

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council September 25, 2023
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 -
R. Rodio-
S. Rodio –
Wuillermin -
Mayor DiDonato -

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor
Bob Vettese, Public Works Manager

EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #125-2023

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

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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

Regular Minutes August 28, 2023
Executive Minutes August 28, 2023
Special Meeting September 11, 2023

PRESENTATION

- Slap Consultation LLC – Cannabis Consultant

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration - Councilman Gribbin

Business & Industry – Councilman Wuillermin

Quality of Life – Councilman Oliva

Education - Councilwoman Renee Rodio

Public Works & Transportation Councilman Sam Rodio

Law & Order - Mayor DiDonato

Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione

ENGINEER REPORT

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Mazza Muffler Site / 104 S. Egg Harbor Road (ARH #11-01102):** Completed

Our office has processed the final Change Order for the demolition project. The final contract value is \$79,450.00, which represents a decrease of \$8,550 from the original contract price.

Action Item

Approve Change Order #1 (Final)

2. **Lake Park ADA Playground/Small Cities (ARH #11-01100):** In Progress

Our office has completed the survey and base mapping for the project. We are requesting authorization to commence Phases 2 and 3 of the Lake Park project, which includes the engineering and permitting tasks to obtain Pinelands Approval.

Action Item

Authorize Phases 2 and 3 of ARH's proposal dated May 19, 2023, for a value not to exceed \$110,000.00.

3. **Boyer Avenue Pump Station (ARH #11-50058):** In Progress

Our office received bids for this construction project on August 30, 2023. The low bidder submitted a price in excess of \$1 million, which greatly exceeds the available funds. We have submitted our recommendation to reject the bids.

Action Item

Reject the bids received for the Boyer Avenue Pump Station project.

PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION ITEMS:

Roadway & Transportation Projects:

4. **School House Lane – 3rd Street to Rt. 54 (ARH #11-40060):** Complete

Our office has submitted the Contractor's final payment request (release of retainage). This project will be removed from the next Engineer's Report.

5. **Valley Avenue – Broadway to Central (ARH #11-30159):** Complete

Our office has submitted the Contractor's final payment request (release of retainage). This project will be removed from the next Engineer's Report.

6. **NJDOT FY2022/FY2023 Municipal Aid: Old Forks Road (ARH #11-40061):** 95% Complete
Our office has finalized the construction plans for the Old Forks Road project. We are awaiting approval from the NJDOT to advertise for bidding. Our office anticipates construction in the fall, after the conclusion of the farm and transportation season.
7. **11th Street Sidewalk Improvements (ARH #11-40062):** 95% Complete
Our office has completed the design of the 11th Street Sidewalk project. This project will need to be submitted to the NJDOT for approval and authorization to bid.
8. **Hammonton Bike Path Connector – Phase II (ARH #11-40052.07):** 70% Complete
We have not received any information from Atlantic County regarding their existing drainage facilities. We are scheduling soil test pits to assist in the design of the stormwater management system.
9. **K&K Linens Property / 224 Vine Street (ARH #11-01094.07):** 75% Complete
We have completed the additional survey required to advance the design. Final plans and specifications are being developed. We are also investigating the possibility of installing canopy solar at this site, with funding and incentives from potential grant sources. Environmental Projects:
10. **Hammonton Lake Aquatic Survey (ARH #11-90033):** Completed
The Lake Aquatic Survey has been completed and we received the final report from the survey subconsultant, DuBois and Associates. Our office is scheduling a virtual meeting with the Pinelands to review the survey findings.
11. **Octagon Oil/Vine Street Parking Lot (ARH #11-01060):** On hold
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.
12. **Skinner Property / 317 N. Egg Harbor Road (ARH #11-01074.06):** In Progress
Our office continues to perform soil sampling and testing at the site. A report will be forwarded to the PWTC committee for discussion and to determine permanent improvements once the testing protocol is completed.
13. **Celona Site Remediation - 130 Railroad Avenue (ARH #11-01054):** Completed
ARH completed the receptor evaluation at the site and completed the remedial investigation report.

SEWER/WATER INFORMATION ITEMS:

14. **Route 54 Water Main Replacement Project (ARH #11-30167):** 80% Complete
The design of the water main will be revised to be located within the existing roadway of Route 54, since obtaining the Pinelands permit to construct the main outside of the cartway is too burdensome on the Town. We have met with the NJDOT to discuss the design and their requirements. Our office will be submitting the plans to the Pinelands for Public Development approval by the end of the month. We will also submit the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water permit to the NJDEP concurrently with the Pinelands application.
15. **Lakeview Gardens Water Testing (ARH #11-30168)** Ongoing
Our office is coordinating with the Town to contact the residents in the Lakeview Gardens section, to ensure that they are getting the well tests.
16. **Water Quality Accountability Act Compliance (ARH #11-30166):** Ongoing
Our office continues to compile responses to the lead service line survey we created and sent to the residents. We have received responses from approximately 26% of the property owners, with about 5 percent of respondents identifying a lead or galvanized services. A second round of mailings has been sent out. We continue to draft

policy, notification, prioritization, funding, and implementation documents, which will also include annual LSL reporting to the state and GIS updates.

GENERAL SITE AND RECREATION INFORMATION ITEMS:

17. **Traditions at Blueberry Ridge (ARH #11-10044):** In Progress
 Our office has received construction quotes from two contractors and are currently in negotiations with the apparent low bidder. Construction is anticipated to be completed in the next 4 to 6 weeks.

SOLICITOR REPORT
MAYOR REPORT
PWM REPORT

TOWN CLERK REPORT

1. Approval Joseph Maimone as regular member of Fire Company #1. Background complete, approved by Fire Department at their September meeting.
2. Approval to release continuation Certificate/Performance Bond #656294 for McDonalds remodel project from December of 2009.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #126-2023- Approve Specialized Services

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

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Specialized Service</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Not To Exceed AN</u>
Utility	IA System Repairs	Schneider Electric	\$50,000.00
Utility	Plant Repairs	KRS Services	\$100,000.00
Utility	Electrical Repairs (Plants)	ABS Electric	\$200,000.00
Utility	Polymer supply	Polydyne Inc.	\$20,000.00
Utility	Chlorine/Sulfuric supply	Univar	\$30,000.00
Utility	Klenphos	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
Dog Regulations	Animal Control	A-Academy of South	\$8,160.00

Dog Regulations	Animal after hour emergency	Jersey A-Academy of South Jersey	\$50.00 per call \$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	\$75,000.00
<u>Department</u>	<u>Quoted Service</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Not To Exceed AN</u>
Highway & Utility	Uniform rent/cleaning	Schenk Textiles	\$20,000.00
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	\$40,000.00

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 2023 and 2024.

Resolution #127-2023- Authorize Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Church Fall Festival

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

WHEREAS, October 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th are the scheduled dates for the Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Church Fall Festival and Carnival. The time of the event will be 5 pm to 11 pm on October 5th to the 7th and 11:30am to 9pm on the Sunday the 8th. 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 #128-2023- Support Knock Out 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, 2023, 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, 2023, be recognized as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day in the Town of Hammonton, New Jersey.

Resolution #129-2023- Accept NJDOT Grants for Hammonton Municipal Airport

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANTS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey are accepting **Airport Grants for Taxiway A Rehab-Phase III Construction and Taxiway A Rehab – Phase IV Construction Management Services** in the amounts of \$26,464.35 and 4,103.55 respectively, offered by the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, this project will cover Hammonton Municipal Airport Taxiway A Rehab Construction and Construction Management Services at the Hammonton Municipal Airport.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all agreements or other documents related to this grant authorization.

Resolution #130-2023- Authorizing Submission of Grant Application to Atlantic County

**Resolution of Support Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application
to the Atlantic County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs**

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize the quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, a critical part of the environmental and social objectives of a community involves the protection, preservation, and promotion of its historical resources; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton recognizes and embraces its obligations to preserve and highlight its historical resources for the benefit of future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs provides grants for projects highlighting and accurately interpreting local and regional history ; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton has received one of the Salem Oak seedlings as part of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection's efforts to ensure the legacy of this historic tree; and

WHEREAS, the Hammonton Historic Preservation Commission wishes to submit an application to the Atlantic County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs for funding to ensure the future site of Hammonton's "Salem Oak" in Oak Grove Cemetery highlights the history of both the Oak and the Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, support the submission of an application for such funding, finding it in the best interest of the town to so highlight and promote an understanding of our local and regional history;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, authorize the submission of an appropriate Grant application for that purpose to the Atlantic County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Resolution #131-2023- Award State Contract purchase for Telecommunication System

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT FOR THE AWARD
TO PURCHASE A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON**

WHEREAS, there exists a need to purchase a Telecommunications System & Accessories, for the Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, after comparing the price and particular suitability, that a contract be awarded to RFP Solutions Inc. to purchase the Telecommunications System under state contract # 80801, in the amount not to exceed \$38,000.00; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in a General Capital Ordinance #018-2023; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1-et seq. requires that the resolution awarding of the contract without competitive bidding and the contract itself must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY that the Mayor and Town Clerk of the Town of Hammonton are hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with to RFP Solutions Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law as a State Approved Contractor # 80801; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract is subject to the mutual acceptance of the appropriate contact documentation between RFP Solutions Inc. and the Town of Hammonton.

Resolution #132-2023- Award Contract for 2023 Road Program

**RESOLUTION AWARDING BIDS FOR
2023 ROAD PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton received bids for the 2023 Road Program on September 19, 2023 in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, said bids were received and consisted of a base bid for the road program; and

WHEREAS, a bid was received and evaluated; and

WHEREAS, the summary of the bid received for the project is as follows :

CONTRACTOR	COST
Arawak Inc	\$468,700.00

WHEREAS, after review and consideration of bid and the funding to be made available through Town Ordinance #018-2023 after the 20 day Estoppel period; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton that an award of the contract for the 2023 Roadway Improvement Program for the bid received on September 19, 2023 be made to Arawak Inc of Hammonton, NJ, in the amount \$468,700.00.

Resolution #133-2023- Approve Tax/Water/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>
2302/1/C006U	Menno, Nicholas	6U Rose Rita Terr	\$ 747.48	Ref/Tax Overpayment
2302/1/c0039	Doll, Jessica	39 Michael Rd	\$730.85	Ref/Tax Overpayment
3105/20	Hernandez, Guadalupe	534 French Street	\$1,580.85	Ref/Tax Overpayment
3401/11	Vision Abstract	633 Peach Street	\$1,186.68	Ref/Tax Overpayment
3901/18	Hernandez, Guadalupe	347 S White Horse Pk	\$1,041.20	Ref/Tax Overpayment
4110/3	Galan, Jose	771 S White Horse Pk	\$2,331.11	Ref/Tax Overpayment
Various	Wells Fargo	Various	\$1,850.34	Ref/Tax Overpayment

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:

PUBLIC HEARD

MEETING ADJOURNED