

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council December 17, 2018  
Town Hall Council Chambers, 100 Central Avenue  
Executive Session 6:00 P.M.  
Public Session 7:00 P.M.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

**ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL**

Councilperson:

Furgione - Present

Giralo - Present

Gribbin – Arrived at 6:42

Rodio- Present

Sacco - Present

Torrissi – Present

Mayor DiDonato - Present

**PRESENT ALSO**

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor

Jerry Barberio, PWM/Business Administrator

**EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #161-2018**

Motion by Council Person Giralo Second Rodio

Enter into Executive Session

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Giralo

Close Execute session return to regular session

Close session return to regular session, Resolution #161-2018 is adopted

**RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL**

Councilperson:

Furgione - Present

Giralo - Present

Gribbin - Present

Rodio- Present

Sacco - Present

Torrissi – Present

Mayor DiDonato - Present

**PRESENT ALSO**

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor

Bob Vettese of ARH, Town Engineer

Jerry Barberio, Public Works Manager / 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**

## **PUBLIC HEARD FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS**

No one desired to be heard

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Executive Minutes November 19, 2018

Council Minutes November 19, 2018

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Torrissi  
Minutes are approved

## **Roll Call**

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Giralo – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Rodio- Yes

Councilwomen Sacco - Yes

Torrissi – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

## **DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **Presentations**

Presentation from Robert wood Johnson Foundation. They talked about the grant they received and there mission is the "Importance of a Healthy community"

Deputy Mayor Tom Gribbin introduced Miss Shore Resort and Miss South Shore and each spoke about their platform.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Administration - Councilman Torrissi**

- No action items

### **Business & Industry - Councilman Gribbin**

- Reviewed Events for Down Town

- Spoke about the Chris Cringle

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Blueberry Drop on News Year Eve

### **Education - Councilman Gribbin**

- Reviewed the School Board meeting

### **Quality of Life - Councilwomen Sacco**

- Spoke about the resolution for Social Media Policy

- Informed the public about the Stickers for Autism that will be available on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Town Hall

- Thanked everyone for all their volunteer work throughout the year

### Public Works & Transportation - Councilman Rodio

- Updated 2<sup>nd</sup> Road Project
- Spoke about NJDOT Route 54 program

### Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione

- Update on the new unit at the Utility Dept. That dries material. Should be ready next month.

## **ENGINEER REPORT**

### **ACTION ITEMS: Public Works**

1. 2017 State Aid Funding (Second Road) (ARH #11-40055.01):

NJDOT has awarded the Town a total \$418,000.00 in Municipal Aid funds to be used towards Second Road improvements, from Chew Road to 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Arawak Paving Company was the low bidder for the project, with a combined bid for the Base Bid and Alternates in the amount of \$597,600.00.

Arawak started construction on October 3, 2018. They have completed the drainage improvements, pavement and striping. We are awaiting a cost estimate to perform additional drainage improvements at 2<sup>nd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Arawak has submitted Payment Request #2 in the amount of \$397,545.09, for work completed to date on the Second Road project. The Payment Request has been forwarded to Jerry Barberio and Frank Zuber for processing.

This is already on bill list for Mayor and Council to approve

- Mark Hermann gave update on the progress of the project.
- Sam Rodio spoke about the changes made to the road

2. Route #54 NJDOT Improvements (ARH #11-01000):

We discussed the various projects with the Municipal Utilities Superintendent that need to be completed prior to the NJDOT resurfacing 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Route #54 between the White Horse Pike and the Town boundary line along with other needed projects. The following potential projects are possible considerations for funding request:

- Route #54 water main replacement First Road to Second Road.
- Installation of a steel casing pipe under Route #54 at the low point to allow for sanitary sewer extension in the future.
- Sanitary sewer extension to section of Boyer Avenue from Pleasant Mills Road to present termination point on Boyer Avenue.
- Compliance with provisions of NJDEP Water Accountability Act. Utility mapping section (valves) provided it leads to an improvement project.
- Possible additional improvements at the land application site.

As requested last meeting, we will meet with the Sewer and the Water Committee Chairman to further discuss which projects should be put forth for funding consideration. Also in order to arrange for a meeting with the NJDEP regarding project eligibility and funding the Town will need to take the following actions:

#### Action Requested:

- Appoint an employee of the Town to serve as the Representative/Contact with the NJDEP.
- Authorize the Town Representative to contact the NJDEP to seek an agreeable time and date to meet with their office.

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Rodio

Appoint Frank Zuber as contact for NJDEP to seek meeting and grants.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Giralo – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Rodio- Yes

Councilwomen Sacco - Yes

Torrissi – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**ACTION ITEMS: Public Utility**

3. Boyer Avenue Land Application Facility – Optimization Phase I (ARH #2018-0614):

As requested by Council, ARH is resubmitting their proposal to perform analysis, investigation, assessment, and regulatory meetings associated with the optimization of the Boyer Avenue Land Application Facility. This phase will lead to subsequent design and permitting of any additions and/or alterations in facilities.

Action Requested:

If deemed acceptable by the PWTC and Mayor and Town Council, we would seek approval and authorization to proceed with the tasks noted in our 9/20/18 proposal total \$26,510.00 (copy attached) and issue a purchase order for said work. As discussed with the PWTC, the Phase I portion of the proposal can be acted on at this time totaling \$4,920.00 and further work will be discussed at future meetings. To be issued in 2019 budget year.

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Rodio

Approve PO to ARH in the Amount of \$4,920.00.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Giralo – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Rodio- Yes

Councilwomen Sacco - Yes

Torrissi – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

- No action items. Nothing to report

**MAYOR REPORT**

- Announced that at the first night Blueberry drop there will be fireworks. Thanked, Capital Bank for there donation.

## PWM/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

1. Hire Craig Plavchak Start Date Jan 7, 2019 - Truck Driver Heavy PW Department salary of \$29,183 with single benefits pending background check

Motion by Council Person Rodio Second Furgione

### Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Giralo – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Rodio- Yes

Councilwomen Sacco - Yes

Torrissi – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

2. Blueberry Drop (Town Hall) Town Hall will be open for the entire night
3. NJDOT Meeting Future Attendees- Need list of attendees from Town and would like to have meeting in Hammonton. PWTC members will attend.
4. Curbside Leaf Season continues. We are still finding branches and other debris in the piles.  
Bulky Pick up Jan. 7 – Jan 11  
Brush Pick up Jan 14 – Jan 18
5. Trash pick-up Christmas Day and New Years Day:
  - a. 12/25 Trash Pick Up on 12/26
  - b. 1/1 Trash Pick Up on 1/2

## **TOWN CLERK REPORT**

- 1) Approve hire of Russell Milazzo as Recycling Program Aid. \$12.00 an hour, 5 Hours per week, no benefits.
- 2) Accept renewal of Insurance for Town Vision plan from Vision Service Plan Inc. No increase for a 3 year term from March 1, 2019 to February 28, 2022,
- 3) Approval to pay accrued sick and vacation time to Robert Butkowski per code and contract. In the amount not to exceed \$268.85 in vacation time and \$9,775.99 in sick time. Total pay out not to exceed 10,044.84. To be paid in January of 2019.

Motion by Council Person Torrissi Second Giraldo  
Approval of Items 1 to 3

### **Roll Call**

Councilperson:  
Furgione – Yes  
Giraldo – Yes  
Gribbin - Yes  
Rodio- Yes  
Councilwomen Sacco - Yes  
Torrissi – Yes  
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

## **APPROVE BILL LIST & PURCHASE ORDERS**

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Giraldo  
Bill list and purchases orders are approved

### **Roll Call**

Councilperson:  
Furgione – Yes  
Giraldo – Yes  
Gribbin - Yes  
Rodio- Yes  
Councilwomen Sacco - Yes  
Torrissi – Yes  
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

None

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution #162-2018- Setting 2019 Council Meeting Dates**

#### Setting Time, Place and Date of Council Meetings

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meeting Act otherwise known as Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 requires that all municipalities adopt a Resolution setting the time, place and date of their meeting; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

1. There shall be an Organization Meeting at 6:00 p.m. January 7, 2019 at which time Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton will reorganize for the full year and conduct such business, including emergent matters, as is necessary.
2. Monthly council meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. with an executive session, if necessary, which will adjourn to the public portion of the meeting at 7:00 p.m., in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 100 Central Avenue, Hammonton, New Jersey 08037. The following is the list of Regular Council Meeting dates for year 2019:

January 28th	July 22nd
February 25th	August 26th
March 25th	September 23rd
April 22nd	October 28th
May 20th	November 18th
June 24th	December 16th

3. The Hammonton Gazette and the Atlantic City Press are those newspapers designated as the papers to which all notices are to be sent per Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975.
4. Minutes shall be kept and provided as required by said statute by the Town Clerk of all the meetings set forth above and shall be available to the public pursuant to the requirements of said law.

### **Resolution #163-2018 Adopting a Social Media Policy**

#### A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY FOR THE OPERATIONS AND USE OF GOVERNMENT SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Hammonton desires to adopt a Social Media Policy to establish enforceable rules and guidelines for the use of Social Media (as defined herein); and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Hammonton finds that the Public seeks information about the community through Social Media, and Social Media provides an informative and accessible method of relaying information to the Town about emergencies, local events, proposed resolutions, ordinances and any other information available; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Hammonton finds that a Social Media Policy is necessary to expand and facilitate the dissemination of information from the Town to its residents, taxpayers and the general public, while at the same time assuring that communications made on behalf of the Town are properly authorized and in correct form; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Hammonton finds that it is in the best interest of the community to have a Social Media Policy in place to authorize designated employees of the Town to post information on Social Media on behalf of the Town and to regulate the content posted to Social Media accounts in the name of the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Council of the Town of Hammonton hereby adopts the Social Media Policy annexed hereto and made a part hereof as the official Social Media Policy of the Town of Hammonton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all agencies, departments, boards, committees, and employees of the Town of Hammonton shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Social Media Policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be provided to:  
 (i) all department and agencies of the Town of Hammonton; (ii) affiliated government or non- government organizations of the Town of Hammonton; and (iii) the Municipal Solicitor.

**Resolution #164-2018- Cancel Prior Year Unexpended Balances**

CANCEL PRIOR YEAR UNEXPENDED GRANT BALANCES  
 AND IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

WHEREAS, there are old inactive, expired and dormant grant receivables, prior year unexpended grant balances with off-setting reserves and inactive/completed improvement authorizations that remain outstanding on the books, it is the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and the Auditor that these balances be canceled; and

WHEREAS, the following is the detail of the Current Fund, General Capital Fund and Water/Sewer Utility Capital grant receivable balances, grant reserve balances and unexpended improvement authorizations to be canceled:

CURRENT FUND

<u>Prior Year Grants Receivable Balances</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2014 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over	\$ 7,075.00
2018 Domestic Driving Crackdown	770.00
2014 Click It or Ticket	25.00
2012 Pedestrian Safety Grant	2,351.00
2014 Pedestrian Safety Grant	100.00
2012 NJEDA – Skinner Building Grant	1,145.50
2009 Hazardous Discharge Grant Program	13,848.00
2009 Hazardous Discharge Grant Program	33,044.00
Total	<u>\$ 58,358.50</u>

<u>Prior Year Grant Reserve Balances</u>	
2014 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over	\$ 4,200.00
2015 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over	1,600.00
2016 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over	4,625.00
2017 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over	47.50
2018 Domestic Driving Crackdown	770.00
2015 Click It or Ticket	275.00
2016 Click It or Ticket	25.00
2009 Stormwater Management Grant	2,059.55
2015 Recycling Tonnage Grant	6.57
2009 Hazardous Discharge Grant Program	6,798.00
2009 Hazardous Discharge Grant Program	3,504.60
2015 Statewide Insurance Fund	5,442.00
2012 NJEDA – Skinner Building Grant	8.00
2014 Pedestrian Safety Grant	3,221.00
2013 No Net Loss Grant	1,915.00
2013 ANJEC Grant	27.33
Comcast Technology Grant	3,271.08
Prior Years Municipal Alliance Grant	6,059.35
Total	<u>\$ 43,854.98</u>



GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

<u>Prior Year Grants Receivable Balances</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ord. 7-04 (d) – NJDOT	\$ 11,113.02
Ord. 39-05 – NJDOT/Federal Aviation	2,880.00
Ord. 43-05 – Federal Firefighters	18,711.00
Ord. 6-06 (d) – Atlantic County CDBG	69,804.00
Ord. 16-07 (c) – Atlantic County	38,499.50
Ord. 31-08 – NJDOT	3,974.00
Ord. 11-09 – NJDOT	20,093.90
Ord. 22-09 – NJDOT/Federal Aviation	33,011.00
Ord. 32-09 – NJDOT	3,919.29
Ord. 17-10 – NJDOT/Federal Aviation	41,864.71
Ord. 19-12 – Stockton College	36,597.13
Ord. 23-14 – Federal Aviation	29,731.56
Ord. 24-14 – Federal Aviation	13,333.96
Ord. 25-14 – Federal Aviation	125,057.77
Ord. 22-15 – NJDOT	6,674.56
Ord. 14-17 – State FEMA	<u>30,975.00</u>

Total \$ 486,240.20

Unexpended Improvement Authorizations

Ord. 7-04 (d) – Sidewalks/Airport	\$ 7,081.04
Ord. 39-05 – Airport	4,459.61
Ord. 43-05 – Firefighting Equipment	2,145.00
Ord. 1-06 – New Town Hall	18.46
Ord. 6-06 (b) – Downtown Sidewalks	88,558.16
Ord. 27-07 – Recreation Improvements	113.34
Ord. 11-09 – Airport	19,674.25
Ord. 22-09 – Airport	22,938.88
Ord. 17-10 – Airport	38,963.29
Ord. 14-11 – Park Improvements	28,984.35
Ord. 17-12 – Skinner Building	900.00
Ord. 19-12 – Stockton Building	35,095.88
Ord. 24-12 – Airport	4,833.79
Ord. 17-13 – Various Improvements	2,105.00
Ord. 25-13 – Airport	2,601.57
Ord. 23-14 – Airport	30,361.19
Ord. 24-14 – Airport	3,576.67
Ord. 25-14 – Airport	109,378.30
Ord. 35-14 – Airport	5,418.90
Ord. 22-15 – 14 <sup>th</sup> Street Improvements	6,674.56
Ord. 14-17 – Generator Project	40,700.00
Ord. 18-17 – Various Road Improvements	204.11
Ord. 8-18 - Purchase of Fire Truck	<u>597.00</u>

Total \$ 455,383.35

WATER/SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND

<u>Prior Year Grants Receivable Balances</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ord.26-11– NJEIT/NJDEP (North West Water)	\$630,910.79
Ord.28-13– NJDEP (Well #3/Well #1)	37,079.99
Ord. 5-14– NJEIT (Grape St. Sewer)	176,543.84
Ord. 6-14– NJEIT (Grape St. Water)	<u>22,432.86</u>
Total	<u>\$ 866,967.48</u>

<u>Unexpended Improvement Authorizations</u>	
Ord. 5-01 – Egg Harbor Road Sewer	\$ 10.00
Ord.17-07 – Pine/Oak Water Extension	606,734.50
Ord.27-09 – Bellevue Water Improvements	60,775.00
Ord.26-11 – North West Water	1,403,326.45
Ord. 4-12 – Various Water/Sewer	2.06
Ord.28-13 – Well#3/Well#1	103,403.49
Ord.5-14 – Grape St. Sewer	1,792,865.68
Ord.6-14- Grape St. Water	<u>287,716.16</u>
Total \$	<u>4,254,833.34</u>

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Current Fund, General Capital Fund and Water/Sewer Utility Capital grants receivable balances, unexpended grant reserve balances and unexpended improvement authorizations listed above be canceled and that the Chief Financial Officer record this action in the books and records of the Town of Hammonton.

**Resolution #165-2018- Tax –Water-Sewer Refunds**

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>Amount</u>	<u>Acct.</u>	<u>Reason</u>
3904/112	Corelogic	124.02	Tax	Refund
2301/50.04	Lereta	1,325.56	Tax	Refund
2301/60.01	Wells Fargo	427.87	Tax	Refund
2014/5	Volpe, Jess	927.50	Tax	Refund

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 # 166- 2018- Budget Appropriation 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 2018 Budget appropriations.

**CURRENT FUND**

From: Group Insurance - Operating Expenses	\$ 23,000.00
From: Collection of Tax – Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,000.00
From: Engineering – Operating Expense	\$ 6,000.00
From: Computer – Operating Expense	\$ 1,900.00
From: Street Lighting–Operating Expense	\$ 31,000.00
To: Legal–Operating Expense	\$ 31,000.00
To: Police – Salaries and Wages	\$ 15,000.00
To: Highway – Salaries and Wages	\$ 8,000.00
To: Admin. – Operating Expense	\$ 1,000.00
To: Recreation – Operating Expense	\$ 5,000.00
To: Assessor – Operating Expense	\$ 900.00
To: Legal–Operating Expense	\$ 2,000.00

**Resolution #167-2018 – Various Refunds**

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:

South Jersey Gas	\$ 88.00	Street Opening Permit
Wal-Mart	\$ 1,200.00	Escrow Refund
Sunrun Inc.	\$ 295.00	Permit Refund

**Resolution #168-2018- Drug Alliance Grant Application**

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 Mayor and 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 Mayor and 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 Mayor and 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 here by recognizes the following:

1. The Town of Hammonton's Mayor and Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Hammonton Municipal Alliance Grant for fiscal year 2020 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$17,113
Cash Match	4,278
In-Kind	12,835

2. The Mayor and Council acknowledge the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance Grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

**Resolution #169-2018- Pinelands trust Act**

Requesting Changes to the

Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Bond Act of 1985

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Legislature adopted the Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Bond Act of 1985 to assist local governments and utility authorities defray the costs associated with supporting the population and economic growth targeted to Pinelands Regional Growth Management areas; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the State of New Jersey approved a bond issue that raised \$30 million to fund the Trust; and

WHEREAS, repayment of the first round of funds for projects has replenished the Infrastructure Trust; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is classified as a Pinelands Town with the same allowable densities for growth as the municipalities in areas designated as Regional Growth Areas; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton was incorporated in March 5, 1866 by an act of the New Jersey Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton developed and began operating a wastewater treatment plant in 1909 with a discharge to the Hammonton Pleasant Mills Stream; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton has completed upgrades to the treatment process at the Hammonton Wastewater treatment plant on three separate occasion to improve the quality of the discharge to the Hammonton Pleasant Mills Stream; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress created the Pinelands National Reserve through the passage of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Pinelands Commission was created by the State of New Jersey in cooperation with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Pinelands Commission adopted the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan to protect the region's unique ecology while permitting compatible development; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Town of Hammonton were put into a unique position whereby the rules and regulations prohibited a direct stream discharge to streams that enter the Pinelands Preservation Area; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Town of Hammonton had to shoulder a unique burden of developing an advanced wastewater treatment plant, meeting unique water quality standards not required in any other treatment plants in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, an advanced wastewater treatment plant was constructed in June 1994 to meet these stringent standards; and

WHEREAS, a unique groundwater disposal facility was constructed in October 2001 to recharge the effluent from the treatment plant to meet the unique Pinelands standards. The cost of construction and maintenance of this facility are also the burden of the people of the Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, this effort was made to comply with the preservation of the Pinelands unique ecology for the resident of the State of New Jersey.

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

The Town petitions the New Jersey Pinelands Commissioner to seek an amendment to the Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Bond Act of 1985 to allow funding of infrastructure facilities in the Town of Hammonton for the following reasons:

1. The "Pinelands Town"<sup>11</sup> designation is a unique designation with the same development and growth standards as the Pinelands Regional Growth Areas.
2. The Town of Hammonton has constructed and operated an advanced waste treatment plant and land disposal facility to meet the unique and rigorous requirements New Jersey Pinelands.
3. The cost to construct, maintain and operate these advanced treatment and disposal facilities has created a burden on the residents of the Town of Hammonton.
4. It is unreasonable to ask the users of the Hammonton Wastewater System to continue to fund improvements to advanced systems for the preservation of the significant ecologic resources for all people in the State of New Jersey without access to the Pinelands Infrastructure Trust funds presently only available to Regional Growth Areas.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Giralto  
Resolutions #162 to 169 are adopted.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Giralto – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Rodio- Yes

Councilwomen Sacco - Yes

Torrissi – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

PUBLIC HEARD

No one from public desired to be heard.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Council Person Giraldo Second Torrissi

