

Minutes Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council – January 26, 2015  
Town Hall Council Chambers, 100 Central Avenue  
Executive Session 6:30 P.M.  
Public Session 7:00 P.M.  
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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Councilman:  
Furgione - Present  
Gribbin - Present  
Pullia - Present  
Rodio – Present  
Torrissi – Entered during executive session  
Wuillermin - Present  
Mayor DiDonato - Present

PRESENT ALSO

Brian Howell, Town Solicitor  
Jerry Barberio, PWM/Business Administrator

Executive Session #R018-2015

#R018-2015

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton that, in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act,” an Executive Session is authorized on this below adopted date, for the purpose of discussing and/or acting upon:

1. Bellevue Properties Litigation
2. School Resource Officer
3. COAH
4. Garfield DeMarco
5. Bid Rejection – Fuel
6. Lot Consolidation/Mary Joan Wyatt
7. DEP/ACO

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of any matters discussed in Executive Session shall be released to the public as soon as reasonably possible after Mayor and Council conclude that the basis for exclusion of the public ceases to exist.

Motion by Councilperson Pullia, seconded by Councilperson Furgione, the resolution is adopted.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:  
Furgione - Yes  
Gribbin - Yes  
Pullia - Yes  
Rodio – Yes  
Torrissi - Yes  
Wuillermin - Yes  
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Present  
Gribbin - Present  
Pullia - Present  
Rodio – Present  
Torrissi - Present  
Wuillermin - Present  
Mayor DiDonato - Present

PRESENT ALSO

Brian Howell, Town Solicitor  
Bob Vettese of ARH, Town Engineer  
Jerry Barberio, PWM/Business Administrator

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE – FORMER MAYOR LOUIS DEMARCO

PUBLIC HEARD FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

No one desired to be heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Executive Session 12/15/14  
Regular Meeting 12/15/14

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, the minutes are approved.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Abstain  
Gribbin – Yes for the portion of the meeting he attended  
Pullia - Yes  
Rodio – Yes  
Torrissi - Abstain  
Wuillermin - Yes  
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Re-Organization Meeting 1/5/15

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Furgione, the minutes are approved.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes  
Gribbin – Yes  
Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes  
Torrissi - Yes  
Wuillermin - Yes  
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS  
Lions Club Presentation – Loretta Rehmann

Hearing Ordinance #001-2015 Amend Composition of Police Department

Ordinance #001-2015

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING Chapter 51-1 C and D

Composition of Police Department

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey that Chapter 51-1 C is amended as follows:

Two Lieutenants, who shall have the duties as prescribed by the Chief of Police, the ordinances of the Town of Hammonton and by the statutes of the State of New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Chapter 51-1 D is amended as follows:

Five Sergeants, who shall have the duties as prescribed by the Chief of Police, the ordinances of the Town of Hammonton and by the statutes of the State of New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that, the remaining portions of chapter 51-1 shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that, all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication according to law.

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Gribbin, the ordinance is taken up for second reading and public hearing. Motion carried.

No one desired to be heard.

Motion by Councilperson Rodio, seconded by Councilperson Wuillermin, the hearing is closed, the ordinance is passed second reading and adopted.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

## Appoint Permanent Police Sergeant-Donald Kunen at Prevailing Salary

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, appoint Donald Kunen, Police Sergeant, effective 1/26/15 at contractual salary.

### ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

### Oath of Office - Police Sergeant

### Presentation Fire Truck – Chief Michael Ruberton

### COMMITTEE REPORTS (Committees as of January 5, 2015 Re-Organization)

#### Administration - Councilman Gribbin

Department Head Re-Organization Meeting

2015 will hold quarterly Administration Committee Meetings with Department Heads

Reported on Distillery Lease that will be taken up under Solicitor report

Report on ACIA meeting concerning economic issues Atlantic County Municipalities will be facing

#### Business & Industry- Councilman Furgione

Report on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday & Celebration and Grand Openings

Report on Hammonton Revitalization

Downtown cleanup March 21

Report on Mainstreet Design Plan

2015 Major Award Winners

First Meeting of Uptown District this Thursday

#### Education - Councilman Torrissi

Report on Board of Education matters

Report on Stockton College Matters

#### Public Works & Transportation- Councilman Rodio

Defer Action Items to Engineer Report

Report on roadway opening ordinance revisions

Report on Chew Road drainage

Defer snow event report to PWM

#### Quality of Life – Councilman Pullia

Report on status of dog parks

Report on improvements to lake park made by Kiwanis Club

Report on Sesquicentennial Committee (which he will refer to as 150th Anniversary Committee)

#### Water & Sewer – Councilman Wuillermin

Defer Action Items to Respective Professionals

Report on Lincoln Street upgrades and site remediation

Relocation of telecommunication equipment currently located at Lincoln Street Facility  
Report Boyer Avenue Drip Irrigation which will be presented by PWM/BA this evening

PWM/BA Report

January 26/27 Snow Report

Approx. 360 lane miles of roads, municipal airport runway, taxiway and tarmac, TH/Train Station and other sidewalks, several municipal parking lots.

Subsurface Drip Irrigation Presentation

Airport Lighting Project Report

Runway Closed Day and Night from 1/19 to 1/30

Project is 65% Complete

23 Days Remaining

Substantial Completion approx. 1/30 (weather permitting)

Administration Committee Quarterly Meeting

Quarterly Safety Meetings

ENGINEER REPORT

**SEWER & WATER ACTION ITEM:**

**1. Pratt, Packard, Grape & Second Street Utility Replacement (ARH #11-40046 ~ P2014.0767):**

Packard Street

Utilities – All utilities have been installed on this street.

Concrete – All concrete work has been installed along this street.

Paving – Base course paving has been completed. Top course paving will occur in the spring.

Grape Street

Utilities – All utilities have been installed on this street.

Concrete – All concrete work has been installed along this street.

Paving – Base course paving has been completed. Top course paving will occur in the spring.

Second Street

Utilities – All utilities have been installed on this street.

Concrete – Concrete work is ongoing along this roadway. It is anticipated that all concrete work will be completed by December 12, 2014.

Paving - Base course paving has been completed. Top course paving will occur in the spring.

Pratt Street

Utilities – The Contractor has begun the sanitary sewer and water replacement as well as the storm sewer installations. The Contractor is currently working between Third Street and the limit just past Mt. Carmel Lane. The Contractor's current schedule has all utility work scheduled to be completed by the end of February.

Concrete – It is anticipated that this work will occur in the spring.

Paving – It is anticipated that this work will occur in the spring.

During the water main replacement along Grape and Second Streets the Contractor had difficulties obtaining control on the existing water system. Basically they were unable to completely close the older valves on the system. As a result a number of additional items (insertion valves, wet taps, gate valves, etc.) were required to be added to the contract. Additionally, there were a number of water service laterals that did not require installation along Peach Street since the house laterals were already tapped into the existing 12" main, therefore allowing certain items to be deducted from the Contract. We have quantified all items added and/or removed from the Contract for this work and it results in an additional \$4,700.00 needing to be added to the Contract as Change Order #7. Please note the additional funds can come from the contingency line item of Loan 0113001-009.

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, approve Change Order #7 totaling \$4,700.00 to cover increases in project due to control issues on the existing water main along Grape and Second Streets.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

**2. Valley Avenue Utility Replacement (ARH #11-30159 ~ P2014.0753):**

As authorized last meeting, ARH survey crews have been gathering locations and elevations along the project route in order to prepare base plans for design purposes.

We have also received price quotes to complete the following two tasks as authorized:

- By-pass pumping, cleaning, video inspection and report of the sanitary sewer main.
- Completion of Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) investigation of the sanitary sewer to try and determine the extent of the concrete encased pipe.

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Torrissi, the pipe cleaning and video contract be awarded to Video Pipe of Newfield, NJ for a total of \$24,033.00.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, the GPR investigating contract be awarded to ACER of West Berlin, NJ for a half day price of \$675.00 and a full day price of \$1,175.00 for a total contract value not to exceed \$1,850.00.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

**3. NJDEP ACO Modifications (ARH #11-30155):**

The NJDEP Division of Southern Enforcement has issued an amended ACO for Council's consideration and action. The following items were part of the amended ACO. A copy of the letter dated 1/15/15 from NJDEP is attached to this report:

- Conditions attached to the licensed operator succession plan as presented by the Town.
- Assessment of penalty related to failure to sample for VOC's during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2014 and provide proper notice of same.

The NJDEP indicates that the Mayor and Council must accept and authorize the Mayor to sign the amended ACO within 14 days of receipt of the letter or by January 29, 2015.

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Pullia, approve amended ACO with stipulated conditions and authorize signature by the Mayor for return by 1/29/15 and authorize payment of DEP reduced fine in the amount of \$2750.00.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS ACTION ITEMS:**

**4. Roadway Opening Ordinance Revisions (ARH #P2014.0715):**

As discussed at the last Council meeting, we have reviewed and will work with the Town Solicitor related to providing revisions to the present Roadway Opening Ordinance which is contained within several articles of Chapter 247 of the General Town Code entitled "Streets and Sidewalks". We have already completed a substantial portion of the work to include the items of concern expressed by Council. We were requested to hold approval of this item for Council's consideration in this year's budget. We would estimate a cost of \$1,160.00 to complete the following tasks as requested:

1. For work complete to date and additional modifications of the various ordinance articles of Chapter 247 to comply with current restoration standards.
2. Meeting with Town Solicitor to finalize revisions discussed with the PWTC for introduction later this year.

Motion by Councilperson Rodio, seconded by Councilperson Wuillermin, approve ARH proposal/cost to complete the requested work as detailed above for a cost not to exceed \$1,160.00 and issue the Purchase Order required for same.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

**5. First Road/Chew Road Drainage Improvements (ARH #11-60207):**

As reported to Council at previous meetings, we have divided the project into various phases for construction consideration. At the last PWTC, we reviewed the construction phases with the members and was advised to complete the following:

- Contact the owner of Block 1103, Lot 4 to review the proposed drainage improvements and request the need for a drainage easement from the affected property owner. That meeting was scheduled to occur on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.
- Supply a proposal to Mayor and Council to finalize the design plans for Phase 1A and 1B, submit a roadway opening permit application to Atlantic County, complete construction specifications, construction quantities and cost estimates, etc. to move the project forward.
- Phase 2 improvements could be completed at a later date as required.

We have provided a proposal dated 1/20/15 for Council's consideration.

Motion by Councilperson Rodio, seconded by Councilperson Torrissi, approve ARH proposal dated 1/20/15 for the work described therein and authorize the issuance of a purchase order for said work in the amount of \$8,250.00.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**6. Weymouth Road Drainage (ARH #11-06007):**

We have made a resubmission of the design plans of the County for review. If deemed acceptable, we will proceed with contacting the affected property owners to acquire the easement or rights-of-entry related to the project improvements. We will keep Council informed of further progress.

**7. Hammonton Bike Path Extension (ARH #2014.0309): No Status Change**

The NJDOT has allotted \$230,000.00 to the Town to complete a bike path extension from the NJ Transit Station to Hammonton Lake Park. The Mayor and Town Council has received the NJDOT notice of grant approval to have the project under contract for construction within 18 months or by December 2015. **Any appropriating funding ordinance to be considered by Council within this year's budget** must include the following items:

- ~ Total estimated project construction costs.
- ~ Construction survey, design and permitting.
- ~ Construction management.
- ~ Police protection and miscellaneous.
- ~ Administrative, legal, bond counsel, etc.

Possible bond amount \$275,000.00 to \$300,000.00



We will present our survey and design proposal to Council once funding is established for all or part of the project. We will await Council's direction as to how to proceed.

**8. Lakeview Drive and White Horse Pike (ARH #11-60202.03):**

The contractor has completed all the site construction work along with the punchlist items. The contractor has supplied the project Maintenance Bond which was approved by the Town's Risk Manager, therefore, the final payment check was released to the contractor as approved by Council. The final project construction total was \$223,295.50 which reflects a cost reduction of \$38,989.50 from the original contract award price of \$262,285.00. We are preparing the paperwork for final project reimbursement from the NJDOT. The Town will be eligible for reimbursement of certain portions of the construction inspection costs since all the Discretionary Aid funds totaling \$247,000.00 were not used as a result of the final project construction costs.

**9. Curb/Sidewalk Waiver Ordinance Revisions (P2014.0714):**

ARH is working with the Town Solicitor to incorporate the curb and sidewalk ordinance revisions into the Roadway Opening Ordinance Chapter #247 which should be ready for introduction late this year with the Roadway Opening Ordinance revisions once authorized by Council.

**SEWER AND WATER INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**10. White Horse Pike/Cedar Branch Stream Water Main Replacement (P2014-0251):**

As authorized last meeting, we have begun the work related to the project and will keep Council informed of further progress.

**11. 2015 Fiscal Year, NJEIFP Projects Underground Drip Irrigation (ARH #11-01088):**

As authorized last meeting, ARH has been working with the Town's Business Administrator to revise the design plans as requested. We will also be providing the Pinelands Commission with an update on the construction schedule and product purchase as required by the agreement.

**12. Well #1 / Well #3 – Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's) (ARH# 11-30155.03):**

The contractor is continuing work at the site. The contractor has completed demolition work of the center portion of the existing building along with the following interior construction work:

- Required underground piping to provide for placement of the filter units.
- Delivery and begin installation of the two (2) existing and two (2) new filter units.
- Repair work to the inner casing of Well #1 and redevelopment of the well.
- Construction of a portion of the exterior wall on the Wawa side of the site.

We have prepared the monthly progress report to the NJDEP as required by the ACO. We have noted within that report of the possible need for a time extension request due to the delay in the delivery of the two (2) new filter units and inability of the contractor to continue with outside block and mortar work due to cold weather. The NJDEP has recognized the possibility of force majeure items related to these issues.

**13. South Jersey Gas Site Remediation Lincoln Street, Chemical Building Relocation (ARH #14.0336):**

As authorized by Council and approved by SJ Gas, ARH is continuing with the design work related to the relocation of the components of the Chemical Feed Building at the Lincoln Street site into the renovated Main Water Department building. As reported, some of the work required includes the demolition of the existing circular building closest to 12<sup>th</sup> Street. This demolition will require AT&T to relocate their proposed equipment into a portion of the main Water Department building.

We have reviewed the conceptual sketches for this relocation with the Water Superintendent and PWTC, along with AT&T and SJ Gas Co. representatives. We would estimate the cost to complete this renovation work (construction costs only) to be approximately \$250,000.00. Once designed, we will have an itemized construction cost estimate for Council's consideration.

As requested by the PWTC, we have requested a meeting with SJ Gas, their consultants, representatives from Verizon, T-Mobile and Town officials to discuss the costs for these various site and building improvements and how funding for same will be established to pay for same.

The Town Solicitor has also been in contact with the legal representatives from SJ Gas to discuss the items that must be established within the agreement between the two entities. Our office and the Solicitor will keep Council informed of further progress on the agreement. We will also be discussing a time frame for SJ Gas to conduct a public information session related to their remediation effort to be completed at the Lincoln Avenue site. We will keep Council informed of further progress.

**14. Boyer Avenue Pinelands Compliance, Long Term Wastewater Management Plan I&I Study (ARH #11-50142)(ARH Proposals 0504 & 0594):**

As authorized by Council, our Survey Department will be working with Jerry Barberio to obtain the field locations and plot an as-built plan for the Overland area of Drip Irrigation once weather permits.

**15. SJ Gas Remediation Lincoln Avenue Water Department Structure Relocations (ARH #P2014-0337):**

We have prepared two (2) sketches for the relocation of the older Water Department Garage, Storage Shed and Material Storage Bins presently situated at the Lincoln Avenue site to alternate locations since they will be demolished in conjunction with the SJ Gas site remediation effort. We have reviewed the sketches with the Superintendent and PWTC and they appear satisfactory. We prepared a cost estimate for the following associated with each of the buildings at the Lincoln Avenue location for consideration by SJ Gas:

- Cost to complete the survey, design, site plan, permitting work for the two sites and various structures.
- Replacement values for the various buildings and storage structures.
- Cost to complete project bids, award, construction management, administrative, and reimbursement requests.
- Cost to complete the construction of said replacement buildings, site work, etc.

The various cost estimates were also reviewed with the PWTC and provided to the Town Solicitor to formulate into an agreement between SJ Gas and the Town. This agreement will be required in order for the project components to move forward. We forwarded the conceptual sketches, cost estimates and a general narrative related to the present uses that will need replacement to Ken Sheppard at SJ Gas. He could now begin the process of discussions with his staff, consultants, SJ Gas Board and their attorney related to this matter. The SJ Gas consultant has contacted our office and has requested additional information so that they could properly evaluate the conceptual sketches, cost estimates, etc. provided by the Town to complete the building relocation work.

Once they have completed their review, this will be incorporated into the items of discussion and then entered into the agreement between the two parties. ARH has continued to work on this project without finalization of the agreement in order to keep the process moving.

**16. Fourth Street Water Tank, Verizon Antennae Placement Request (ARH #11-30156):**

*We have reviewed a set of conceptual design plans for antennae and emergency generator placement by Verizon at the Fourth Street water tank site. We have reviewed the conceptual plans with the Superintendent and the PWTC. We have also obtained a report from MBA, a tank construction and painting consultant related to their review of the Verizon report and plans. Before proceeding as discussed with the PWTC some additional questions and conditions will need to be provided by Verizon for consideration in any resubmission back to the Town. Verizon will also need to replenish their escrow account with the Town. We will keep Council informed of further progress.*

Motion by Councilperson Furgione, seconded by Councilperson Gribbin, authorize agreement contingent upon Solicitor approval.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

#R029-2015 Appointment of David Scheidegg as Alternate Engineer-Pizzo-Brown Project

RESOLUTION #R029– 2015

RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN **ALTERNATE ENGINEER** FOR THE CONTINUANCE  
OF THE PIZZO–BROWN PROJECT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 provides for an Open and Fair Process through Requests for Proposals, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services", must be publicly advertised.

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

That David Scheidegg of Schaeffer, Nassar, Scheidegg Consulting Engineers LLC is hereby appointed as **ALTERNATE ENGINEER** for the Pizzo Brown Project.

That the Alternate Engineer has agreed to provide engineering services at the following rates:

Principal Engineer/Planner	\$140.00
Resident Engineer	\$130.00
Design Engineer	\$100.00
Project Manager	\$120.00
Project Planner	\$100.00
Licensed Surveyor	\$115.00
Survey Coordinator	\$ 95.00
Field Survey Crew (3 Man)	\$165.00
Field Survey Crew (2 Man)	\$150.00
S. Environmental Scientist	\$ 95.00
Landscape Designer	\$ 85.00
Senior Construction Inspector	\$ 95.00
Construction Inspector	\$ 75.00
AutoCad Operator/Designer	\$ 85.00
AutoCad Operator/Drafter	\$ 70.00
Technical Assistant	\$ 55.00
Project Clerical	\$ 42.00
Expert Testimony	\$200.00

The Alternate Engineer term of contract is effective November 1, 2014 to project completion.

That the Alternate Engineer shall be available as consultant to the Officials of the Town of Hammonton and render such services as may be necessary during contract term.

That this contract is awarded as a "Professional Service", under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Laws and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law.

That the attached certification showing availability of funds and specifying the exact line item appropriations which shall be charged is incorporated herein and attached hereto as though set forth herein in verbatim.

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, authorize continuance of professional contract for Pizzo-Brown Project.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Three-Way Stop – Packard and Grape

Motion by Councilperson Pullia, seconded by Councilperson Gribbin, authorize a purchase order to Dixon Associates in the amount of \$2500 to perform traffic study for three way stop at Packard and Grape.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Traffic Signal – Route 30 and Fairview

Town Leases (discussed earlier)

Distillery Lease

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin, seconded by Councilperson Wuillermin, authorize Distillery Lease contingent upon Solicitor review.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes  
Wuillermin - Yes  
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Revaluations  
Sludge Agreement with County

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, authorize sludge agreement contingent upon Solicitor approval.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:  
Furgione - Yes  
Gribbin - Yes  
Pullia - Yes  
Rodio – Yes  
Torrissi - Yes  
Wuillermin - Yes  
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

#R027-2015 Reject Gasoline Bids/Release Bid Bond

RESOLUTION #R027-2015  
REJECTION OF FUEL BIDS DUE TO LACK OF COMPLIANCE

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton (“Town”) solicited bids from private entities to supply the Town’s gasoline and diesel fuel needs for various Town vehicles; and

WHEREAS’ the bid package set forth explicit terms and conditions for the submission of bids and specifically indicated that the bid submissions were to include a Bid Bond and a Consent of Surety to provide a performance bond; and

WHEREAS, two bids were received. Those entities submitting bids were Wendt, Inc. d/b/a Al & Rich’s and Hammonton Fuel Stop, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, one bid failed to include a Bid Bond or Consent of Surety (Wendt, Inc. d/b/a Al & Rich’s) and the other bid (Hammonton Fuel Stop, Inc) failed to contain the Consent of Surety which, as specified in *N.J.S.A 40A:11-23.2* shall constitute a fatal defect rendering the bid proposal unresponsive. Such a deficiency is incapable of cure pursuant to the aforesaid statutory section; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the defects cited above, the Town has decided to abandon the project which provided a basis for the submitted bids and which decision pursuant to *N.J.S.A 40A:11-13.2(c)* provides an additional basis for the rejection of bids.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ON THIS 26th day of January, 2015 resolved as follows:

1. For the reasons set forth in the preamble hereinabove the Town resolves to reject the bids submitted in response to the fuel bid solicitation.
2. That the Purchasing Agent is authorized to release Bid Bond Check 52248693-3 in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Gribbin, the resolution is adopted.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

#R028-2015 Release Maintenance Bond-Pulte

RESOLUTION #R028-2015

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PULTE MAINTENCE BOND UPON PAYMENT OF  
\$25,000.00

WHEREAS, the Town is in possession of a maintenance bond in the amount of \$35,600.00 posted by PULTE associated with deficient yard drains at various properties throughout the development known as Traditions at Blueberry Ridge; and

WHEREAS, following negotiations between the municipal Solicitor and the attorney for PULTE, an agreement was reached regarding a release of funds to address and correct those deficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the Town continues to be in possession of the maintenance bond; and

WHEREAS, the Town and PULTE wish to resolve and conclude all issues associated with said bond.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ON THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2015 resolved that:

1. The municipal clerk be and hereby is authorized to release the bond upon receiving confirmation of receipt of settlement proceeds in the amount of \$25,000.00 from PULTE which would be utilized to correct the deficiencies. .

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, the resolution is adopted.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Appointments

Appoint Linda Byrnes (Planning Board/Board of Education Class IV Member-4 year term)  
Accept Resignation of June Wroblewski Class C Historic Preservation Committee & Senior Committee  
Report on meeting with Atlantic County

TOWN CLERK REPORT

1. Approve Municipal Utility Department Superintendent 2014-2017 Contract
2. Approve Aetna Life Insurance Renewal Eff 3/1/15 at 1.87 per employee (no increase)
3. Approve Metlife Dental Renewal Eff 3/1/15 with 4.6% increase  
 (reduced from original increase of 10% negotiated down after receiving alternate quotes)

	<u>Current Rates PPO</u>	<u>Renewal Rates PPO</u>
S	\$21.31	\$23.12
P/C	\$44.17	\$47.92
P +2	\$81.30	\$88.19
E/S	\$44.17	\$47.92
F	\$81.30	\$88.19

	<u>Current Rates HMO</u>	<u>Renewal Rates HMO</u>
S	\$19.27	\$20.43
P/C	\$38.51	\$40.82
P +2	\$38.51	\$40.82
E/S	\$36.59	\$38.79
F	\$56.71	\$58.18

4. Accept Jr. Firefighter Angelica Torres Fire Co. #1
5. Approve N.J. Transit use of property agreement contingent upon Solicitor approval  
 (approved under Solicitor Report)
6. Accept Resignation Pam DiGerolamo, Municipal Court Dept., eff 2/2/15

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin, seconded by Councilperson Furgione, town clerk report items 1-6, excluding 5 are approved.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:  
 Furgione - Yes  
 Gribbin - Yes  
 Pullia - Yes  
 Rodio - Yes  
 Torrissi - Yes  
 Wuillermin - Yes  
 Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

APPROVE BILL LIST & PURCHASE ORDERS

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin, seconded by Councilperson Wuillermin, the bill list and purchase orders are approved for January 2015.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:  
 Furgione - Yes  
 Gribbin - Yes  
 Pullia - Yes  
 Rodio - Yes (Recused on White Star only)  
 Torrissi - Yes  
 Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

Introduction Ordinance #002-2015 Amend Chapter 53-4 Titles Utility Dept.

ORDINANCE #002 - 2015  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 53-4  
SUBORDINATE POSITIONS CREATED FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT CHAPTER 53-4 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

There shall be created positions for existing employees as well as future employees in the Department of Public Utilities per NJ CSC Rules and Regulations and NJ DEP Succession Plan.

Title Code 07187	Sewer Repairer2/Water Repairer 2/Sr Water Treatment Plant Operator
Title Code 07123	Sewer Repairer1/Water Repairer 1/Water Treatment Plant Operator
Title Code 10053	Water Treatment Plant Operator Apprentice
Title Code 02248	Laborer 1

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that, the remaining portions of chapter 53-4 shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that, all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication according to law.

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin, seconded by Councilperson Wuillermin, the ordinance is taken up for, passed first reading and given legal publication.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Introduction Ordinance #003-2015 Salary Ordinance Municipal Utility Sup't

ORDINANCE # 003-2015  
AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY OF THE  
MUNICIPAL UTILITY DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT



BE IT ORDAINED BY MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to negotiated contract with the Town of Hammonton, and the Town Code, the salary, boot allowance, education stipend, cell phone reimbursement, sick time, vacation time, personal time, comp time, and holidays shall apply to the Municipal Utility Department Superintendent for the contract term 2014-2017. Salary minimums and maximum as follows:

	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
Municipal Utility Sup't	\$91,410.00	\$102,906.00

Section 2. The appropriate salary that each employee covered under this contract shall be paid will be determined by the language contained in the aforementioned contract. No prior contract language or language contained in the prior salary ordinance shall be applicable for purposes of determining the salary level.

Section 3. There shall be added as a longevity increment for each full-time employee as negotiated and set forth in the contract.

Section 4. The method of payment of the salaries to each employee shall be fixed by resolution by Mayor and Council.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication according to law and its provisions shall be retroactive to January 1, 2014.

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Pullia, the ordinance is taken up for, passed first reading and given legal publication.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#R019-2015 Appoint Assessor as Agent for Hammonton

RESOLUTION #019-2015

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ASSESSOR AS AGENT FOR TOWN OF HAMMONTON

WHEREAS, from time to time the Assessor discovers an error in calculation, transposing, measurement, computer of typographical errors in the Tax Assessments on the Tax List after the time the County Board of Taxation has certified the tax rate for the tax year; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Taxing District of the Town of Hammonton is desirous that every taxpayer pays their fair share of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the method of correcting such errors is to file a Petition of appeal for the current year with the Atlantic County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the error was not caused by the taxpayer.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Town of Hammonton that the Assessor is hereby authorized to act as an agent for the Taxing District and file a Petition of Appeal(s) for the **year 2015** with the Atlantic County Board of Taxation to correct such errors; and

That a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Hammonton Tax Assessor to forward to Atlantic County Board of Taxation with any such Petition of Appeal.

Resolution #020-2015 Authorize Various Refunds

#020-2015

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 are authorized as approved by the respective Department Heads of the Town of Hammonton:

Laurie Jozefyk	PB1188 Escrow	\$1,000.00
SJ Gas	Street Opening #22 escrow	\$ 250.00

Resolution #021-2015 Cruisin Main Street

RESOLUTION #021-2015  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING  
CRUISIN MAINSTREET-REMEMBER FRIDAY NIGHTS EVENT

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, Numerous Town residents have requested two Cruisin' MainStreet events each year; and

WHEREAS, Friday, May 15, 2015 (rain date May 16 ) is the scheduled date for the MainStreet Hammonton Annual "Cruisin' MainStreet-Remember Friday Nights" event during the hours of 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Friday, September 11, 2015(rain date September 12) is the scheduled date for the MainStreet Hammonton Semi-annual "Cruisin' MainStreet-Remember Friday Nights" event during the hours of 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Main Street Hammonton has requested the following street closures for this event between the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.:

Central Avenue (Rt. 542) from Bellevue Avenue to Vine Street;  
N. Egg Harbor Road between Rt. 54 and Pleasant Street;  
Orchard Street Railroad Crossing;

Front Street from Twelfth Street to Passmore Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Main Street Hammonton has requested the reservation of the following parking spaces:

West side of Rt. 54 between Third Street and West End Avenue;  
East side of Rt. 54 between Third Street and Egg Harbor Road;  
Both sides of Railroad Avenue between 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Orchard St;  
Both sides of Egg Harbor Road between Bellevue Ave. and Pleasant St; and

WHEREAS, Main Street Hammonton has requested appropriate Police Parking Control signs to be posted early in the day noting NO PARKING AFTER 4:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Main Street Hammonton has requested 2 Police Officers to direct traffic at the intersections of Bellevue Avenue at Central Avenue and Bellevue Avenue at Egg Harbor Road due to increased event related pedestrian and vehicular traffic on State Route 54;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the May 15, 2015 (rain date May 16) and the September 11, 2015(rain date September 12) "Cruisin' Main Street" events, including the above requests for street closures, reservation of parking spaces, posting of "NO PARKING" signs and two police officers are acknowledged, approved and endorsed;

#R022-2015 Tax Resolution

#R022-2015

WHEREAS, Rosemarie Jacobs, Tax Collector, has approved and made amendments to utility and/or tax accounts as follows:

<b>B&amp;L</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>ACCT.</b>	<b>REASON</b>	<b>PER</b>
3904-23	Campione	200 Broadway	1,595.23	Tax	Refund Excel Settlement o/p	Rosie
3002-10	Vegas	538 Central Ave	1,881.67	Tax	Refund Corelogic	Rosie

WHEREAS, if any above referenced are not approved by Mayor and Council, a retraction will take place.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton that the Tax Collector's actions are approved.

#R023-2015 Shared Services Agreement Sludge Disposal ACUA  
(approved under Solicitor report, contingent upon Solicitor approval of contract)

RESOLUTION # 023 -2015

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR  
SLUDGE DISPOSAL SERVICES WITH THE ATLANTIC COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton is statutorily authorized to enter into Interlocal Services Agreements with State, County and Local Governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton has determined that there exists a need for sludge disposal services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Atlantic County Utilities Authority provides such services.

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

1. The Agreement which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof with Atlantic County Utilities Authority is approved.
2. That the Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority for sludge disposal services.

#R024-2015 Release Surplus Funds JIF

**#R024-2015**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF \$20,066.20 IN SURPLUS FROM THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON'S SHARE OF THE AGGREGATE EXCESS LOSS CONTINGENCY FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (hereafter referred to as the FUND) has been organized pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et. seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, the FUND is duly constituted as a Municipal Self Insurance Fund to provide insurance coverage to its member municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the FUND has established an Aggregate Excess Loss Contingency Fund pursuant to NJAC 11:15-2.23; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with NJAC 11:15-2.21, the FUND is authorized to release surplus from its Closed Years Fund upon approval from the Department of Banking & Insurance & Department of Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, should the FUND authorize the Release of Surplus from its Closed Years Fund, each member receiving a share of the surplus has the option of using the surplus as an offset against their next assessment billing, receiving the surplus as a direct payment, or placing a portion of their surplus in the FUND's Aggregate Excess Loss Contingency Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, several members, including the Town of Hammonton, have placed a portion of their Surplus from amounts released in prior years, into the Aggregate Excess Loss Contingency Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the un-audited balance as of December 31, 2014 Financial Review, the Town of Hammonton had an accumulated balance of approximately \$66,155.00 in the Aggregate Excess Loss Contingency Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fund Commissioner from the Town of Hammonton has sent a written request to the Fund Administrator's office asking that \$20,066.20 of their available balance be released from the Aggregate Excess Loss Contingency Fund;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town of the Hammonton that the Fund Treasurer is hereby authorized to release \$20,066.20 from the Town of Hammonton's balance in the Aggregate Excess Loss Contingency Fund in the form of a lump sum payment for the 2015 Fund year to the Town of Hammonton.

#R025-2015 Approve Drug Alliance Grant

**#R025-2015**

**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE  
FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 2014-JUNE 2019**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

**WHEREAS**, The Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Atlantic;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Town Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Hammonton Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2016 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$ 17,113
Cash Match	\$ 4,278
In-Kind	\$ 12,835
2. The Town Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

#R026-2015 Authorize Transfer Budget Appropriations

Motion by Councilperson Torrissi, seconded by Councilperson Gribbin, resolutions 19-26, excluding #R023-2015 are adopted. (#R023-2015 was taken up under Solicitor Report.)

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARD

No one desired to be heard.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin, seconded by Councilperson Torrissi, the meeting is adjourned.  
Motion carried.

April Boyer Maimone, Clerk