

**Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council November 15, 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 – Present  
Giralo - Present  
Gribbin - Present  
Oliva -Present  
Olivo - Present  
Rodio – Present  
Mayor DiDonato - Present

**PRESENT ALSO**

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor  
Bob Vettese, PWM

**EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #142-2021**

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Giralo  
Enter into Executive Session

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva  
Close Executive Session

**RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL**

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

**PRESENT ALSO**

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor  
Robert Vettese, Public Works Manager  
Kathryn Cornforth 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**

No one desired to be heard

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Executive Minutes October 25, 2021

Council Minutes October 25, 2021

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva

Minutes are approved

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Giralo - Abstain

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva -Yes

Olivo - Abstain

Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

**PRESENTATION**

- Police Chief Friel Oaths of Office for new Police Officers  
Harry Valentin, Matthew Heiser and Richard Brown

**DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public Hearing of Ordinance #018-2021- Appropriate American Rescue Plan Act funds**

**BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING IN ENTIRETY BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 3-2021 FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ON APRIL 26, 2021 TO DECREASE THE TOTAL APPROPRIATION THEREIN FROM \$1,575,000 TO \$1,519,000, TO DECREASE THE TOTAL DEBT AUTHORIZED FROM \$1,496,250 TO \$82,450, TO APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,432,427.50 AND TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT OTHER PROVISIONS THEREIN**

**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 members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** The bond ordinance of the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey (the "Town"), heretofore finally adopted by the Town Council on April 26, 2021, numbered 3-2021 and entitled, **"BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2021 UTILITY CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS BY AND IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$1,575,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,496,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF"** (the "Original Ordinance"), is hereby amended and supplemented to the extent and with the effect as set forth below:

- (a) The title to the Original Ordinance is hereby amended and restated to be as follows:

**“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2021 UTILITY CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,519,000 THEREFOR, INCLUDING FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,432,427.50, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$82,450 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF”.**

(b) The entire body text of the Original Ordinance is amended and restated to be 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 \$1,519,000, which sum includes Federal funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in the amount of \$1,432,427.50 (the “Federal ARP Funds”) and which includes \$4,122.50 as the aggregate amount of down payments for said improvements or purposes as required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the “Local Bond Law”). Said down payments are now available therefor by virtue of appropriations 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 \$1,519,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of Federal ARP Funds and said down payments, negotiable bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$82,450 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 \$82,450 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, including, but not limited to, are as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
(i) Purchase and installation of a centrifuge for the Utility Department; and	\$665,000 (Includes Federal ARP Funds in the amount of \$665,000)	\$0	\$0	15 years

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
(ii) Purchase of a Jet Vac Truck and all related accessories for the Utility Department; and	\$455,000 (Includes Federal ARP Funds in the amount of \$368,427.50)	\$82,450	\$4,122.50	5 years
(iii) Purchase of a UV Disinfection System for the Sewer Plant.	\$399,000 (Includes Federal ARP Funds in the amount of \$399,000)	\$0	\$0	20 years
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,519,000</b>	<b>\$82,450</b>	<b>\$4,122.50</b>	

(b) Such improvements or purposes set forth in Section 3(a) shall also include, but are not limited to, as applicable, demolition and excavation, paving, resurfacing and reconstruction of the roadways, roadway painting and striping, replacing the castings on catch basins and manholes, the repairing and/or removal and installation of sidewalks, driveway aprons, curbing, retaining walls and curb ramps, guardrails, and concrete improvements, and all other related improvements, design work, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, contract administration, work, materials, equipment, accessories, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(c) The aggregate estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purposes is \$82,450.

(d) The aggregate estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$1,519,000, the excess amount thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor is the Federal ARP Funds in the amount of \$1,432,427.50 and the aggregate down payments for said purposes in the amount of \$4,122.50.

**SECTION 4.** Except for the Federal ARP Funds, 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 Federal ARP Funds, 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, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date or otherwise authorized by the Local Bond Law. 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 the Local Bond Law. 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. 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, a revised capital or temporary capital budget 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 which the Town may lawfully undertake as general improvements, 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 the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 5 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 \$82,450 and the said bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$300,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements hereinbefore 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 bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance. The bonds or notes 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 bonds or notes 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 improvements or purposes 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 improvements or purposes 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 §1.150-2. 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 herein used to reimburse the Town for costs of the improvements or purposes 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 herein 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 improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof will be issued in an amount not to exceed \$82,450. 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 eighteen (18) months after the later of (i) the date the expenditure from a source other than any bonds or notes authorized herein is paid, or (ii) the date the improvements or purposes 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 three (3) years after the expenditure is paid.

**SECTION 10.** 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, which are authorized herein, and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Town. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the 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 11.** The Town covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under section 103(a) of the Code of the interest on all federally tax exempt bonds and notes issued under this ordinance.

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

**Section 2.** This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Rodio  
Ordinance #018-2021 is open for public hearing

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Gribbin  
Ordinance #018-2021 is adopted and approved for final publication

Roll Call  
Councilperson:  
Furgione - Yes  
Giralo – Yes  
Gribbin - Yes  
Oliva – Yes

Olivo - Yes  
Rodio - Yes  
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**Public Hearing of Ordinance #019-2021- Amend Chapter 14 Mullica Joint Court**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE I OF THE  
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON**

**WHEREAS**, on August 23, 2021, the Council of the Town of Hammonton adopted Ordinance #013-2021 which amended Chapter 14, Article I of the General Ordinances of the Town of Hammonton; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance #013-2021 contained a clerical error regarding certain dates pertaining to the Township of Mullica; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance now seeks to correct the clerical error.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, as follows;

**§14-1, last sentence, the date “June 28, 2021” is changed to “October 7, 2021” and the date “August 2021” is changed to “October 2021”.**

**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.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva  
Ordinance #019-2021 is open for public hearing

Motion by Council Person Giraldo Second Gribbin  
Ordinance #019-2021 is adopted and approved for final publication

**Roll Call**

Councilperson:  
Furgione - Yes  
Giraldo – Yes  
Gribbin - Yes  
Oliva – Yes  
Olivo - Yes  
Rodio - Yes  
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administration - Councilman Gribbin**

- Reviewed Admin Meeting and hiring



- Reviewed process of tax sale and important dates for tax payments
- Thanked Tri- Vets for event
- Vets Memorial Committee addition of Jon Oliva in place of Giraldo

**Business & Industry – Councilman Olivo**

- Reviewed upcoming events in Town- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 11/18, 11/27 Small Business Saturday, 12/4 Down Town Tree Lighting, 12/11 Christmas Parade, 16/16 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Holiday Theme, Winter Coat Drive 11/20 at St. Vincent Paul Food Pantry.

**Quality of Life – Councilman Oliva**

- Reviewed Environmental Commission meeting
- Thanked everyone for working on the rain garden
- Drug Alliance will sponsor Santa is coming to Town story time. This will start on 12/9/2021. Run every Thursday in December.
- Cookie Kits can be picked up at 310 Bellevue Ave in December

**Education - Councilman Giraldo**

- Reviewed School Board meeting. They are bidding on 1 turf field.
- Quarterly parent's news letters will be posted on the School website.
- ECEC in person clubs coming again to the school

**Public Works & Transportation - Councilman Rodio**

- Reviewed action items on engineer's report

**Law & Order - Mayor DiDonato**

No action to report on

**Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione**

- Gave updates on Trenches, Centrifuse date of delivery
- Notice for 1<sup>st</sup> road water line replacement went out and we will have residents at the December meeting.
- Water Meter replacements are occurring, schedule with Town Hall if your meter was not replaced.

**ENGINEER REPORT**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Octagon Oil/Vine Street Parking Lot (ARH #11-01060):**

As previously reported, ARH sought a technical consult from the NJDEP before submission our Remedial Action Permit (RAP). During our consult it was discovered NJDEP will require additional work beyond our original project scope in order to revise the RAP so it can be considered acceptable by NJDEP. Enclosed please find a proposal to complete the installation of a temporary well for vertical delineation of groundwater at the site.

**Action Requested:**

1. Authorize ARH Proposal related to installation of groundwater delineation wells and required groundwater sampling and analysis at the wells. Total proposal value \$7,000.00

Motion by Council Person Rodio Second Furgione

Approval of above for wells and groundwater sampling Po in the Amount of \$7,000.00 to ARH

**Roll Call**

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giraldo – Yes

Gribbin - Yes  
Oliva – Yes  
Olivo - Yes  
Rodio - Yes  
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

### **SOLICITOR REPORT**

- no action items to report on

### **MAYOR REPORT**

- Congratulated all the elected officials for November's Election process.
- Thanked resident of Hammonton for giving him another 4 years to serve this community.

### **PWM REPORT**

#### **NJDOT, Municipal Aid Funding Applications**

The Town has received notice of approval for a funding allotment totaling \$300,000 for the following roadway.

- Old Forks Road reconstruction, White Horse Pike, U.S. Rt. #30 west to the Town line or a portion thereof as funding allows.

The Town is waiting to hear from the NJDOT on the two funding applications noted below.

- Bike Path improvements Phase II, extension from present end point north and east to the Lake Park.
- Transit Village safety improvements along 11<sup>th</sup> Street between Grand Street northeast to the existing train station parcel.

#### **First Road Water Main Improvements**

The Town has sent out letters to the residents along sections of 1<sup>st</sup> Road and 10<sup>th</sup> Street to obtain their opinion on possible water main extension to their area. If you have not already responded back to the Clerk's office please do so by Friday, 11/19/2021.

A second letter will be sent to the various property owners in the project area to attend a public hearing at the December 13<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to review and discuss the possible project scope.

#### **FY 2022 Small Cities Program**

We anticipate that award announcement will occur sometime in December of this year.

#### **Sustainable NJ/Atlantic City Electric Grant**

The Town received a notice from Sustainable NJ regarding the award of an Atlantic City Electric Grant of \$5,000 to complete storm water management and erosion control improvements adjacent to the stream corridor that drains into the Hammonton Lake near the Central Avenue and Batchelor Lane intersection. A tour of the above noted area and the existing rain gardens in Town was conducted on Saturday 11/13/2021.

#### **Electric Vehicle Charging Station, Vine Street Parking Lot**

The Town has received notice that the agreement with the State for an \$8,000 grant has been signed. We are preparing the project specifications and will proceed to receive price quotes for the work in early next year.

#### **Rt. #54 NJDOT update**

We were notified by the NJDOT that the contractor will return to adjust some of the manhole castings that are low in relation to the finished pavement grade.

#### **Cedar Branch/Cedar Brook Stream Corridor Debris Cleaning**

We met onsite with the County Public Works and Mosquito Commission representatives. We will meet again once the leaves fall to observe the locations for stream access where a tree has fallen across the channel and needs to be removed.

**Other items**

December schedule (items must be out prior to 6 am)

- Bulky 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> – 3 item limit.
- Brush 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> – One (1) 6' x 6' pile allowed
- Recycling pickup by the County will occur on November 29<sup>th</sup> – December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> of December.

**TOWN CLERK REPORT**

1. Approval of Contracts for Public Works Manager, Code Enforcement Officer, Confidential Clerk 1, Tax Collector and Tax Assessor. 4 year contracts that run from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025.
2. Approval to Hire Keyboard Clerk 1 in the Planning / Zoning office. Part time 19.5 to 26 hours per week, no benefits \$15.00 per hour. Contingent upon all civil service rules and regulation.
3. Approval to move Robin Ripa to the Assessor office fulltime 32.5 hours a week, health Benefits contingent upon all civil service rules and regulations.

Motion by Council Gribbin Second Giraldo

Approval of items 1 to 3

**Roll Call**

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Giraldo – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo- Yes

Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**APPROVE BILL LIST & PURCHASE ORDERS**

Motion by Council Gribbin Second Giraldo

Approval of Bill list and purchase orders

**Roll Call**

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Giraldo – Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo- Yes

Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

**Ordinance #020-2021- Amending Chapter 48 Health Benefits**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 48-15  
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON ENTITLED  
“Employees to be covered” by health benefits**

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council have discussed and agreed upon an amendment to Chapter 48-15 that would allow employees to receive health benefits from the Town of Hammonton if they reach the age of 62 and have 20 years of services with the Town of Hammonton; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON**, per New State Statue 40A:10-23: Payments of premiums after retirement. The Town of Hammonton may, in its discretion, assume the entire cost or a portion of the cost of such coverage and pay all or a portion of the premiums for employees who have retired and reached the age of 62 years or older with at least 20 years of service with the Town of Hammonton, including the premiums on their dependents, if any, under uniform conditions as the governing body of the local unit shall prescribe; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if a portion, section, subsection, paragraph, or provision of this ordinance shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any other part thereof.

Motion by Council Gribbin Second Olivo

**TABLING** Ordinance #20-2021. Until January

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Giralo – Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo- Yes

Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution #143-2021- Set time, place and date of Council Meetings for 2022**

**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 5:00 p.m. January 3, 2022** 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. This meeting will be held in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 100 Central Avenue, Hammonton, New Jersey 08037. .
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. These meeting are subject to change due to the COVID10 Pandemic and maybe held by way of video conference. The following is the list of **Regular Council Meeting dates for year 2022**:

January 24th  
February 28th  
March 28th  
April 25th  
May 23rd  
June 20th

July 25th  
August 29th  
September 26th  
October 24th  
November 21st  
December 19th

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 #144-2021- Support Volunteer Fire Department Tuition Credit Program**

**A Resolution for the Hammonton Volunteer Fire Department  
of the Town of Hammonton and the Town Council to support and participate  
In the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program (P.L. 1998, c. 145)**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton in the County of Atlantic, deems it appropriate to enhance the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters and emergency medical volunteers in the Town of Hammonton; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has enacted P.L. 1998, c. 145 which permits municipal governments to allow their firefighting and emergency medical volunteers to take advantage of the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program at no cost to the municipal government.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton in the County of Atlantic that the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program as set forth in P.L. 1998, c.145 is herewith adopted for the volunteer firefighters and emergency medical volunteers in the municipality; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fire Chief of the Town of Hammonton Volunteer Fire Company is herewith delegated the responsibility to administer the program and is authorized to enter into all agreements and to maintain files of all documents as may be required under the P.L. 1998, c. 145, a copy of which is herewith made part of this resolution.

**Resolution #145-2021- Approve Lady Guadalupe Procession**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING THE ANNUAL  
“OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SPANISH COMMUNITY PROCESSION”**

**WHEREAS**, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel continues to promote the Town of Hammonton with their annual “Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Community Procession”; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council has and continues to support the efforts of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel; and

**WHEREAS** December 12, 2021 from 11a.m. to 12:00 p.m. is the scheduled date for the Spanish Community Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel has requested assistance of the Town of Hammonton Police Department for this scheduled event and closure of the following streets in the Town of Hammonton:

**Procession begins on Third Street at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel  
To French Street  
To Second Street**

To Pleasant Street  
To Tilton Street  
To French Street and back to church

**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 “Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Community Procession.”

**Resolution #146-2021- 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>
Various	Corelogic		\$13,080.50	Refund/Overpayments
5301/11	Lereta		\$1,221.73	Refund/Overpayment
2401/6	Wells Fargo		\$1,173.65	Refund/Overpayment
931-0	John Warren	135 S Grand St	\$533.00	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 #147-2021- Authorize Victory Bible Church Event**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING THE  
“Road Closure for Drive thru Nativity”**

**WHEREAS**, Victory Bible Church continues to promote the Town of Hammonton with their annual “Drive Thru Living Nativity”; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council has and continues to support the efforts of Victory Bible Church; and

**WHEREAS**, December 3<sup>RD</sup>, 4<sup>TH</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. are the scheduled dates for the Drive Thru Living Nativity; and

**WHEREAS**, Victory Bible Church has requested assistance of the Town of Hammonton’s Police Department for this scheduled event and closure of the following streets in the Town of Hammonton:

**South Egg Harbor Road from Weymouth Road to 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Victory Bible Church’s “Drive Thru Living Nativity.”

**Resolution #148-2021- Approval 5K run Hammonton Home School Association**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING THE  
“Road Closure for 5K Run”**

**WHEREAS**, the Hammonton Police Department and Hammonton Home and School Association continues to promote Positive Community interaction and support; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council has and continues to support these types of events; and

**WHEREAS**, December 11<sup>TH</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. are the scheduled dates for the Holiday 5K Run; and

**WHEREAS**, Hammonton Home and School Association has requested assistance of the Town of Hammonton's Police Department for this scheduled event and closure of the following streets in the Town of Hammonton:

**Liberty Street (from Hammonton Middle School to Bellevue) 5:30 to 7:00 pm**

**Route 54 (from WPH to Front Street) from 5:30 to 7:00 pm**

**Central Avenue (from Bellevue to Vine) from 5:30 to 7:00 pm**

**All Road openings onto Bellevue Avenue (from WHP to Front Street) be closed during event at 5:30pm to 7:00pm**

**School House Lane from 5:30pm to 7:00 pm**

**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 Hammonton Police Department and Hammonton Home and School Association Holiday 5K Run.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Giralto  
Resolutions #143 to #148 are approved.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Giralto – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo- Yes

Rodio – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**PUBLIC HEARD**

**Mark Santora Old Forks Road-**

Once old forks road is resurfaced can the Town put the double line back on the road? He believes the center point for Sewer is the halfway point between Trotters Run towards the pike.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Motion by Council Person Giralto Second Olivo