bellevue) from N. Egg Harbor Road to Third St. from 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Resolution #143-2026 - Authorize Fireman's Christmas Parade

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING
FIREFIGHTER CHRISTMAS PARADE**

WHEREAS, the Hammonton Fire Department continues to support the Town of Hammonton in its effort to promote events such as the Christmas Parade which is scheduled for **Saturday December 12, 2025 (rain date December 13th) @ the hour of 7:00 p.m.:**

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council have and continues to support the efforts of the Hammonton Fire Department;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, which the Annual Hammonton Firefighter Christmas Parade is acknowledged and endorsed with the following streets being closed:

Liberty Street (from Hammonton Middle School to Bellevue) 5:00 to 9:00 pm
Route 54 (from WPH to Front Street) from 5:00 to 9:00 pm
Central Avenue (from Bellevue to Vine) from 5:00 to 9:00 pm
All Road openings onto Bellevue Avenue (from WHP to Front Street) will be closed during event at 7:00 pm
Passmore Avenue (from Egg Harbor Road to Washington Street) from 7:00 to 10:00 pm
Front Street (from Bellevue to Line Street) from 7:00 to 11:00 pm
Liberty Street (from Bellevue Ave to Fairview Ave) from 5:00 to 8:00 pm
Vine Street (from Egg Harbor Rd. to Central Ave.) from 5:00 to 9:00 pm

Resolution #144-2026- Authorize Hammonton Green Day Festival

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING
HAMMONTON GREEN DAY FESTIVAL**

WHEREAS, Hammonton's Green Committee and MainStreet Hammonton have promoted and continue to promote the Town of Hammonton with scheduled events in the Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, these organizations have forged positive relationships with other key organizations and institutions in Hammonton, particularly the Hammonton Education Foundation, St. Joseph's High School, the Hammonton Lions Club, and the Hammonton High School Green Earth Club, and

WHEREAS these positive working relationships have helped to establish the annual Green Festival as an eagerly-anticipated staple among Hammonton's annual celebrations, and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council have and continue to support the efforts of these organizations to promote the Town of Hammonton and particularly their efforts at ensuring the environmental, economic, and cultural sustainability of the Town,

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 authorizes and endorses the Hammonton Green Day Festival to held at Veterans Park on Saturday November 7, 2026, from 12 -4 pm:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Hammonton will provide municipal services required for this event including police assistance if required.

Resolution #145-2026- Approval of the Procession of Saint Micheal

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING
THE "ST. MICHAEL PROCESSION"**

WHEREAS, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parrish continues to promote support of the Town of Hammonton Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council has and continues to support the efforts of Mt. Carmel Parrish and the Hammonton Police Department; and

WHEREAS, St. Michael is the patron saint and protector of Law Enforcement Officers and

WHEREAS, September 29th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. is the scheduled date for the Blue Mass of St. Michael and 7:00 p.m. St. Michael religious procession to be held in the Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parrish has requested assistance of the Town of Hammonton Police Department for this scheduled event and closure of the following streets in the Town of Hammonton for procession:

From St. Joseph Church (N. 3rd St.) left onto French St.
Left onto N. Second St.
Left onto E. Pleasant St.

Return to Church (N. 3rd St.)

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 Feast of St. Michael and procession of streets is acknowledged and endorsed by the Town of Hammonton contingent upon the following:

1. Filing of necessary insurance certificates by St. Mary of Mt. Carmel as required by the Town of Hammonton.
2. Filing of required State and/or County written approvals for street closures with the Town Clerk's office and the Chief of Police at least two weeks prior to event.

Resolution #146-2026- Approval of a Policy for application for Tax-Exempt Veterans

A Resolution of the Mayor and Members of Town Council of the Town of Hammonton establishing a policy for applications approved for Totally Disabled Tax-Exempt Veterans.

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton Tax Assessor's office received applications for Totally Disabled Tax-Exempt Veterans; and

WHEREAS, when the Tax Assessor approves these applications tax dollars are cancelled; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton's Mayor and Council have an interest in establishing a policy concerning the cancellation of taxes on approval of applications for Totally Disabled Tax-Exempt Veterans; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton that;

1. They hereby adopt the facts and determinations as set forth in the preamble of this resolution as if the same were more fully set forth herein, and which facts and determinations shall have the same binding effect as the paragraphs set forth herein below.
2. The Town of Hammonton will cancel taxes as of the date of the Town's receipt of a completed application form DVSSE (Disabled Veteran or Surviving Spouse Tax Exemption Form). The form must be dated, received and stamped by the Tax Collector or Tax Assessor's office.

Resolution #147-2026- Approval of the Fiesta Celebration

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

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council have consistently supported the efforts of MainStreet Hammonton in creating inclusive and vibrant community programming; and

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton is partnering with the Hammonton Art Club, Hammonton Green Committee, Hammonton Health Coalition (HHC), and Una Comunidad Hammonton to host this collaborative annual event, which will feature live music, vendors, performances, and community resource tables; and

WHEREAS, this event will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by expanding the final Community Market of the year into a larger-scale “Fiesta” with a broader footprint, greater attendance, and enhanced participation from local partners; and

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton and the Hammonton Health Coalition will coordinate fundraising for performers and community resources, while Una Comunidad Hammonton will organize the Tianguis, a traditional open-air market, by bringing in additional vendors; and

WHEREAS, the event is scheduled to take place on Friday, September 18, 2026, during the hours of **5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, with the following street closure requested from **3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**:

South Second Street, between Bellevue Avenue and Vine Street; and

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 above street closure and use of public space for the “Fiesta” event on Friday, September 18, 2026, are hereby approved and endorsed.

Resolution #148-2026- Authorizing Downtown Trick or Treat

**AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING
MAINSTREET HAMMONTON DOWNTOWN TRICK OR TREAT EVENT WITH ROAD CLOSURES**

WHEREAS, Saturday October 24th (rain date Sunday October 25th), 2026 is the scheduled date for the MainStreet Hammonton Downtown Trick or Treat event from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm; and

WHEREAS, Downtown businesses will be distributing treats and organizing activities from their stores for children throughout the event; and

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton is requesting the following road closures and police assistance for this event during the hours of 11:00 am - 5:00 pm at:

Central Avenue between Bellevue Ave. (Rt 54) and Vine 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 the MainStreet Hammonton Downtown Trick or Treat event is approved with road closures and police assistance specifically crossing assistance at intersections on Bellevue Avenue contingent upon contacting Police Chief and Public Works Manager 2 months prior to event.

Resolution #149-2026- Authorizing Tree Lighting Event

**AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING
MAINSTREET HAMMONTON TOWN TREE LIGHTING EVENT WITH ROAD CLOSURE**

WHEREAS, Saturday, December 5th (rain date, Sunday Dec 6th), 2026 is the scheduled date for the MainStreet Hammonton Town Tree Lighting Event from 6 pm- 9pm. at the intersection of Bellevue Ave. and Central Ave. and we request the road closure of Central Avenue between Bellevue Avenue and Vine Street from 9am-10 pm.

WHEREAS, Carriage rides will not be part of the event this year as in previous years.

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 MainStreet Hammonton Town Tree Lighting Event is acknowledged and endorsed with road closures, no parking, and police assistance contingent upon contacting Police Chief and Public Works Manager 2 months prior to event.

Resolution #150-2026- Approval of an application to NJDCA to designate an opportunity zone

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON IN SUPPORT OF AN
APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (NJDCA) FOR THE
DESIGNATION OF CENSUS TRACT 108 AS AN OPPORTUNITY ZONE**

WHEREAS, the Opportunity Zones (OZ) program was enacted as part of the 2017 federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and made permanent in 2025, and;

WHEREAS, the OZ program incentivizes long-term capital investments into low-income communities and provides opportunities for private investors to support investments in distressed communities through participation in Qualified Opportunity Funds, and;

WHEREAS, these funds must directly invest in businesses or property located in low-income census tracts designated as OZs, and;

WHEREAS, investors can defer and reduce federal taxes on capital gains reinvested in Qualified Opportunity Funds that invest in designated OZs situated in low-income communities, under rules released by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and;

WHEREAS, when identifying OZs for the first version of the OZ program, authorized in 2017, the State of New Jersey was guided by a number of Policy Goals that included, in part, improving economic conditions in distressed communities, and supporting emerging opportunities for economic growth and (re)development, and;

WHEREAS, the OZ program was made permanent in 2025, establishing a new Opportunity Zone designation cycle every ten years and thereby now allowing Governor Sherrill to designate up to 129 OZs from New Jersey's eligible census tracts, and;

WHEREAS, under the recently published Guidelines, the Town of Hammonton OZ Census Tract 108 is eligible in 2026, and;

WHEREAS, due to the reduction of the total number of Census Tracts eligible for inclusion in the Governor's recommendations to the US Treasury, the Opportunity Zone guidelines require consideration of Census Tract(s) with greater potential for redevelopment and development investment opportunities and thus the Town is requesting inclusion of Census Tract 108 for this phase of the Opportunity Zone program, and;

WHEREAS, the State is now seeking recommendations from municipalities and interested stakeholders to help inform the Governor's 2026 OZ designations, and;

WHEREAS, it is the expectation of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton that the designation of Census Tract 108 as an OZ in 2026 will provide impactful economic benefits to this Census Tract and to the broader community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton fully and strongly endorse and support the Town's application for redesignation and expansion, as outlined herein, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton respectfully request that the NJDCA give full and favorable consideration to the Town's application for OZ designation and expansion, as outlined herein, and recommend said designation and expansion to Governor Mikie Sherrill, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton respectfully request that Governor Mikie Sherrill approve the NJDCA's said recommendations for OZ designation and expansion, as outlined herein, for the Town of Hammonton.

Resolution #151-2026- Authorize contract for Phase II Route 54 Water Main Replacement

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT TO ARH ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING FEES INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR A LOAN APPLICATION TO NEW JERSEY H2LOANS FOR PHASE II - ROUTE 54 (BELLEVUE AVE.) WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton intends to file an application with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust for the project known as Phase II - Route 54 (Bellevue Ave.) Water Main Replacement.

WHEREAS, to file the application it must include a professional service contract for the engineering fees including construction administration and inspection.

FURTHERMORE, the contract in the amount of \$222,000.00 will be terminated unless the loan is granted to the Town of Hammonton.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Frank Zuber be authorized to act as the Authorized Representative to represent in all matters relating to the project undertaken pursuant to the above referenced New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Loan to be executed with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust. The Authorized Representative may be contacted at the following address: 100 Central Ave, Hammonton, NJ 08037-0113 and phone number: 609-567-4300, ext. 121.

Resolution #152-2026- Requesting a 6-month time extension for NJDOT Bike Path Grant

**Requested time extension for NJDOT Grant-L.A. – 2022 Bike, Hammonton Town, Veteran’s Place
Bicycle Path Connector Phase II – 00035**

**Resolution Requesting a Six (6) Month Time Extension for Project Award for use of the NJDOT
Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 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, \$745,000.00 dated February 16, 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, PMRS date of 2/16/24, 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 survey, design work, and obtaining easements required for project completion which are listed as follows:

- Coordination with NJDOT regarding a proposed railroad crossing which requires upgrades to existing signalization, concrete path and a safety gate.

Furthermore, The Town planned to bid and award the Phase II Bike Path Connector – 00035 construction projects during the summer of 2024 and be compliant with the NJDOT requirements for award of the FY-2022, \$745,000.00 funds.

However, to be safe we are requesting a six (6) month time extension on the award for the FY-2022 project funds until February 16, 2027.

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 #154-2026- Approval to add additional revenue for Community Energy Plan Grant

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount,
and

WHEREAS, the Town has received a notice from the State of New Jersey, Board of Public Utilities, a Community Energy Plan Grant in the amount of \$10,000. The Town received \$7,500 of this grant in 2025 and included it in the 2026 Budget. The Town now wishes to amend its 2026 Current Fund Budget to include the additional \$2,500 amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the Current Fund Budget of the year 2026 in the sum of \$2,500 which has been awarded and is available as a revenue from:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

Community Energy Plan Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$2,500 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

Operations - Excluded from "CAPS":

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

Community Energy Plan Grant

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MEETING ADJOURNED