

**Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council September 27, 2021**  
**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 -  
Giralo -  
Gribbin -  
Oliva -  
Olivo -  
Rodio -  
Mayor DiDonato -

**PRESENT ALSO**

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor  
Bob Vettese, PWM

**EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #118-2021**

**RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL**

Councilperson:  
Furgione -  
Giralo -  
Gribbin -  
Oliva -  
Olivo -  
Rodio -  
Mayor DiDonato -

**PRESENT ALSO**

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor  
Robert Vettese, Public Works Manager  
Dave Cella of ARH, Town Engineer

**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. Each person who wishes to address Council will be allotted 5 minutes.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC HEARD FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Executive Minutes August 23, 2021  
Council Minutes August 23, 2021

**PRESENTATION**

**DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- Oath of Office Policemen Richard Carpo

**Public Hearing of Ordinance #014 – 2021- Amend Chapter 211**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 211, ARTICLE IV OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Chapter 211, Article IV, Sections 211-21 through Sections 211-32 are repealed.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the Courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that this Ordinance shall take effect following adoption and approval in the time and manner prescribed by law.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administration - Councilman Gribbin

Business & Industry – Councilman Olivo

Quality of Life – Councilman Oliva

Education - Councilman Giraldo

Public Works & Transportation - Councilman Rodio

Law & Order - Mayor DiDonato

Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione

**ENGINEER REPORT**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. NJDOT Local Aid FY 2020 – 14<sup>th</sup> Street Roadway Improvements, Phase III (ARH #11-40058):  
The construction contract is complete. We have provided a recommendation to approve the final quantities change order, accept the maintenance bond, and approve final payment. Once this is accepted and approved by Council, we can begin the NJDOT closeout procedures.

**Action Requested:**

1. Approve Final Quantities Change Order for 14<sup>th</sup> Street Roadway Improvements.
2. Approve the Final Payment for 14<sup>th</sup> Street Roadway Improvements.
3. Accept the Maintenance Bond for 14<sup>th</sup> Street Roadway Improvements.

2. Hammonton Bike Path Connector (ARH #11-40052):  
The construction contract is complete. We have provided a recommendation to approve the final quantities change order, accept the maintenance bond, and approve final payment. Once this is accepted and approved by Council, we can begin the NJDOT closeout procedures.

**Action Requested:**

1. Approve Final Quantities Change Order for Hammonton Bike Path.
2. Approve the Final Payment for Hammonton Bike Path.
3. Accept the Maintenance Bond for Hammonton Bike Path.

3. Skinner Property / 317 N. Egg Harbor Road (ARH #11-01074.01):  
The HDSRF grant application has been reviewed by NJDEP. The Town has received notice that this project will be funded. ARH has provided a proposal for the work outlined in the grant.

**Action Requested:**

1. Approve ARH Proposal for Skinner Property Remedial Investigation.

**PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**Roadway & Transportation Projects**

4. Valley Avenue – Broadway to Central (ARH #11-30159):  
Plans were sent to NJDOT, we have received a few comments that have been addressed. As discussed previously, we will look to set a bid date for later this year. The goal is to advertise this project and School House at the same time in an attempt to get an economy of scale. Spring 2022 is the current anticipated construction start.
5. School House Lane – 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Rt. 54 (ARH #11-40060): No Status Change  
As discussed previously, this project is currently getting scheduled to be re-bid later this year. In an effort to obtain an economy of scale, this project will be bid with Valley Avenue. The intent is to bid later this year, with a work start anticipated in the Spring of 2022.
6. NJDOT – Local Aid Grants (ARH #11-40041): No status change.  
The NJDOT accepted applications for FY2022 funding. As authorized ARH prepared the following applications for funding consideration:

Municipal Aid	Old Forks Road from the WHP to Town Line
Bikeways	Termination of current path to the Lake Park
Safe Streets to Transit	Flashing Beacons on 11 <sup>th</sup> street at the Bike Path crossing and improvements to the Train Station

Applications have been submitted and are pending NJDOT review.

**Environmental Projects**

7. K&K Linens Property / 224 Vine Street (ARH #11-01094.01):  
As authorized ARH has prepared specifications for obtaining a contractor via quotes. The Town has been coordinating with various contractors to obtain the quotes for the work. If pricing comes in under the quote threshold our office will work with the contractor to have the building demolished. If the pricing is over the quote threshold, we will work with the Town to publicly bid this work. Separately we are preparing estimates to seek funding for the demolition activities. ARH is also working on revising the HDSRF grant.

8. Mazza Muffler Site / 104 S. Egg Harbor Road (ARH #11-01102):  
ARH is working on completing the Preliminary Assessment. Once completed, we can proceed forward with demolition specifications and obtaining a contractor. Additionally, once the report is completed the HDSRF grant will be revised.
9. Octagon Oil/Vine Street Parking Lot (ARH #11-01060):  
ARH is currently preparing a Remedial Action Permit (RAP) application for ground water (GW) impacts. Due to 90% of all RAP GW applications to submissions to the state being deficient, ARH is seeking a technical consult from the NJDEP before submission. If deemed necessary, ARH will provide a proposal for the required work to address any technical deficiencies.
10. Celona Site Remediation - 130 Railroad Avenue (ARH #11-01054):  
As previously reported; three (3) permanent wells were installed and tested. ARH conducted a round of groundwater testing on 9/21/21 and installed a temporary deep well for the purpose of vertical delineation. Two rounds of groundwater testing are left in the grant; testing occurs each quarter.

**SEWER/WATER INFORMATION ITEMS:**

11. 2021/2022 Water Capital Projects (ARH #21-0078):  
We have completed the field work and base plan preparation for all roadways. Our primary focus is to address Rt 54 to stay ahead of the NJDOT roadway project. Related to Rt. 54 we have finalized the plans and technical specification, we are in the process of finalizing the NJDEP applications. For reference the projects authorized include:  
  

Rt 54 -	First Road to Second Road
S. First Road -	Tenth Street to dead end (in the vicinity of Birch Drive)
WHP & Seagrove -	A portion of main at the WHP & extension along Seagrove

Design work for S. First Road and WHP & Seagrove has started.
12. Boyer Avenue Pump Station (ARH #11-50144):  
At the last meeting bids were rejected for this project due to cost. We are regrouping with the PWTC to see if we can adjust the approach to the project.

**GENERAL SITE AND RECREATION INFORMATION ITEMS:**

13. Lake Park ADA Playground/Small Cities (ARH #11-01100):  
Since the last reporting period, meetings occurred between our office, the Town, The Town's Landscape Architect, and various stakeholders to gain input on the project. The design is currently on hold pending additional information from the Town's Landscape Architect related to the visioning effort at this site.

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

**MAYOR REPORT**

**PWM REPORT**

**TOWN CLERK REPORT**

- 1) Accept Samuel Gardner as a regular member of Fire Company #2. Background check complete, approved at Fire Company meeting on September 8, 2021.
- 2) Approval to hire Frank Sacco full time as Code Enforcement Officer Effective as of November 1, 2021. 32.5 hours per week, yearly salary of \$40,560.00, single benefits, contingent upon all civil service rules and regulations.
- 3) Approval to hire Anthony Sirolli as public safety telecommunicator in Police Radio dept. Part time 20 hours a week, no benefits. Contingent upon all civil serves rules and regulations.

- 4) Accept retirement of William J. Esposito from his position as Construction Code Official and Electrical Sub code Inspector effective as of August 26, 2021.
- 5) Accept resignation of Linda Slimm from her position as police dispatcher effective as of September 20, 2021.

**APPROVE BILL LIST & PURCHASE ORDERS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

**Introduction of Ordinance #015-2021- Amending Chapter 271 Turn Prohibitions**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING Chapter 271 Vehicles and Traffic  
Article 26 Turn Prohibitions**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey that Chapter 271-26 be added as follows:

<b><u>Name of Road</u></b>	<b><u>Zone Description</u></b>	<b><u>Movement Prohibited</u></b>
N. Liberty Street	between Fairview Ave & E. Pleasant	U-Turn Prohibited
N. Fourth Street	between Fairview Ave & Walnut Street	U-Turn Prohibited

**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.

**Introduction of Ordinance #016-2021 – Amending Chapter 75 Alcoholic Beverage Consumption Hours**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING Chapter 75 Alcoholic Beverages - Section 8  
Hours of Sale and Consumption**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey that Chapter 75, Section 8, Paragraph A is amended to:

- A. No licensee shall sell, serve or deliver any alcoholic beverages on any weekday or weekend between the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

**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.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution #119-2021 – Approve Halloween Parade**

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

WHEREAS, Kiwanis Club of Hammonton has and continues to promote the Town of Hammonton with scheduled events in the downtown business district; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council has and continues to support the efforts of Kiwanis Club of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, Wednesday October 27, 2021 is the scheduled date for the Annual Kiwanis Club Halloween Parade (rain date to be Thursday October 28, 2021);

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

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

**Resolution #120-2021- Approval New Jersey Small Cities Grant RFP's Requests**

**APPROVAL TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, UNDER STATE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING GUIDELINES, FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES PURSUANT TO A FY2020 SMALL CITIES AWARD TO THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON TO PROVIDE ADA COMPLIANT FACILITIES AT HAMMONTON LAKE PARK**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton has been awarded a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Small Cities Public Facilities Fund for and ADA compliant improvements to Provide ADA compliant facilities at Hammonton Lake Park;

**WHEREAS**, the Small Cities Program requires, in certain instances, that professional services associated with the implementation of a Small Cities award be procured through a Competitive Contracting process;

**BE IT THEREFORE, RESOLVED**, that the Town of Hammonton does hereby authorize the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP), under State Competitive Contracting Guidelines, for Professional Engineering Services pursuant to the aforementioned Small Cities grant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk is directed to advertise this RFP for a period of not less than 20 days in the Town's official newspaper of record.

**Resolution #121-2021- Support "Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day**

Resolution #121-2021  
Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day

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

**WHEREAS**, the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey has designated October 6, 2021, as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day – an initiative with a multiple purposes: to raise awareness of the potential for dependency on prescribed pain medicine and its link to heroin and fentanyl use in our state; to reduce stigma of addiction and shine a light on the need for recovery support; and to communicate to physicians information on safer prescribing messages found in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for prescribing opioids, which include considering other therapies, setting realistic treatment goals with patients and discussing with patients the positives and negatives of opioids; and

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

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

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that October 6, 2021, be recognized as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day in the Town of Hammonton, New Jersey.

**Resolution #122-2021- Award Various Specialized Services Contracts**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING VARIOUS  
SPECIALIZED SERVICE CONTRACTS AND QUOTES**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for specialized services for the Town of Hammonton, New Jersey, on an annual basis as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Specialized Service</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Not To Exceed AN</u>
Utility	IA System Repairs	Schneider Electric	\$50,000.00
Utility	Plant Repairs	KRS Services	\$100,000.00
Utility	Special Lab Testing	Pace Analytical Services	\$10,000.00
Utility	Electrical Repairs (Plants)	ABS Electric	\$75,000.00
Utility	Polymer supply	Polydyne Inc.	\$20,000.00
Utility	VFD repairs	EMF Control Services	\$20,000.00
Utility	Chlorine/Sulfuric supply	Univar	\$30,000.00
Utility	Klenphos & drip irrigation analysis	Klenzoid	\$30,000.00
Utility	Water clocks & meters	Rio Supply	\$200,000.00
Utility	WWTP Consultant	Kleinfelder E. (spec project)	\$50,000.00
Utility	Lime supply	Coyne Chemical	\$15,000.00
Utility	Instrumentation	NB Controls	\$75,000.00
Utility	Service Generators	Cummins	\$30,000.00
Utility	Service Caterpillar Generators	Foley	\$15,000.00
Utility	Dosimeters	Mirion Technologies	\$5,000.00
Dog Regulations	Animal Control	Animal Capture & Control	\$8,160.00
Dog Regulations	Animal after hour emergency	Animal Capture & Control	\$50.00 per call
Dog Regulations	Carcus removal	Animal Capture & Control	\$20 per call/\$50 after hrs
Highway, Landfill, Airport, Utility	Lab testing & submittal to agencies	JR Henderson	\$60,000.00
Highway, Building & Grounds	Chemicals	Helena	\$20,000.00
Buildings & Grounds	Town Hall Heat/Air Controls	Hawks & Company	\$50,000.00

<u>Department</u>	<u>Quoted Service</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Not To Exceed AN</u>
Highway & Utility	Uniform rent/cleaning	Schenk Textiles	\$7,000.00
Highway	Auto parts & supplies Blood Borne Pathogen	Val-U-Auto Parts	\$25,000.00
Buildings & Grounds	Cleaning	S.J. Building Services	\$85.00 per call
Buildings & Grounds	Clean Town Hall & Canoe Club	S.J. Building Services	\$30,000.00

**WHEREAS**, funds are available under the above listed budget appropriations, and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 provides for an open and fair process through requests for proposals;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY that the Town of Hammonton is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with above listed vendors for years 2021 and 2022.

**Resolution # 123-2021 – Authorizing Inter-local Sales Agreement with Shamong Township**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERLOCAL SALES AGREEMENT FOR  
THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON UTILITY DEPARTMENT'S 1999 2100 VAC TRUCK  
WITH SHAMONG TOWNSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton is statutorily authorized to enter into Inter-local Services / Sales Agreements with State, County and Local Governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton has determined we no longer need the use of the 1999 2100 VAC Truck ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Shamong Township is in need of a VAC truck to provided services to their residents.

**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. Agrees so sell the 1999 2100 VAC Truck to Shamong Township for \$15,000.00.
2. That the Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any Agreement with Shamong Township for the sale.

**Resolution #124-2021- Tax/Water/Sewer/Refunds**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON**

**AUTHORIZING TAX / WATER / SEWER REFUNDS**

**Whereas**, the following accounts need to have amounts credited, transferred, cancelled, refunded or changed

<u>Block / Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
2815/2	JSS Realty LLC	254 Bellevue Ave	\$5,796.17 (tax)	Refund/Overpayment
1431-0	JSS Realty LLC	254 Bellevue Ave	\$390.00 (util)	Refund/Overpayment
2421/4	Fenwick Holdings LLC	118 Railroad Ave	\$1,065.85	Refund/Overpayment
3904/91	Lereta		\$1,966.17	Refund/Overpayment
3905/23	Lereta		\$1,545.19	Refund/Overpayment
1807/17	Horoski, Anthony	31 Leah Ct	\$3,448.85	Cancel/Tax Exempt
2713/13.01	Jones, Joseph	425 E Pleasant ST	\$2,398.13	Cancel/Tax Exempt
3002/16	Jones, Dale & Stacy	301 Locust St	\$2,451.70	Cancel/Tax Exempt

**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 125-2021- Approval to Sell Police Vehicles for Scrap Value**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF INOPERABLE POLICE VEHICLE FOR SCRAP VALUE**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary from time to time to dispose of various used and inoperable equipment of the Town of Hammonton; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the Police Chief is authorized to sell the following Town owned inoperable police vehicles for scrap value:

<u>Make</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>VIN#</u>
Ford	Crown Victoria	2000	2FAFP71WXYX195853
Ford	Crown Victoria	2003	2FAHP71W33X210694
Ford	Crown Victoria	2009	2FAHP71VX9X124508
Ford	Crown Victoria	2005	2FAHP71W45X117721
Ford	Crown Victoria	2006	2FAHP71W46X124721
Ford	Crown Victoria	2003	2FAHP71W53X210695
Ford	Crown Victoria	2005	2FAHP71W25X117720
Ford	Expedition	2004	2FMPU16L64LB54187
Ford	Explorer	2006	1FMEU72E86UA18805
Dodge	Durango	2007	ID8HB38N77F584971
Panel Van	old ERT vehicle		

**Resolution 126-2021- Appoint Construction Official**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL**

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the Town of Hammonton appoints the Construction Official for the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for this appointment due to a retirement; and

**NOW THERE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY that Anthony J. Berenato is appointed as Construction Official for the Town of Hammonton effective as of August 26, 2021;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** THAT a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

**Resolution # 127 -2021- Approve Chimney Rustic Ales Event**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING THE  
CHIMNEY RUSTIC ALES EVENT**

**WHEREAS**, Chimney Rustic Ales wishes to promote the Town of Hammonton with a charity event for Family Promise of Burlington County; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council has and continues to support the efforts to promote the Town and charity events; and

**WHEREAS**, October 15, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. to 10 pm is the scheduled date for the event; and

**WHEREAS**, Chimney Rustic Ales has requested assistance from the Town of Hammonton Police Department for this scheduled event and closure of the following street in the Town of Hammonton:

**Closure of Horton Street from Bellevue Avenue to Orchard Street**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the Town of Hammonton authorizes this event.

**PUBLIC HEARD**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**