

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council September 28, 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 #155-2026

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

Regular Minutes August 24, 2026

Executive Minutes August 24, 2026

PRESENTATION

- Kevin Friel – Retirement of Kenneth O'Neil and Appointment of Corporal
- NJ Transit – update on Weymouth Road Bridge Repair
- Freeflight Aviation- Airport presentation
- Eagle theater Update
- Linda Esposito- Grape and Central Ave request

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Hearing 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.

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

We recently confirmed that we will continue with the original route for the bike path. NJ Transit has agreed to improve the crossing using the available funding. We are addressing comments from Pinelands and will issue this project out to bid upon their approval.

Thirteenth Street Drainage (ARH #1106001.03):

90% Complete

We continue to coordinate and address NJDOT's comments along with securing necessary property easements for associated stormwater management improvements.

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 for a proposed Electric Vehicle charging station. We will assist the Town with communications to adjacent landowners potentially affected by the project.

NJDOT FY2026 West End Ave Paving (ARH #1140064.01): **90% Complete**

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

SEWER/WATER INFORMATION ITEMS:

Route 54 Water Main Replacement Project – Phase II (ARH #1130167.07): **98% Complete**

We have responded to all the NJDEP's design comments and have been in close contact with them to maintain emphasis on timelines. Aiming to issue the project out to bid in November, but that depends on NJDEP's technical and financial approvals.

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.

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

We are on hold as the Contractor prepares 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 have an additional meeting with the GLO Program team next week to begin finalizing the ordinance for the Town's consideration.

Lakeview Gardens Watermain – Funding Support (ARH #1130172.02): **45% Complete**

The application package is preliminarily submitted to NJDEP I-Bank (H2Loans). We will continue to coordinate and address NJDEP's review comments once received.

Route 54 Water Main Replacement Phase I – CA/CI (ARH #1130167.06): **30% 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. The project is on schedule to be completed in early December.

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:

Jake's Law Park (ARH #1190037.01): **95% 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 construction documents are complete, and we will bid the project within the next couple of months.

Lake Park Pavilion Enhancements (ARH #1190035.01): **90% Complete**

This is on hold until the 2026 Green Acres project is bid.

11th St Recreation Area Engineering (ARH #1101065.12):

85% Complete

Construction of this project is contingent on securing new funding, and this project is on hold.

2026 Green Acres Lake Park Design & CA/CI (ARH #1190038.02):

25% 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 is complete. We have some minor adjustment to make to the flow of the fuel that will be completed by next week.

Town Public Works Schedule for October

Bulky waste pickup – will be from October 5th through the 9th.

Brush pickup – will be October 12th through the 16th.

Trash pickup for the Columbus Day Holiday- Trash collection Monday October 12th will occur on Tuesday October 13th.

Curbside Leaf Collection - will tentatively start October 19th and run through December 18th. These dates are subject to change due to weather conditions. Please check the Town website for updates.

The County Recycling pickup – October 12th to the 16th, October 26th through the 30th.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

1. Approval to release the Safety & Stabilization Guarantee for Spark Car Wash project in the amount of \$13,241.47. Reviewed and approved by ARH.
2. Accept resignation from Micheal Zielinski from his position at the Highway Department effective Monday September 28th.
3. Approval to remove Albert Rehmann and Frank Scanga as members of Fire Company #1, in good standing and accept Aiden Adkinsson as a junior firefighter all effective September 16th. Approved at Fire Company meeting held on September 16, 2026.
4. Approval of RT 54 Water Main Phase II Project Labor Agreement to be included with the bid documents for the project.
5. Approval of Halloween trick or treat hours from 5:30 to 8:30 on October 31st.
6. Approval to hire Samuel Velez Jr. in the Highway Department effective October 5, 2026. Single benefits, 40 hours per week salary to follow current contract.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #156-2026- H2loans Phase II Route 54 Water Main Project Funding

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF ITS "NOTE RELATING TO THE WATER BANK CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PROGRAM OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK", TO BE ISSUED IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$4,900,000, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH NOTE TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SUCH NOTE BY THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON IN FAVOR OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, ALL PURSUANT TO THE WATER BANK CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PROGRAM OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton (the "Local Unit" or "Town"), in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, has determined that there exists a need within the Local Unit to acquire, construct, renovate or install a project consisting of Phase II of the Water Main Replacement Project, which includes water main and drainage improvements along the entire lengths or portions of Route 54 and 12th Street, specifically, Bellevue Avenue between First Road and Central Avenue, in and for the Water/Sewer Utility of the Town (the "Project"), and it is the desire of the Local Unit to obtain financing for such Project through participation in the environmental infrastructure financing program (the "New Jersey Water Bank") of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (the "I-Bank");

WHEREAS, the Local Unit has determined to temporarily finance the acquisition, construction, renovation or installation of the Project prior to the long term bond closing with respect to the New Jersey Water Bank, and to undertake such temporary financing with the proceeds of a short-term loan to be made by the I-Bank (the "Construction Loan") to the Local Unit, pursuant to the Water Bank Construction Financing Program of the I-Bank (the "Construction Financing Program");

WHEREAS, in order to (i) evidence and secure the repayment obligation of the Local Unit to the I-Bank with respect to the Construction Loan, and (ii) satisfy the requirements of the Construction Financing Program, it is the desire of the Local Unit to issue and sell to the I-Bank the "Note Relating to: the Water Bank Construction Financing Program of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank" in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$4,900,000 (the "Note");

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Local Unit to authorize, execute, attest and deliver the Note to the I-Bank pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey (the "Local Bond Law"), and other applicable law; and

WHEREAS, Section 28 of the Local Bond Law allows for the sale of the Note to the I-Bank, without any public offering, and N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9 allows for the sale of the Note to the I-Bank without any public offering, all under the terms and conditions set forth therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Local Unit as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with Section 28 of the Local Bond Law and N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9, the Local Unit hereby authorizes the issuance, sale and award of the Note in accordance with the provisions hereof. The obligation represented by the Note has been appropriated and authorized by bond ordinance number 012-2026 of the Local Unit finally adopted by the Local Unit at a meeting duly called and held on June 22, 2026, which bond ordinance is entitled "BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 007-2026 HERETOFORE FINALLY ADOPTED ON MAY 26, 2026, BY THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION THEREIN TO \$7,500,000 AND TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS OR NOTES THEREIN TO \$7,500,000 AND TO INCREASE COSTS PROVIDED IN N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 THEREIN", at which time a quorum was present and acted throughout, all pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law and other applicable law.

Section 2. The Chief Financial Officer of the Local Unit (the "Chief Financial Officer") is hereby authorized to determine, in accordance with the Local Bond Law and pursuant to the terms and conditions hereof, (i) the final principal amount of the Note (subject to the maximum limitation set forth in Section 4(a) hereof), and (ii) the dated date of the Note.

Section 3. Any determination made by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to the terms hereof shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution and attestation of the Note by the parties authorized pursuant to Section 4(h) hereof.

Section 4. The Local Unit hereby determines that certain terms of the Note shall be as follows:

- (a) the principal amount of the Note to be issued shall be an amount up to \$4,900,000;
- (b) the maturity of the Note shall be as determined by the I-Bank;
- (c) the interest rate of the Note shall be as determined by the I-Bank;
- (d) the purchase price for the Note shall be par;
- (e) the Note shall be subject to prepayment prior to its stated maturity in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Note;
- (f) the Note shall be issued in a single denomination and shall be numbered "NJWB-CFP-2027-01";
- (g) the Note shall be issued in fully registered form and shall be payable to the registered owner

- (h) thereof as to both principal and interest in lawful money of the United States of America; and the Note shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer (collectively, the "Authorized Officers") under official seal or facsimile thereof affixed, imprinted, or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Local Unit Municipal Clerk.

Section 5. The Note shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 6. The law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. is hereby authorized to arrange for the printing of the Note, which law firm may authorize McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank for the Construction Financing Program, to arrange for same.

Section 7. The Authorized Officers of the Local Unit are hereby further severally authorized to (i) execute and deliver, and the Local Unit Municipal Clerk is hereby further authorized to attest to such execution and to affix, imprint or reproduce the corporate seal of the Local Unit to, any document, instrument or closing certificate deemed necessary, desirable or convenient by the Authorized Officers of the Local Unit, in their respective sole discretion, after consultation with counsel and any advisors to the Local Unit and after further consultation with the I-Bank and its representatives, agents, counsel and advisors, to be executed in connection with the issuance and sale of the Note and the participation of the Local Unit in the Construction Financing Program, which determination shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of each such certificate or other document by the party authorized hereunder to execute such certificate or other document, and (ii) perform such other actions as the Authorized Officers deem necessary, desirable or convenient in relation to the execution and delivery of the Note and the participation of the Local Unit in the Construction Financing Program.

Resolution #157-2026- Approval of New Year's Eve Bash

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING MAINSTREET HAMMONTON NEW YEARS EVE BASH

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton Organization 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, Thursday, December 31, 2026, is the scheduled date for the MainStreet Hammonton New Years Eve Bash from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, Mainstreet Hammonton is requesting

- Use of the Town Hall parking lot, and
- The closure of Central Avenue from Bellevue to 3rd Street
- The closure of Vine Street from Central Ave to the entrance of the parking lot behind Annata Wine Bar, from 7:00 p.m. December 31, 2026, to 1:30 a.m. on January 1st, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the Mainstreet Hammonton New Years Bash is acknowledged and endorsed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Hammonton will provide police assistance for this event.

Resolution #158-2026- Approval of Cornhole Tournament

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MainStreet Hammonton Cornhole Tournament

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton continues to promote the Town of Hammonton through events that support local businesses and attract visitors to various areas of the downtown; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council have historically supported the efforts of MainStreet Hammonton in organizing inclusive, family-friendly community events; and

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton has proposed the **2nd Annual Downtown Hammonton Amateur Cornament** to take place on **Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** on **Lincoln Street**; and

WHEREAS, this event is intended to activate Lincoln Street with friendly competition, community engagement, and increased foot traffic to adjacent businesses; and

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton has requested permission to **host two food trucks on-site** during the event to enhance the attendee experience, with no road closures required; and

WHEREAS, the presence of food trucks will require coordination and approval by the appropriate departments for safety, access, and adherence to town regulations;

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton has submitted an application for a **Social Affair Permit** through the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control to operate a designated beer garden during the event, subject to all required approvals; and

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton, like all other events, will coordinate with the **Hammonton Police Department and Chief of Police** regarding the operation and security of the beer garden to ensure that alcoholic beverages are served and consumed in a safe, controlled, and responsible manner and in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, and permit requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that **September 13, 2025**, is approved for the **MainStreet Hammonton**

Cornhole Tournament, including the request to host **two food trucks and a beer garden** on Lincoln Street as part of the event, and that the event is endorsed as a positive addition to the community calendar.

Resolution #159-2026- Amending Resolution 144 to add closure of Vine Street for Green Day Event

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #144-2026
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 and the closure of Vine Street from 11am to 4pm.

Resolution #160-2026- Authorize 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:

Peterongolo, Carmine	\$ 1,107.50	Refund Escrow
Campione, Allen	\$ 1,250.00	Refund Escrow, Permit

Resolution #161-2026- Award State Contract for Lighting and Equipment for new police vehicles

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT TO AWARD
PURCHASE OF POLICE LIGHTS & EQUIPMENT FOR NEW VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, there exists a need to install new lights and equipment on the new police vehicles; and

WHEREAS, after comparing the prices, a contract be to be awarded to Birch's Communications, LLC, Dorothy, NJ to install a new lights and equipment under state contracts #17-Fleet-00761, in the amount not to exceed \$116,032.76; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in ordinance #011-2026 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 Birch's Communications, LLC Dorothy, NJ: and

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 #; 17-Fleet-00761: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract is subject to the mutual acceptance of the appropriate contact documentation between Birch's Communications, LLC and the Town of Hammonton.

Resolution #162-2026- 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>
2103/13	Marcias, Alicia	614 N 3 rd Street	\$3,343.02	Refund/Change in Assessment

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 # 163-2026- Amending resolution # 137-2026 Green Acres Jake's Law Grant enabling resolution at Lake Park

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
GREEN ACRES PROGRAM
ENABLING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton has obtained a Green Acres grant of \$745,000.00 from the State to fund the following project(s):

#0113-25-028

Jake 's Law Playground at Hammonton Lake Park

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton THAT:

1. The mayor and/or municipal clerk of the above-named body or board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment(s) thereto with the State known as Jake's Law Playground at Hammonton Lake Park, and;
2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding, if a match is required, in the amount of \$248,334.00, and;
3. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project, and;

Resolution #164-2025- approval of Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day

Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day

WHEREAS, New Jersey is in the midst of a life-threatening opioid abuse epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey has designated October 6, 2026, as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day – an initiative with a multiple purposes: to raise awareness of the potential for dependency on prescribed pain medicine and its link to heroin and fentanyl use in our state; to reduce stigma of addiction and shine a light on the need for recovery support; and to communicate to physicians information on safer prescribing messages found in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for prescribing opioids, which include

considering other therapies, setting realistic treatment goals with patients and discussing with patients the positives and negatives of opioids; and

WHEREAS, the State Senate and General Assembly jointly resolved that October 6 shall be permanently designated as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day in New Jersey in order to raise awareness about the dangers of, and the link between, prescription opioid abuse and heroin addiction and to educate health care providers, community leaders, state lawmakers and members of the public about the opioid abuse epidemic and its effects throughout the State of New Jersey and across the country; and

WHEREAS, Join Together Atlantic County (JTAC) supports initiatives designed to raise awareness about opioid abuse in New Jersey and take steps to prevent addiction;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that October 6, 2026, be recognized as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day in the Town of Hammonton, New Jersey.

Resolution #165-2026- Request a time extension for Front Street NJ DOT Grant

**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 May 15, 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.

PUBLIC HEARD

MEETING ADJOURNED