

**Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council October 26, 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 #166-2026

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

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 September 28, 2026

Executive Minutes September 28, 2026

PRESENTATION

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

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. Grant extension will be requested for an additional six (6) months.

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

90% Complete

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

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.

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. Plans have been submitted to the County for their comments.

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. A pre-application meeting is scheduled for 10/27 with the NJDEP.

Route 54 Water Main Replacement Phase I – CA/CI (ARH #1130167.06): **60% 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 contractor is now installing long-side lateral services and closing in on Chew Road and 1st Road water main connections. The project is on schedule to be completed in early December.

Lakeview Gardens Watermain – Funding Support (ARH #1130172.02): **50% 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.

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**

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.

Jake's Law Park (ARH #1190037.01): **80% Complete**

Bids were received on 10/22, and we recommend awarding the contract to Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC. We are anticipating beginning construction in December (weather dependent). Construction management for this project was previously awarded.

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. The equipment for the fitness court is approved to be purchased by 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.

Mazza Muffler Site / 104 S. Egg Harbor Road (ARH #1101102.04):

Ongoing

We continue to work with the site LSRP performing site investigation and monitoring.

Skinner Property / 317 N. Egg Harbor Road (ARH #P2022.0424):

Ongoing

We continue to execute the project tasks, staying in close coordination with the Town and NJDEP.

Celona Site Remediation - 130 Railroad Avenue (ARH #1101054.06):

Ongoing

We continue to execute the project tasks, staying in close coordination with the Town and NJDEP.

Octagon Oil/Vine Street Parking Lot (ARH #1101060.23):

Ongoing

We are preparing a proposal to perform additional work based on DEP's RAP application review.

SOLICITOR REPORT

MAYOR REPORT

Public Works Report

Town Public Works Schedule for November

Bulky waste pickup – will be from November 2nd through the 6th.

Brush pickup – will be November 9th through the 13th.

Trash pickup for Election Day Tuesday November 3rd- Will occur on Wednesday November 4th

Trash pickup for Veterans Day Holiday on Monday November 11th – Will occur on Tuesday November 12th.

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

The County Recycling pickup – November 9th to the 13th, and November 23rd through the 28th. There will be no collation on Thanksgiving Day November 26th

TOWN CLERK REPORT

1. Approval of the Best Practices Inventory Questionnaire from the State of New Jersey regarding the Town's State Aid.
2. Approval to Hire effective Fredrick Mauro as the plumbing sub code official. Hourly rate \$45.00, 8 hours per week effective October 26.
3. Approval to move Abby Mauriello from her part-time position as a dispatcher to full-time, salary per contract, single benefits effective Monday October 31st.
4. Approval to Hire Daniel Gleason as a class 2 officer for the Police Department retroactive to October 15th. Hourly rate per contract, no benefits.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #167-2026- Approval of place-to-place Transfer of CAP 25 LLC Liquor license

Transfer of Liquor License Place to Place (In pocket)

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a place-to-place (in Pocket) transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License 0113-33-022-015;

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 has revealed 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 place-to-place transfer (In pocket) of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License Located at 500 North Egg Harbor Road Hammonton, NJ 08037, to 236 Bellevue Avenue 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 500 North Egg Harbor Road Hammonton, NJ 08037 (n pocket) to 236 Bellevue Avenue, Hammonton, NJ 08037.

Resolution #168-2026- designating Italian Heritage Month

Designating Italian Heritage Month

WHEREAS, Italian Americans have made significant and lasting contributions to the history, culture, economy, and civic life of the United States, the State of New Jersey, and communities throughout our nation; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is home to one of the largest Italian American populations in the United States, whose traditions of family, faith, hard work, service, and community have enriched the character of our state; and

WHEREAS, generations of Italian Americans have made significant contributions to the growth and vitality of the Town of Hammonton and the surrounding region through business, education, public service, the arts, charitable endeavors, and civic involvement; and

WHEREAS, October is nationally recognized as Italian American Heritage and Culture Month, providing an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of Italian Americans while honoring the history, language, traditions, and cultural heritage of Italy; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton recognizes the importance of preserving and sharing the rich cultural traditions that contribute to the diversity and strength of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT Resolved, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, hereby recognize and proclaim

OCTOBER AS ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Resolution #169-2026- Approval of Green Acres Lake Park Improvements Enabling Resolution

State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Green Acres Program

Enabling Resolution

Whereas, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("States"), 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 desires to further the public interest by obtaining a Green Acres grant of \$600,000 and a loan in the amount of \$150,000 from the State to fund the following project(s);

#0113-26-046

Hammonton Lake Park Rec. Improvements

Now, Therefore, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton That;

1. The mayor and/or Town Clerk of the Town of Hammonton is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment(s) thereto with the State known as Hammonton Lake Park Rec, Improvements #0113-26-04, and;
2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share of the Green Acres funding, if a match is required, in the amount of \$450,000, 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;

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution #170-2026- Authorize State contract for Road Program to JMC Excavating

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT TO AWARD
ROAD PAVING AND UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE**

WHEREAS, there exists a need to pave and install new infrastructure on streets in the Town of Hammonton;
and

WHEREAS, after comparing the prices, a contract be to be awarded to JCM Plumbing, Heating & Excavating Inc., Hammonton, NJ to pave and install infrastructure on streets, under state contracts #VOO118890, in the amount not to exceed \$125,000; 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 JCM Plumbing, Heating & Excavating Inc., Hammonton: 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 #VOO118890: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract is subject to the mutual acceptance of the appropriate contact documentation between JCM Plumbing, Heating & Excavating Inc., Hammonton, NJ and the Town of Hammonton.

Resolution #171-2026- Award State Contract for Road Program to Benjamin Construction

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT TO AWARD
ROAD PAVING AND UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE**

WHEREAS, there exists a need to pave and install new infrastructure on streets in the Town of Hammonton;
and

WHEREAS, after comparing the prices, a contract be to be awarded to Benjamin Construction, 429 9th Street Newtonville, NJ for paving and installing infrastructure on streets, under state contracts #VOO18876, in the amount not to exceed \$30,000; 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 Benjamin Construction, 429 9th Street Newtonville: 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 #VOO18876: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract is subject to the mutual acceptance of the appropriate contact documentation between Benjamin Construction, 429 9th Street Newtonville, NJ and the Town of Hammonton.

Resolution #172-2026- approval of Various Refunds

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON
AUTHORIZING VARIOUS REFUNDS**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the following refunds/close out of accounts are authorized as approved by the respective Department Heads of the Town of Hammonton:

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\$ 1,532.50

Refund COAH Fee

Resolution #173-2026- Appoint Fund Commissioner and Alternate Fund Commissioner for Statewide Fund

Appointing Statewide Insurance Fund Commissioner and Alternate fund Commissioner

**STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND
RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER**

WHEREAS, The Town of Hammonton (hereinafter "Local Unit") is a member of the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter "Fund"), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Fund's Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Fund Commissioner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Town of Hammonton that **Frank Zuber** is hereby appointed as the Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the **Fund Year 2027**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that **Denise Mazzeo** is hereby appointed as the Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for **the Fund Year 2027**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Unit's Fund Commissioner is authorized and directed to execute all such documents as required by the Fund.

Resolution #174-2026 - Authorizing purchase of Equipment through the National Fitness Campaign

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF FITNESS COURT
EQUIPMENT THROUGH NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN**

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Town of Hammonton to make certain capital purchases;
and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton received a \$40,000.00 grant from the National Grant from the NFC Grant Committee and Statewide Partners for an outdoor fitness court as part of the 2026 National Fitness Campaign;
and

WHEREAS, the Town's Qualified Purchasing Agent has reviewed and approved the quote for fitness court equipment at Hammonton Lake Park from National Fitness Campaign LP of San Francisco, California; and

WHEREAS, National Fitness Campaign LP is the only company that:

- (a) is authorized to and will provide a \$40,000.00 grant to offset the cost;
- (b) makes the subject equipment; and
- (c) makes the app that is specific to the subject equipment, as set forth on the letter from National Fitness Campaign LP, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, this proposal is being awarded without public advertising pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.1 et seq., Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton believes this project, because of its unique nature, is defined as an extraordinary unspecifiable service and as such is not subject to competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, National Fitness Campaign LP has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that National Fitness Campaign LP has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Town in the previous one year, and that their contract will prohibit National Fitness Campaign LP from making any reportable contributions through the term of their contract;
and

WHEREAS, the Town has certified the availability of funds to allow the award of contract for the purchase herein authorized and has certified that adequate funds have been appropriated for these purposes from Capital Improvement Bond Ordinance #014-2026.

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

1. The allegations of the preamble are incorporated herein by this reference.

2. The Mayor & Council Committee of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, New Jersey hereby authorizes the purchase of fitness court equipment at Hammonton Lake Park from National Fitness Campaign LP of San Francisco, California in the amount of \$139,050.00 with funds from 2026 Capital Improvement Bond Ordinance #014-2026.

3. The mayor and/or Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute all necessary documents to implement the intent of this Resolution.

Resolution #175-2026- Request time extension for the 13th Street Roadway Project

Requested time extension for NJDOT Grant LA-2025 MA Hammonton Town Thirteenth Street Roadway and Drainage Improvements

Resolution Requesting a Six (6) Month Time Extension for Project Award for use of the NJDOT Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 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-2025, \$229,190.00 dated November 13, 2024, 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 established by the NJDOT, and

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

- Property line issues with neighbors affecting the scope of work.
- Easement issues outside of the Town's Right-of-Way

FURTHERMORE, The Town is requesting a six (6) month time extension on the award for the FY-2025 project funds until May 13, 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 # 176-2026- Award Contract to Thinks Pavers for Jake's Law Playground Project

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO THINK PAVERS HARDSCAPING, LLC FOR THE HAMMONTON
LAKE PARK JAKE’S LAW INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND PROJECT**

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2026, the Town of Hammonton received public bids for the project known as *Hammonton Lake Park Jake’s Law Inclusive Playground*; and

WHEREAS, seven (7) bids were received from a pool of seven (7) contractors who picked up bid documents; and

WHEREAS, the apparent low bidder, Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC of 125 Kings Highway, Mount Royal, NJ 08061, submitted a **total Base Bid of \$757,884.00**; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer, ARH Associates, has reviewed the bid proposal and tabulated results, finding them to be complete, legally responsive, and representative of the type and quantity of the proposed work; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) permits the award of a contract to the lowest responsible bidder under a fair and open competitive process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that the contract for the Base Bid of the Hammonton Lake Park Jake’s Law Inclusive Playground project is hereby awarded to Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC for the total contract amount of \$757,884.00, subject to the following final conditions:

1. Review and final written approval of the bid documentation by the Town Solicitor.
2. Certification of the Availability of Funds by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. Formal written concurrence on the award of the contract by the Green Acres Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the final contract documents upon satisfaction of the conditions listed above.

Resolution #177-2026- 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 2026 Budget appropriations effective November 1, 2026:

CURRENT FUND

From:	Computer- Operating Expense	\$ 8,000.00
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To:	Finance- Operating Expense	\$ 2,000.00
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To:	Recreation – Operating Expense	\$ 6,000.00
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PUBLIC HEARD

MEETING ADJOURNED