

**Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council September 26, 2022**  
**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 -  
Gribbin -  
Oliva -  
Olivo -  
Rodio -  
Wuillermin -  
Mayor DiDonato -

**PRESENT ALSO**

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor  
Bob Vettese, Public Works Manager

**EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #125-2022**

**RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL**

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Rodio -  
Wuillermin -  
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Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor  
Robert Vettese, Public Works Manager  
Mark Hermann 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. Also, each person who wishes to address Council will be allotted 5 minutes.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC HEARD FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Executive Minutes August 29, 2022  
Council Minutes August 29, 2022

**PRESENTATION**

Police Chief Kevin Friel – Promotion

**DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public Hearing of Ordinance #020-2022 – Bond Ordinance Computer Equipment & Airport Taxiway**

**BOND ORDINANCE #020-2022**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2022 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$854,954 THEREFOR (INCLUDING AN AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$504,954 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$332,500 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements or purposes to be undertaken by the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey (the "Town"). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the aggregate sum of \$854,954, which sum includes an Airport Improvement Program grant in the amount of \$504,954 expected to be received from the United States Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration (the "AIP Grant"), and \$17,500 as the aggregate amount of down payments for said improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the "Local Bond Law"). The down payments are now available by virtue of a provision or provisions in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Town for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

**SECTION 2.** For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$854,954 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of the AIP Grant and said down payments, negotiable bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$332,500 pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Town in a principal amount not exceeding \$332,500 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law.

**SECTION 3.** (a) The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are including, but not limited to, as follows:

| <u>Description</u>   | <u>Appropriation</u>                   | <u>Authorization</u> | <u>Down Payment</u> | <u>Useful Life</u> |
|--|--|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| (i) Purchase of new servers, and computer equipment accessories for upgrade of the Town Hall's computer systems;                         | \$250,000                              | \$237,500            | \$12,500            | 7 years            |
| <b>(ii) Improvement to the Hammonton Municipal Airport, including, but not limited to, rehabilitation and construction of a taxiway;</b> | \$604,954<br>(including the AIP Grant) | \$95,000             | \$5,000             | 15 years           |
| <b>TOTALS</b>  | \$854,954                              | \$332,500            | \$17,500            |                    |

(b) The above improvements and purposes set forth in Section 3(a) shall also include, as applicable, surveying, construction planning, engineering and design work, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration, environmental testing and remediation and also all work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances as necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(c) The aggregate estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements or purposes is \$332,500.

(d) The aggregate estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$854,954, the excess amount thereof over the said AIP Grant and the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, is the aggregate down payments for said purposes in the amount of \$17,500.

**SECTION 4.** Except for the AIP Grant, in the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Atlantic make a contribution or grant in aid to the Town for the improvements and purposes authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Town prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Atlantic. Except for the AIP Grant, in the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Atlantic shall be received by the Town after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose. This Section 4 shall not apply, however, with respect to any contribution or

grant in aid received by the Town as a result of using funds from this bond ordinance as “matching local funds” to receive such contribution or grant in aid.

**SECTION 5.** All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Town (the “Chief Financial Officer”), provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8.1. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**SECTION 6.** The Town hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable, for the Town. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Town is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget of the Town, a revised capital or temporary capital budget for the Town has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

**SECTION 7.** The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are improvements or purposes which the Town may lawfully undertake as general improvements or purposes, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of said improvements or purposes within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 9.28 years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Town and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Town as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$332,500 and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$171,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the improvements or purposes herein before described.

**SECTION 8.** The full faith and credit of the Town are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Town, and the Town shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Town for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

**SECTION 9.** The Town reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. This Section 9 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Town's official intent to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 150-2. No reimbursement allocation will employ an "abusive arbitrage device" under Treasury Regulations §1.148-10 to avoid the arbitrage restrictions or to avoid the restrictions under Sections 142 through 147, inclusive, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The proceeds of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance used to reimburse the Town for costs of the

improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof, or funds corresponding to such amounts, will not be used in a manner that results in the creation of "replacement proceeds", including "sinking funds", "pledged funds" or funds subject to a "negative pledge" (as such terms are defined in Treasury Regulations §1.148-1), of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance or another issue of debt obligations of the Town, other than amounts deposited into a "bona fide debt service fund" (as defined in Treasury Regulations §1.148-1). The bonds or notes authorized herein to reimburse the Town for any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof will be issued in an amount not to exceed \$332,500. The costs to be reimbursed with the proceeds of the bonds or notes authorized herein will be "capital expenditures" in accordance with the meaning of Section 150 of the Code. All reimbursement allocations will occur not later than 18 months after the later of (i) the date the expenditure from a source other than any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance is paid, or (ii) the date the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof is "placed in service" (within the meaning of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2) or abandoned, but in no event more than 3 years after the expenditure is paid.

**SECTION 10.** The Town covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this ordinance.

**SECTION 11.** The Chief Financial Officer of the Town is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Town and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Town. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into an appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Town pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Town and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Town fails to comply with its undertaking, the Town shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

**SECTION 12.** This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication hereof after final adoption and approval by the Mayor, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Administration - Councilman Gribbin**
- Business & Industry – Councilman Olivo**
- Quality of Life – Councilman Oliva**
- Education - Councilman Oliva**
- Public Works & Transportation**
- Law & Order - Mayor DiDonato**
- Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione**

**ENGINEER REPORT**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **K&K Linens Property / 224 Vine Street (ARH #11-01094.01):** In Progress  
The building has been demolished and the site has been restored. The Contractor has submitted Application for Payment #1, in the amount of \$102,000. We have reviewed and submitted to the Business Administrator for payment. We have also prepared Change Order #1 – Final, which represents final quantities and results in a deduction in the contract of \$9,000.00. Our office will request the maintenance bond from the Contractor.

Action Item:

Approve Change Order #1 – Final, for a credit of \$9,000, for the K&K Linens Demolition Project.

**PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**Roadway & Transportation Projects:**

2. **Valley Avenue – Broadway to Central (ARH #11-30159):** In Progress  
The Contractor has completed the installation of the water main, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer items. Curb and sidewalk construction has also been started. Concrete work should be complete by September 30, with roadway reconstruction beginning during the first week of October. The Contractor has submitted Application for Payment #3, in the amount of \$298,150.22. We have reviewed and submitted to the Business Administrator for payment.
3. **School House Lane – 3rd Street to Rt. 54 (ARH #11-40060):** In Progress  
The Contractor has almost completed the reconstruction of the storm sewer and sanitary sewer mains. The water main will be replaced upon completion of the sewers. The road will be closed during construction due to the amount of disturbance within the roadway. The Contractor has submitted Application for Payment #2, in the amount of \$177,649.06. We have reviewed and submitted to the Business Administrator for payment.
4. **NJDOT FY2022 Municipal Aid: Old Forks Road (ARH #11-40061):** In Progress  
Our office has begun the preparation of the construction plans for the Old Forks Road project. We anticipate scheduling a meeting with the Public Works Director in the next few weeks to discuss the roadway and utility design prior to submission to the NJDOT for authorization to bid the project.

5. **Hammonton Bike Path Connector – Phase II (ARH #11-40052.07):** In Progress  
Our office has begun the preparation of the construction plans for the Bike Path project. We have prepared and submitted legal descriptions for an access easement across the frontage of the Cathedral Event Center. When the plans are approximately 30% complete, we will schedule a meeting with the Public Works Director to review the improvements prior to advancement of the plans and submission to the Pinelands.
6. **11<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Improvements (ARH #11-40062):** In Progress  
Our office has begun the preparation of the construction plans for the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk project. This project will need to be submitted to the NJDOT for approval and authorization to bid.

**Environmental Projects:**

7. **Octagon Oil/Vine Street Parking Lot (ARH #11-01060):** In Progress  
The lab results have been received and reviewed by our office. The Remedial Action Permit (RAP) has been submitted to NJDEP. No additional action is necessary at this time.
8. **Mazza Muffler Site / 104 S. Egg Harbor Road (ARH #11-01102):** In Progress  
Project plans and specifications for the demolition of the building have been completed. Confirmation of the grant funding has been received, and we will proceed with the public bidding of the project.
9. **Skinner Property / 317 N. Egg Harbor Road (ARH #11-01074.01):** In Progress  
The Town has been notified that they have received a grant from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund for the remedial investigation of the Skinner property. Our office will prepare a proposal for this work.
10. **Celona Site Remediation - 130 Railroad Avenue (ARH #11-01054):** Complete  
ARH completed the receptor evaluation at the site and completed the remedial investigation report.

**SEWER/WATER INFORMATION ITEMS:**

3. **2021/2022 Water Capital Projects (ARH #11-30167):** In Progress  
The Director of Public Works has been in contact with the property owners along Rt. 54, to obtain utility easements to allow the proposed water main to be relocated outside of the road. Our office has completed the field work and base maps and have prepared the legal descriptions and exhibits. Our office has begun revising the plans and specifications for the relocation of the water main. We will schedule a meeting with the Public Works Director and Municipal Utilities Superintendent once the plans are complete, for discussion.  
  
The South First Road and White Horse Pike/Seagrove Avenue portions of this project remain on hold.
12. **Water Quality Accountability Act Compliance (ARH #11-30166):** In Progress  
The NJDEP WQAA Capital Improvement Plan has been completed and submitted. The draft Asset Management Plan has been submitted to the Municipal Utilities Superintendent for review. We are currently working on the water audit.
13. **Boyer Avenue Pump Station (ARH #11-50144):** In progress  
Our office has met with the Director of Public Works. Additional input has been received by the adjoining residents. We will make the final changes to the plans and specifications and will coordinate with the Town to publicly bid this project.



**GENERAL SITE AND RECREATION INFORMATION ITEMS:**

14. **Lake Park ADA Playground/Small Cities (ARH #11-01100):** In Progress  
Clearing, grading, paving, and construction of the retaining wall have been performed. The playground equipment has been delivered, and the Contractor has scheduled the installation of the poured in place rubber surface and equipment for the week of September 26.

The Town received additional funding for Phase II of the project. We have met with the Town and Architect representatives and are scheduling the survey work.

15. **Hammonton Middle School Tennis Courts (ARH #11-75005):** In Progress  
Bids for this project were received on September 21, 2022. The apparent low bidder was American Athletic Courts, with a bid of \$502,790. Our office will make a formal recommendation for consideration at the October Council Meeting.

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

**MAYOR REPORT**

**PWM REPORT**

**TOWN CLERK REPORT**

- 1) Approval to hire Michael Zingrone effective as of September 1, 2022 in the Highway Department. Yearly salary of \$33,280.00, Single Benefits 40hours per week. Contingent upon all civil service rules and regulations.
- 2) Approve Alexandro Rodriguez as regular member of Fire Company #1 effective as of September 26, 2022. Background check complete. Approved by Fire Company at their meeting on September 21, 2022.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution #126-2022- Award Specialized Service 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:

| <b><u>Department</u></b> | <b><u>Specialized Service</u></b>   | <b><u>Vendor</u></b>     | <b><u>Not To Exceed AN</u></b> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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                      | A-Academy of South Jersey     | \$8,160.00  |
| Dog Regulations                     | Animal after hour emergency         | A-Academy of South Jersey     | \$50.00 per call<br>\$50 per call/\$150 after hrs |
| Animal Regulations                  | Carcus removal                      | Kelly Winthrop, LLC           |   |
| 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                                       |
| <b><u>Department</u></b>            | <b><u>Quoted Service</u></b>        | <b><u>Vendor</u></b>          | <b><u>Not To Exceed AN</u></b>                    |
| Highway & Utility                   | Uniform rent/cleaning               | Schenk Textiles               | \$10,000.00                                       |
| Highway                             | Auto parts & supplies               | Val-U-Auto Parts              | \$25,000.00                                       |
| Buildings & Grounds                 | Blood Borne Pathogen 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 2022 and 2023.

#### **Resolution #127-2022 – 159 Budget Addition Mazza Property**

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has received notice from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority that funds are available in the amount of \$151,160.00 from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund for the Former MAZZA Muffler Property and wishes to amend its 2022 Current Fund Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the Current Fund Budget of the year 2022 in the sum of \$151,160.00 which has been awarded and is available as a revenue from:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

NJEDA – Hazardous Discharge Remediation Fund

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$151,160.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

Operations - Excluded from "CAPS":

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

NJEDA – Hazardous Discharge Remediation Fund

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Town Clerk forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

**Resolution #128-2022- 159 Budget Addition 224 Vine Street (K&K)**

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has received notice from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority that funds are available in the amount of \$223,647.00 from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund for KK Industries Property and wishes to amend its 2022 Current Fund Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the Current Fund Budget of the year 2022 in the sum of \$223,647.00 which has been awarded and is available as a revenue from:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

NJEDA – Hazardous Discharge Remediation Fund

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$223,647.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

Operations - Excluded from "CAPS":

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

NJEDA – Hazardous Discharge Remediation Fund

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Town Clerk forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

**Resolution # 129-2022 – Annual Audit**

**Annual Audit**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Annual Report of Audit for the year ending December 31, 2021 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Town Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Findings and Recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Findings and Recommendations", as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

**WHEREAS**, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 - to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52 - A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his/her office."

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

**Resolution #130-2022 – Audit Corrective Action Plan**

**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

Corrective Action Plan of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, for the year 2021.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of the Division of Local Government Services, at the completion of the audit, the local government unit shall prepare a Corrective Action Plan to address each audit finding in the current year audit report; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corrective Action Plan of the Town of Hammonton for the 2021 Report of Audit is as follows:

**Finding No. 2021-001:**

**Condition:**

A calculation of the actuarially calculated Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) obligation for the future cost of dental and vision insurance coverage to be paid by the Town for retired employees was not obtained.

**Recommendation:** That the Town obtain the actuarially calculated Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) obligation for the future cost of dental and vision insurance coverage to be paid by the Town for retired employees.

**Corrective Action:** This required disclosure is mandated by an accounting disclosure standard adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 45. In New Jersey, municipalities and counties report and budget under regulatory accounting practices and therefore are not required to “book” OPEB future obligations. The Town carries its medical health insurance with the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP). The required disclosure, with which the Town complies, only references where information can be found on the SHBP and is not required to include any future obligation. The dental and vision insurance coverage is contracted through a private carrier and only represents less than 10% of the Town’s total annual SHBP obligation. The Chief Financial Officer and the Town Accountant have exhausted numerous possibilities to have these calculations prepared at no cost to the taxpayers without success. Therefore, since there is no financial impact on the Town for not obtaining the actuarially calculated obligation for its future cost of dental and vision insurance coverage for retired employees, the Town will continue to evaluate the cost/benefit of budgeting taxpayer funds in future budget years in order to solely comply with a financial disclosure requirement that has no financial impact on the Town’s current operations.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Corrective Action Plan for the 2021 Report of Audit of the Town of Hammonton be approved by the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

**Resolution #131-2022- Approve Tree Lighting Event**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING  
MAINSTREET HAMMONTON TOWN TREE LIGHTING EVENT**

**WHEREAS**, Saturday, December 3rd (rain date, Dec 4th) is the scheduled date for the MainStreet Hammonton Town Tree Lighting Event from 5 pm- 9pm. at the intersection of Bellevue and Central and we request the road closure of Central Avenue between Bellevue and Vine from 9am-10 pm; and

**WHEREAS**, Saturday, December 3rd, has been scheduled as the date for the MainStreet Hammonton carriage rides from 6:00 to 9:00 pm with the request of permitting the carriage route to begin at 310 Bellevue Ave and to then turn right onto School House Lane and permit us on this presently one way route and agree to the route listed below:

**Carriage Route**

Rides will begin in front of 310 Bellevue Avenue.  
Proceed down Bellevue and turn right onto School House Lane  
Proceed down School House Lane and turn right onto Vine Street  
Proceed down Vine Street and turn right onto 3rd Street.  
Proceed down 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and turn right onto Bellevue Avenue and return to 310 Bellevue.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the MainStreet Hammonton Town Tree Lighting Event and Carriage Ride Event is acknowledged and endorsed with road closures, no parking, and police assistance contingent upon contacting Police Chief and Public Works Manager 2 months prior to event;

**Resolution #132-2022 – Authorize Electronic Tax Sale**

**Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to hold an Electronic Tax Sale**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19, requires that the Tax Collector hold a tax sale once a year for unpaid property taxes and other municipal charges; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

**WHEREAS**, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector is authorized to hold an electronic tax sale.

**Resolution #133-2022 – Authorize Contract for Electronic Tax Sale**

**Resolution authorizing execution of a contract with ROK Industries, Inc. d/b/a  
NJTaxLienInvestor.com and Real auction .com for electronic tax sale**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has requested the town to authorize a contract for an Electronic Tax Sale for the Tax Collector's office; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has issued requests for quotes for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton wishes to enter into a contract with ROK Industries, Inc. d/b/a/ NJTaxLienInvestor.com and Realauction.com for the electronic tax sale;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with ROK Industries, Inc. d/b/a/ NJTaxLienInvestor.com and Realauction.com for the Electronic Tax Sale for the Tax Collector's Office, in the total maximum contract not to exceed \$15.00 per line item.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that funds to pay the above stated amount will be realized through the tax sale costs collected as part of the electronic tax sale.

**Resolution #134-2022 – Authorizing 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>                      |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 1102/32            | Helliwell, Charles    | 735 12 <sup>th</sup> Street | \$1,645.88    | Refund/exempt vet                  |
| 1102/32            | Helliwell, Charles    | 735 12 <sup>th</sup> Street | \$1,186.26    | Cancel/exempt vet                  |
| 1403/8             | Berenato, Dora        | 3200 Moss Mill Rd           | \$791.21      | Refund/no longer on tax records    |
| 4501/5/QFarm       | Canich, Ian & Kaitlin | 142 Pine Rd                 | \$ 121.62     | Refund/no longer on tax records    |
| 903/16/QFarm       | Corelogic             | 248 W 15 <sup>th</sup> St   | \$ 92.92      | Refund/no longer on tax records    |
| 1601/46            | Corelogic             | 739 7 <sup>th</sup> St      | \$ 12.30      | Refund/no longer on tax rec/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 #135-2022- Approval of Saint Mary of Mt Carmel Church Fall Festival**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING  
SAINT MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH  
FALL FESTIVAL AND CARNIVAL**

**WHEREAS**, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> are the scheduled dates for the Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Church Fall Festival and Carnival. The time of the event will be 6 pm to 10 pm on October 6<sup>th</sup>. 6 pm to 11 pm

October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and 12 pm to 6 pm on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held on the grounds of Saint Anthony's Church on Route 206 in Hammonton; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Church Fall Festival and Carnival is acknowledged and endorsed with police assistance contingent upon contacting the Chief of Police.

**Resolution #136-2022 – Support Opioid abuse Day**

Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day

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

**WHEREAS**, the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey has designated October 6, 2022, 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, 2022, be recognized as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day in the Town of Hammonton, New Jersey.

**Resolution #137-2022 – Approve Change order for 224 Vine Street (Reduction)**

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1  
TO THE AMBIENT GROUP  
FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 224 VINE STREET**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey authorized a contract to The Ambient Group on October 20, 2021 in the amount of \$111,000.00 for the Demolition of 224 Vine Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the change order reflects a reduction to the as-built quantities in the contract. Therefore causing a deduction in the total contract in the amount of \$9,000.00; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Town Council of Hammonton hereby:

1. Formally authorize the execution of Change Order #1, which is a reduction in the contract amounting to \$9,000.00.

**PUBLIC HEARD**



**MEETING ADJOURNED**