

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council October 25, 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 - Absent
Gribbin - Present
Oliva -Present
Olivo - Absent
Rodio – Present
Mayor DiDonato - Present

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor
Bob Vettese, PWM

EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #128-2021

Motion by Council Person Rodio Second Gribbin
Enter into Executive Session

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Furgione
Close Executive Session

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

Councilperson:
Furgione - Present
Giralo - Absent
Gribbin - Present
Oliva -Present
Olivo - Absent
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 September 27, 2021

Council Minutes September 27, 2021

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second Rodio

Minutes are approved

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giralo – Absent

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo - Absent

Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

PRESENTATION

- Hammonton Boys Baseball Team 10U – Councilmen Oliva presented team with proclamation
- Hammonton Girls Softball Team 10U – Councilmen Gribbin presented team with proclamation
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DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Rodio

Approval to hire Matthew Hieser as a Police Officer for the Town of Hammonton effective October 25, 2021.

Contingent upon receipt of PTC certificate at completion of Academy. Salary will be step 2 of contract.

(\$43,600.00)

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giralo – Absent

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo - Absent

Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Furgione

Approval to hire Harry Valintin as a Police Officer for the Town of Hammonton effective October 29, 2021.

Contingent upon receipt of PTC certificate at completion of Academy. Salary will be step 2 of contract.

(\$43,600.00)

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giralo – Absent

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo - Absent
Rodio - Yes
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva

Approval to hire Richard Brown as a Police Officer for the Town of Hammonton effective November 9, 2021.
Salary will be step 9 of contract. (\$63,400.00)

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giralo – Absent

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo - Absent

Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Public Hearing 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:

<u>Name of Road</u>	<u>Zone Description</u>	<u>Movement Prohibited</u>
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.

Motion by Council Person Rodio Second Oliva

Ordinance #015-2021 is open for public hearing

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Oliva

Ordinance #015-2021 is adopted and approved for final publication

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giralo – Absent

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo - Absent

Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Public Hearing 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.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva
Ordinance #016-2021 is open for public hearing

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Gribbin
Ordinance #016-2021 is adopted and approved for final publication

Roll Call

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

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Public Hearing of Ordinance #017-2021- Amending Chapter 271 Speed Table Boyer Ave (Held Until November)

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 271 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 271, Article IV, Section 28, the chart is amended to add the following:

Name of Road	Zone Description	Maximum Speed Limit (mp
Boyer Avenue	Entire length	25

2. Chapter 271, Article IV, a new Section 271-31 is added which states as follows:

§271-31. Speed Hump and Traffic Calming Measures

A. Definitions. For the purpose of this Section 271-31, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

SPEED HUMP – means one of several traffic calming measures which uses force of vertical acceleration to discourage speeding (i.e. all vertical speed deflectors, including but not limited to, speed tables, raised crosswalks, raised intersections, and modified speed humps).

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURE – means the combination of physical controls and community support to reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use, alter driver behavior, and improve conditions for non-motorized users, and includes, but is not limited to, speed humps.

VERTICAL SPEED DEFLECTOR – means a raised area in the roadway pavement surface extending transversely across the travel way.

- B. Hammonton may, without the approval of the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation, construct a speed hump on two-lane residential streets and on one-way residential streets under municipal jurisdiction with a posted speed limit of 30 mph or less and which have fewer than 3,000 vehicles per day. Notwithstanding, this Section 271-31(B), prior to a municipality constructing a speed hump which: 1) places any impact on roadways in an adjoining municipality, Town Council shall provide appropriate notice to the adjoining municipality; or 2) places any impact on a State roadway shall obtain the approval of the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation.
- C. Any speed hump constructed shall conform in design and construction to the technical standards established by the New Jersey Department of Transportation. The Town shall provide advance warning, in the form of the erection of appropriate signs giving notice of the presence of speed humps before the first speed hump in a series of speed humps and provide for a pavement marker to be placed at the location of the first speed hump. The signing and pavement markings for a speed hump shall conform to the current standards prescribed in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways as adopted by the New Jersey Commissioner of Transportation.
- D. The following described streets or parts thereof shall contain speed humps:

<u>Name of Road</u>	<u>Zone Description</u>	<u>Direction of Travel</u>
<u>Boyer Avenue</u>		

- 3. Chapter 271, the following Sections shall be renumbered:

<u>Old Section</u>	<u>New Section</u>
<u>§271-30A</u>	<u>§271-32</u>
<u>§271-31</u>	<u>§271-33</u>
<u>§271-32</u>	<u>§271-34</u>
<u>§271-33</u>	<u>§271-35</u>
<u>§271-34</u>	<u>§271-36</u>
<u>§271-35</u>	<u>§271-37</u>
<u>§271-36</u>	<u>§271-38</u>
<u>§271-37</u>	<u>§271-39</u>
<u>§271-38</u>	<u>§271-40</u>

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.

Held until next meeting need to run legal ad again with detail.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration - Councilman Gribbin

- Gave overview of Early voting at 310 Bellevue Ave
- Tuesday November 2nd is regular voting from 6am to 8pm
- Administration committee meeting overview: Hire for code enforcement will start November 1st
- We will be purchasing new workstations for all town offices, this should be accomplished in the next 30 to 60 days
- Veteran's Ad Hoc committee is complete and they will be working on an additional monument in Town. Committee consists of Mr. Orsi, Mr. Adare, Denise Mazzeo, Scott Taylor Joe Giraldo and Tom Gribbin.

Business & Industry – Councilman Olivo (Given By Councilmen Oliva)

- Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the following occurred this month: Sherwin Williams, Harbor Auto Repair
- Ribbon cutting for the following will occur in November Awake Ascetics and Animal Clinic of Hammonton
- 3rd Thursday was on 10/21, theme was ghosts.

Quality of Life – Councilman Oliva

- Environmental Commission received a sustainable grant in the amount of \$5,000.00; Chief Friel is working on getting badges for everyone.
- Review of Green day and clocktoberfest
- Tri Vets career fair will be 11/10/21 from 10 am to 6pm
- Trick or treat is this Sunday from 4:30 to 7pm

Education - Councilman Giraldo- Given by Jon Oliva

- Reviewed Oct 14 board meeting
- Solar project update
- School is looking to hire Bus drivers
- Home coming is was October 16th
- 10/29 will be School Halloween Parade

Public Works & Transportation - Councilman Rodio

- Reviewed action item on Engineer's report
- Thanked the people that are running for office this coming election.

Law & Order - Mayor DiDonato

No action items

Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione

- update PWTC meeting
- 4 out of the 5 trenches are dry
- Flushing hydrants currently
- Gave info. on lantern fly issues and how to handle them

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Rodio

Approval to receive bids for overland drip irrigation at Boyer Ave

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes
Giralo – Absent
Gribbin - Yes
Oliva – Yes
Olivo - Absent
Rodio - Yes
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

ENGINEER REPORT

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **K&K Linens Property / 224 Vine Street (ARH #11-01094.01):**

This project has been advertised for public bid and bids were received on Wednesday October 20, 2021. There were five (5) bids received for this project. Our recommendation of award has been sent to the Town for consideration. Separately we are finalizing the estimates to seek funding for the demolition activities. ARH will have the revised grant to NJDEP on October 22, 2021.

Action Requested:

1. Award the bid for Demolition of the K&K Building subject to the following:
 - a. Review and approval of the bid by the Solicitor.
 - b. Certification by the CFO as to the availability of funds.
 - c. Review and approval of the award by NJDEP.

Motion by Council Person Rodio Second Furgione
Approval of above for K&K Linens, 224 Vine Street

Roll Call

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

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

SOLICITOR REPORT

Introduction 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.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced in and passed the first reading at a meeting of Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey held on October 25, 2021, and said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing to be held at the Municipal Building located at 100 Central Avenue, Hammonton, NJ 08037, on November 15, 2021, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second Gribbin

Ordinance #19 has passed 1st reading, is approved for advertisement

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Giralo – Absent

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo - Absent

Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

MAYOR REPORT

- Spoke about the Turf field and Thanked Jeff Umosella for his help
- Councilmen Furgione explained how the use of the field will occur. It's for all residents and ST Joe Academy. There will be a schedule for the use completed by Town Recreation director.

- Subsurface drip irrigation will be taken from field #4 and moved to a different location
- No logo on field at all
- Mayor also spoke about the CARES funding and how the funds are being spent.

PWM REPORT

Cedar Branch/Cedar Brook Stream Corridor Debris Cleaning

We had a conference call with the County Public Works and Mosquito Commission representatives last Wednesday. The Town Public Works Department has completed some work and will complete some additional work to provide a foot path to allow further inspection of an area of possible mosquito breeding that could be addressed.

Rt. #54 NJDOT update

The NJDOT contractor completed the emergency paving work, striping and pavement marking work in the downtown area earlier this month.

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 could now proceed with preparing the project specifications and proceed to receive price quotes for the work.

FY 2022. Small Cities Program

Triad Assoc. has submitted a grant application to the NJDCA for additional funding for improvements at the Lake Park. We anticipate that award announcement will occur sometime in December of this year.

Sustainable NJ/Atlantic City Electric Grant

The Town received notice from Sustainable NJ regarding the award of an Atlantic City Electric Grant of \$5,000 to complete storm water recharge and erosion control improvements adjacent to the stream corridor that drains into the Hammonton Lake near the Central Avenue and Batchelor Lane intersection. A news release regarding the project will appear in the Gazette.

NJDOT, Municipal Aid Funding Applications

Upon checking with the NJDOT District IV representative the award recommendation letters should be distributed to municipalities in November of this year. The Town Engineer has submitted the following applications for funding consideration.

- Old Forks Road reconstruction, White Horse Pike, U.S. Rt. #30 west to the Town line.
- Bike Path improvements Phase II, extension from present end point north and east to the Lake Park.
- Transit Village improvements along 11th Street between Grand Street northeast to the existing train station parcel.

Other items

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

- Bulky 1st to 5th – 3 item limit. For Tuesday, the 2nd (Election Day), bulky waste will be picked up on Wednesday, the 3rd.
- Brush 8th to 12th – One (1) 6' x 6' pile allowed
- Recycling pickup by the County will occur on November 1st to the 5th, November 15th to the 19th and November 29th to December 3rd.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

1. Accept retirement of Edward Slimm from his position of Lieutenant in the Hammonton Police Department effective January 1, 2022.
2. Accept retirement of Christopher Clements from his position of Sergeant in the Hammonton Police Department effective February 1, 2022.
3. Accept retirement of Richard Jones from his position of Corporal in the Hammonton Police Department effective January 1, 2022.

4. Approve Best Practices Worksheet Questionnaire from the State of New Jersey.
5. Accept Michael Ferrara as a regular member of Fire Company #1, approved at Fire Company meeting October 10th. Background check complete and approved by Fire Chief.
6. Approval to increase hourly rate for crossing Guards to \$13.00 per hour, effective November 11, 2021.
7. Accept resignation of Robert Thornevell from Fire Company #1 in good standing. Effective as of September 30, 2021.

Motion by Council Gribbin Second Oliva
Approval of items 1 to 7

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Giralo – Absent

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo- Absent

Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

APPROVE BILL LIST & PURCHASE ORDERS

Motion by Council Gribbin Second Oliva
Approval of Bill list and purchase orders

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Giralo – Absent

Gribbin – Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo- Absent

Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

Introduction 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
(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
Total:	\$1,519,000	\$82,450	\$4,122.50	

(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 Furgione Second Rodio
Ordinance #18-2021 has passed 1st reading and is approved for publication

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Giralo – Absent

Gribbin – Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo- Absent

Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #129-2021- 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 #130-2021- Execute 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 #131-2021 – Authorizing type of Payment for Delinquent Taxes

Resolution Authorizing Method of Payment for Delinquent Taxes

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton conducts an accelerated tax sale each year; and

WHEREAS, any taxpayer who is delinquent as of November 23rd of the current year shall be included in the accelerated sale; and

WHEREAS, to ensure full payment prior to the date of the accelerated tax sale, the Town must know that taxes have been paid in full;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey that all delinquent tax payments tendered on or after November 23, 2021, must be paid either by cashier's check, money order or cash.

Resolution #132-2021- Appoint Fund Commissioner

**STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND
RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER**

WHEREAS, The Town of Hammonton (hereinafter "Local Unit") is a member of the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter "Fund"), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Fund's Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Fund Commissioner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Town of Hammonton that Frank Zuber is hereby appointed as the Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the **Fund Year 2022**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Audrey Boyer is hereby appointed as the Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for **the Fund Year 2022**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Unit's Fund Commissioner is authorized and directed to execute all such documents as required by the Fund.

Resolution #133-2021- Authorizing Tree Lighting Event

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

WHEREAS, Saturday, December 4th(rain date, Dec 5th) 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 4th, 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 3rd 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 #134-2021- Authorize New Years Eve Bash

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING
MAINSTREET HAMMONTON NEW YEARS EVE BASH**

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

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

WHEREAS, Friday, December 31, 2021 is the scheduled date for the MainStreet Hammonton New Years Eve Bash from 10:00 p.m to 12:30 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, Mainstreet Hammonton is requesting use of the Town Hall parking lot, and Building and the closure of Central Avenue from Bellevue to Vine Street from 5:00 p.m to 1:30 a.m on December 31st, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the Mainstreet Hammonton New Years Bash is acknowledged and endorsed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Hammonton will provide police assistance for this event.

Resolution #135-2021- Approval of 159 Budget Additions for Sustainable Jersey Grant

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 of an amount of \$5,000.00 from the Sustainable Communities Resiliency Grant from Atlantic Electric and wishes to amend its 2021 Current Fund Budget to include this amount as revenue.

NOW, THERFORE, 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 2021 in the sum of \$5,000.00 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:

Sustainable Communities Resiliency Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$5,000.00 is and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

Operations - Excluded from "CAPS":

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

Sustainable Communities Resiliency Grant

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

Resolution #136-2021- Approval of 159 Budget Addition New Jersey DEP Grant

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 of an amount of \$76,932.00 from the State of New Jersey DEP, Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund and wishes to amend its 2021 Current Fund Budget to include this amount as 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 2021 in the sum of \$76,932.00 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:

State of NJ- Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$76,932.00 is and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

Operations - Excluded from "CAPS":

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

State of NJ- Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund

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

Resolution #137-2021- Various Refunds

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON
AUTHORIZING VARIOUS REFUNDS**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the following refunds are authorized as approved by the respective Department Heads of the Town of Hammonton:

St. Mary Mt. Carmel Parish	\$54.00	Fire Permit
Neri's Café	\$54.00	Fire Permit

Resolution #138-2021 – Transfer Resolution

TRANSFER OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey, that there be and hereby is authorized the following transfer from the 2021 Budget appropriations **with an effective date of November 1, 2021**:

CURRENT FUND		
From: Engineering- Operating Expenses		\$ 25,000.00
From: Police Salaries and Wages Expense		\$ 35,000.00
From: Public Bldgs/Grds Operating Expense		\$ 20,000.00
To: Computer Operating Expense		\$ 35,000.00

To: Legal Operating Expense \$ 35,000.00
To: Airport Operating Expense \$ 10,000.00

Resolution #139-2021- Approval of 159 Budget Addition Vehicle Charging Station

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 of a grant in the amount \$8,000.00 from the State of New Jersey DEP, Electric Vehicle Charging Grant and wishes to amend its 2021 Current Fund Budget to include this amount as 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 2021 in the sum of \$8,000.00 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:

State of New Jersey DEP, Electric Vehicle Charging Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$8,000.00 is and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:
Operations - Excluded from "CAPS":
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

State of New Jersey DEP, Electric Vehicle Charging Grant

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

Resolution #140-2021- Authorizing Payment for Force Main Installation

**Resolution Authorizing Payment of Town's Portion for
Force Main Installation at Block 1705 Lot 12 (918 3rd Street)**

WHEREAS, The Town of Hammonton is not presently planning the installation of a public gravity sanitary sewer extension within this section of Third Street/Wilsey Mill Road, Co. Rt. #724 at this time; and

WHEREAS, Anthony and Margaret Siscone (herein referred to as "Applicant") have made a request to the Town of Hammonton to allow for the installation of a grinder pump and force main to service their existing residence at their property, known as 918 3rd Street, Block 1705, Lot 12 on the Town of Hammonton Tax Map; and

WHEREAS, the Town agrees to pay the portion attributed to the Town for this project in the amount of \$3,800.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, payment will be made to the applicant in the amount of \$3,800.00.

Resolution #141-2021 – 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		\$28,834.40	Refund/Overpayments
1807/17	Horoski, Anthony	31 Leah Ct	\$3,431.28	Cancel 2022/exempt
2713/13.01	Jones, Joseph	425 E. Pleasant St	\$2,385.91	Cancel 2022/exempt
3002/16	Jones, Dale & Stacy	301 Locust St	\$2,439.21	Cancel 2022/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:

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Furgione
Resolutions #129 to #141 are approved.

Roll Call

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

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

PUBLIC HEARD

- Mark Santora – 385 Old Forks Road, questioned if Old Forks Road gets resurfaced can we put in a grinder pump in that location
- Councilmen Furgione – Spoke about the current lines that are out there. We have ARH look into this.
- John Demarco 644 N. Chew Road- Asked about the new fees for the rental inspections. Why the increase.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva