

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council January 23, 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 - Present
Gribbin - Present
Oliva - Present
R.Rodio- Present
S. Rodio – Present
Wuillermin - Present
Mayor DiDonato - Present

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor
Bob Vettese, Public Works Manager

EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #018-2023

Motion by Council Person Rodio Second Wuillermin
Enter into Executive Session

Motion by Council Person Rodio Second Wullermin
Close Executive Session

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

Councilperson:
Furgione - Present
Gribbin - Present
Oliva - Present
R.Rodio - Present
S. Rodio – Present
Wuillermin - Present
Mayor DiDonato - Present

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor
Robert Vettese, Public Works Manager
Mark Hermann of ARH, Town Engineer

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of this meeting has been posted and given to official newspapers. Please familiarize yourselves with the fire exits to the right and rear of the Council Chambers. Please do not proceed beyond the front benches without invitation from the Mayor to do so. Also, each person who wishes to address Council will be allotted 5 minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARD FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

No one desired to be heard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Re-organization Minutes January 3, 2023

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva
Minutes are approved

Roll Call:

Councilperson:
Furgione - Yes
Gribbin - Yes
Oliva - Yes
R.Rodio - Yes
S. Rodio – Yes
Wuillermin - Yes
Mayor DiDonato - Abstain

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

PRESENTATION

- **Chief Friel MADD Presentation** to Police Officers Kyle Ambrozaitis and Travis Hoffman
- **Update Heart & Soul** Cassie Iacovelli gave overview of the accomplishments of heart and soul. There will be a meeting on January 30th at 6 pm at the High School cafeteria
- **Eastern Pacific** – Presented to the town a development proposal for 151 S. Washington Street. Low Income COAH housing for senior living. (55 years and Older)

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Hearing of Ordinance #001-2023 – Vacating Unnamed Road

AN ORDINANCE VACATING UNNAMED ROAD LOCATED ON THE COMMON PROPERTY LINE OF LOTS 5 AND 5.01 OF BLOCK 1201 IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, in the Town of Hammonton, within the Inclusionary Development Zone (“IDZ Zoning District”), there exists, on the Tax Map, a municipal roadway known as Unnamed Road, which runs from N.J. State Route 54 (a/k/a Twelfth Street and Bellevue Avenue) to Commerce Way; and

WHEREAS, in order to accommodate the development of, and access to, properties within the IDZ Zoning District, it would be advantageous and beneficial to the Town of Hammonton to vacate the Unnamed Road right of way to facilitate that development; and

WHEREAS, the Unnamed Road desired to be vacated is shown on a plan entitled, “Plan For Lot Consolidation” prepared by Duffy Dolcy McManus & Roesch, dated August 25, 2022, attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and shown on the Tax Map of the Town of Hammonton, Sheet 12, attached hereto as Exhibit “B” ; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council have determined, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-1(b), that it is in the public interest to vacate Unnamed Road between Block 1201, Lots 5 and 5.01; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-1(b), the Town of Hammonton expressly reserves and excepts from vacation all rights and privileges possessed by municipal utilities and public utilities, as defined in N.J.S.A. 48:2-13, and any cable television company, as defined in the "Cable Television Act," (N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq.) to maintain, repair and replace their existing facilities in, adjacent to, over or under vacated Unnamed Road; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton Municipal Engineer has reviewed the proposed vacation of the Unnamed Road right of way and finds that same are consistent with the public interest, and that it is in the best interest of the municipality;

WHEREAS, Unnamed Road to be vacated is bounded to the North by N.J. State Route 54 (also known as Twelfth Street and Bellevue Avenue) and to the South by Commerce Way;

WHEREAS, the interests of the public will be served by this vacation, since Unnamed Road is unnecessary for public transportation or any other municipal purposes and the vacation will lead to the improvement of the property in the surrounding area without any detriment to the interests of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton as follows: Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-1(b), Unnamed Road described in Exhibits "A" and "B" is hereby vacated, subject only to the express reservation by the Town from the vacation of all rights and privileges possessed by public utilities, as defined in N.J.S.A. 48:2-13, and by any cable television company, as defined in the "Cable Television Act," (N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq.), to maintain, repair and replace their existing facilities in, adjacent to, over or under the street, or any part thereof to be vacated. In addition, the Town of Hammonton expressly reserves for itself, the right to inspect, replace and maintain stormwater facilities to facilitate and improve over and under ground flow and drainage of stormwater. **Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-2 and N.J.S.A. 40:49-6, the Town Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published, together with notice of its introduction in a newspaper published and circulated within the Town of Hammonton, if there be one, and if not, in a newspaper printed in Atlantic County and circulating in the Town of Hammonton, once, not less than (10) ten days prior to the time fixed for Second Reading and final passage. The Town Clerk shall, at least one (1) week prior to the time fixed for final passage of such Ordinance, mail a copy thereof, together with a notice of the introduction thereof, and the time and place when and where the Ordinance will be further considered for final passage, to every person whose lands may be affected by the Ordinance or any assessment which may be made in pursuance thereof, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-6. Upon final passage after Second Reading, the Town Clerk shall forthwith file a certified copy of the Ordinance in the office of the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk shall, within sixty (60) days after this Ordinance becomes effective, file a certified copy of this Ordinance vacating Unnamed Road, together with a copy of the proof of publication thereof, with the Office of the Atlantic County Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-21.**

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second Wuillermin
Ordinance #001-2023 is adopted and approved for final publication

Roll Call:

Councilperson:
Furgione - Yes
Oliva - Yes
R.Rodio - Yes
S. Rodio – Yes
Wuillermin - Yes
Mayor DiDonato – Abstain
Deputy Mayor Gribbin - Yes

Deputy Mayor Gribbin declares motion is carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration - Councilman Gribbin

- Reviewed Admin meeting that occurred on January 18th
- Thanked administration of SOOY school for having him do a presentation to students about government

Business & Industry – Councilman Wuillermin

- Chamber of Commerce meeting was held on Jan12th and outlined activities for the coming year
- 3 new businesses moved to new location. Gateway Mortgage moved to 20 S. 2nd Street, Blank Boutique moved to 8 S. 2nd Street and Soul Fitness moved to 5 N. Egg Harbor Road
- Mariachi Loco has painted their façade; they preserved the bldg and used Westfield Associates to accomplish the old look.

Quality of Life – Councilman Oliva

- Each organization under quality of life elected their chairs and co-chairs.
- In 2023 they will have monthly quality of life meetings. They will be held the 2nd Thursday of each month.
- Community cleanup this year will be March 4, 2023.

Education - Councilwomen Renee Rodio

- Thanked the fire department for their work at the fire on Walnut Street
- Jan 4th the school had their re-organization meeting and swore in the new members.
- On January 19th the school had their special achievement awards to the students.
- The school also purchased 1.000 Chrome Books
- The High School is offer new AP classes

Public Works & Transportation Councilman Sam Rodio

- Thanked Public Works and Scott Rivera for their work in collecting leaves for the season.

Law & Order - Mayor DiDonato (Given by Kevin Friel)

- Reviewed hiring in police department
- 12 hour shifts are working weel officers are getting use to them

Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione

- The agreement for WRT is being reviewed by Mike
- Centrifuse control panel is in and should be installed in the coming month or so.
- We are selling on e of the filter press and keeping one for a backup
- Install of drip irrigation system is underway and will be done by March 1st

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Wuillermin
Approve PO to ARH for Lead Service Lines GIS system \$7,500.00

Roll Call:

- Councilperson:
- Furgione - Yes
- Gribbin - Yes
- Oliva - Yes
- R.Rodio - Yes
- S. Rodio – Yes
- Wuillermin - Yes
- Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Wuillermin
Approval to sell filter press on Gov-deals

Roll Call:

- Councilperson:
- Furgione - Yes
- Gribbin - Yes
- Oliva - Yes

R.Rodio - Yes
S. Rodio – Yes
Wuillermin - Yes
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

ENGINEER REPORT

ACTION ITEMS:

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

The Contractor has completed the construction of the project, including final paving. A punch list will be prepared and addressed. The Contractor has submitted Change Order 2 in the amount of \$55,739.17, which includes additional work deemed necessary due to unforeseen conditions and extra work. The Contractor has submitted Application for Payment #6, in the amount of \$107,060.85. We have reviewed and submitted to the Business Administrator for payment.

Action Item:

Approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$55,739.17 for supplemental items to the contract.

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Wuillermin
Approve change order #2 for School House Lane

Roll Call:

Councilperson:
Furgione - Yes
Gribbin - Yes
Oliva - Yes
R.Rodio - Yes
S. Rodio – Yes
Wuillermin - Yes
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

2. **Valley Avenue – Broadway to Central (ARH #11-30159):** **In Progress**

The Contractor has completed the construction of the project, including final paving. A punch list will be prepared and addressed. The Contractor has submitted Change Order 2 in the amount of \$30,056.59, which includes additional work deemed necessary due to unforeseen conditions and extra work. The Contractor has submitted Application for Payment #6, in the amount of \$97,279.28. We have reviewed and submitted to the Business Administrator for payment.

Action Item:

Approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$30,056.59 for supplemental items to the contract.

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Wuillermin
Approve change order #2 for Valley Ave Project

Roll Call:

Councilperson:
Furgione - Yes
Gribbin - Yes
Oliva - Yes

R.Rodio - Yes
S. Rodio – Yes
Wuillermin - Yes
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

SOLICITOR REPORT

Resolution #032-2023 – Appoint Municipal Court Judge

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC
RECOMMENDING TO THE HONORABLE PHIL MURPHY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
THE APPOINTMENT OF FRANK J. RASO, ESQUIRE, P.C. AS JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE**

WHEREAS, there has hereto been established pursuant N.J.S.A. 2A:8-3 an inter-municipal Court for the Town of Hammonton the Borough of Folsom, Buena Vista , Egg Harbor City and Mullica Township in Atlantic County, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2A: 8-5 requires that the position of Judge of an Inter-municipal court shall be filled by the nomination and appointment of the Governor of the State of New Jersey with the advice and consent of the Senate and State; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and the Senate have yet to act on this existing appointment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, that it unanimously supports a recommendation to the Honorable Phil Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, of the appointment of Frank J. Raso, Esquire, P.C. as the Municipal Judge for the Town of Hammonton and Borough of Folsom, Buena Vista and Egg Harbor City Borough Inter-Municipal Court, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A: 8-5, which appointment is respectfully requested from February 9, 2023 to December 31, 2023..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Honorable Phil Murthy for his immediate consideration in filling the position aforesaid by recommendation to the Senate of the State of New Jersey.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva

Appoint and approve contract for Joint Municipal Court Judge Frank Raso

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva - Yes

R.Rodio - Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Resolution #033-2023 – Appoint Conflict Municipal Court Judge

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC
THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHELLE Verno, ESQUIRE, P.C. AS
CONFLICT JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE**

WHEREAS, there has hereto been established pursuant N.J.S.A. 2A:8-3 an inter-municipal Court for the Town of Hammonton the Borough of Folsom, Buena Vista , Egg Harbor City and Mullica Township in Atlantic County, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to appoint the position of Conflict Judge of an Inter-municipal court shall be filled by the nomination and appointment of the Governor of the State of New Jersey with the advice and consent of the Senate and State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, that it unanimously supports a recommendation of the appointment of Michelle. Verno, Esquire, P.C. as the Conflict Municipal Judge for the Town of Hammonton and Borough of Folsom, Buena Vista, Egg Harbor City Borough and Mullica Township Inter-Municipal Court, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A: 8-5, which appointment is respectfully requested from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023..

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva

Approve Judge Michelle Verno as Conflict Judge for the Joint Municipal Court

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva - Yes

R.Rodio - Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

MAYOR REPORT

No action items

PWM REPORT

Lakeview Gardens Private Well Water Testing

The Town sent out fifty-four (54) letters to property owners in the Lakeview Gardens area about testing their individual private water wells for PFAS compounds. We have received water test results from nineteen (19) property owners at this point. The results were as follows:

- Thirteen (13) private well water tests were in compliance with the States safe drinking water standards for the PFAS compounds.
- Six (6) private well water tests exceeded the States safe drinking water standards for the PFAS compounds.

If any property owner has not completed a private well water test yet, we request they proceed to have their private well water sampled and tested by a certified lab and send a copy of the results of the test to the Town ASAP.

Bob to send out another letter certified to all homeowners, put link to state on letter

Lake Level Return

All the boards at the Hammonton Lake dam have been replaced to bring the lake back to its normal level.

Lead and Galvanized Water Service Lateral Inventory

The Town and ARH will be sending out some general information to all residential homes and businesses Town water users about the inspection and identification of their water service lateral pipe. The transmittal will include information about identification and reporting of the type of material that the water service lateral installation is that extends from the Town's water main into a residence or business to the inside water meter. We request that each property owner, occupant, etc., inspect the water line and report the type of material that presently exists. Should you be unsure about identifying the material type of your water service lateral, we will supply the contact information for the Town Municipal Utilities Department that could help with completing that investigation. The NJDEP is requiring that the water service lateral inspection and identification be completed expeditiously as possible so that all lead and galvanized water service lateral pipe extending from the Town water main to the house water meter could be replaced within a ten (10) year period.

Various Water Projects

We will be contacting the NJDEP I-Bank program about meeting with Town officials to investigate as to whether their funding program will be beneficial for use by the Town to help finance some of the Town's projects. There are a number of projects where the infrastructure funds may be appropriate for the Town to consider.

Rt. #54 Water Easement Request

Last summer we spoke with many residents and businesses along Rt. #54 extending between 1st Road and 2nd Road about the need for utility and access easements along the front of their property to allow for the abandonment and installation of a new water main. The project area also includes a portion of Chew Road extending between 12th Street and 1st Road. ARH has completed the design plans along with the preparation of parcel maps and legal descriptions for the easements as discussed.

We will again be contacting the residents and businesses along the project during the next few weeks to review the parcel maps and legal descriptions prior to preparing the deeds of easements for signature and recording at the County. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding in getting the project done before the States resurfacing of Rt. #54 within the project area.

- Send certified letters to all residents and knock on doors once again

Town Public Works Schedule

The schedule for trash, brush, leaf collection, and recyclables for the remaining portion of January and February is as follows, weather permitting: Although the Town Hall will be closed on Monday, 2/20, the Town Public Works Department will collect trash on that day. (All items must be placed out prior to 6 a.m. on the day of collection.)

- Bulky curbside collection will be 2/6 through 2/10.
- Curbside brush pickup will be 2/13 through 2/17.

County Recycling Schedule

- 1/23 through 1/27
- 2/6 through 2/10
- 2/20 through 2/24

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second Furgione

Approval to rename Boyer Ave Fields to "Moss Mill Park"

Roll Call:

Councilperson:
Furgione - Yes
Gribbin - Yes
Oliva - Yes

R.Rodio - Yes
S. Rodio – Yes
Wuillermin - Yes
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

TOWN CLERK REPORT

1. Accept Harry Wozunk and Russell Smith as regular members of Fire Company #2. Police background check completed, approved at fire meeting on January 11, 2023.
2. Approve 3 month leave of absence for Mildred Collazo effective January 17, 2023.
3. Approval to hire David Diaz as a Fulltime Temporary Police Officer effective February 1, 2023
4. Accept retirement of James Pinto from his position as Police Officer / Corporal with the Hammonton Police Department effective March 31, 2021.
5. Approval of changes to Police Chief's contact effective January 1, 2023.
6. Send letter of Intent to purchase New Fire Truck

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva
Approval of items 1 to 6

Roll Call:

Councilperson:
Furgione - Yes
Gribbin - Yes
Oliva - Yes
R.Rodio - Yes
S. Rodio – Yes
Wuillermin - Yes
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva
Approval of Bill list

Roll Call:

Councilperson:
Furgione - Yes
Gribbin - Yes
Oliva - Yes
R.Rodio - Yes
S. Rodio – Yes
Wuillermin - Yes
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Ordinance # 002 -2023 – Fixing Salaries of Police Officers and Sergeants

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
HAMMONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

BE IT ORDAINED BY MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. The Town of Hammonton has employed qualified personnel for purpose of handling the duties in the police department. Pursuant to Town Code and a negotiated contract between the representatives of the Police Department PBA, the salaries, clothing allowance, education stipend, health insurance buyout, cell phone reimbursement, sick time, vacation time, personal time, comp time, holidays and overtime have all been set for the calendar years Starting January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025. Individuals employed as Police Officers and Sergeants shall be paid pursuant to the contract. Minimums and maximums as per contract are as follows:

	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Police Officer	\$ 45,000	\$115,000
Sergeant	\$113,000	\$125,000

Section 2. The appropriate salary that each employee covered under this contract shall be paid will be determined by the language contained in the aforementioned contract. No prior contract language or language contained in the prior salary ordinance shall be applicable for purposes of determining the salary level of any police officer.

Section 3. There shall be added as a longevity increment for each full-time employee as negotiated and set forth in the contract.

Section 4. The method of payment of the salaries to each employee shall be fixed by resolution by Mayor and Council.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication according to law and its provisions.

Motion by Council Person Rodio Second Gribbin

Ordinance #002-2023 has passed 1st reading and is approved for publication.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

R.Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Wuillermin- Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #019-2023- 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 2023**; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Audrey Boyer is hereby appointed as the Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for **the Fund Year 2023**; 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 # 020-2023 – Renew membership to Statewide Insurance Fund

**STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND
RESOLUTION TO JOIN (RENEW) THE FUND**

WHEREAS, a number of local units have joined together to form the Statewide Insurance Fund ("FUND"), a joint insurance fund, as permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton ("LOCAL UNIT") has complied with relevant law with regard to the acquisition of insurance; and

WHEREAS, the statutes and regulations governing the creation and operation of joint insurance funds contain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of such funds; and

WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT has determined that membership in the FUND is in the best interest of the LOCAL UNIT.

WHEREAS the LOCAL UNIT agrees to be a member of the FUND for a period of three (3) years, effective from January 1, 2023 terminating on January 1, 2026 at 12:01 a.m. standard time; and

WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT has never defaulted on claims, if self-insured, and has not been canceled for non-payment of insurance premiums for two (2) years prior to the date of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LOCAL UNIT does hereby agree to join the Statewide Insurance Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to the extent required by law, the Local Unit shall provide notice of the Indemnity and Trust Agreement to the Office of the State Comptroller; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LOCAL UNIT will be afforded the following coverage(s):

Workers' Compensation & Employer's
Liability Comprehensive General Liability
Automobile Liability and Physical Damage
Public Officials and Employment Practices Liability
Property
Inland Marine Boiler and Machinery
Crime-Faithful Performance and Fidelity
Pollution Liability
Cyber Liability
Non Owned Aircraft

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LOCAL UNIT's Fund Commissioner is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying the membership in the FUND

as required by the FUND's Bylaws and to deliver same to the Administrator of the FUND with the express reservation that said documents shall become effective only upon the LOCAL UNIT's admissions to the FUND following approval of the FUND by the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance.

Resolution #021-2023 – 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>
4301/3.13	Bell, Daniel	51 Dogwood Lane	\$1,302.27	Overpayment
4304/13	Pro Cap	211 Jamestown	\$40.00	Tax Sale Error
1402/10	Di Vito, Michael	592 10 th Street	\$1,543.94	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:

Resolution #022-2023 - Authorize Grant Application for Hammonton Lake Park

**Authorize Grant Application
For Hammonton Lake Park Improvements**

Whereas, the Town of Hammonton desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for up to \$100,000 for Event Pavilion Improvements at Hammonton Lake Park.

Be it therefore RESOLVED,

- 1) That the Town of Hammonton does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
- 2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Town of Hammonton and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

Be it further RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

Resolution #023-2023 – Authorize Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Festival

**AUTHORIZE THE “FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL” PROCESSION,
CARNIVAL & FIREWORKS**

WHEREAS, July 11th through July 16th is the scheduled date for the Lady of Mt. Carmel carnival and events in the Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, the Mt. Carmel Society has requested assistance of the Town of Hammonton Police Department and the closing of Tilton Street aka "Mt. Carmel Lane" (between French and Pratt) and Third Street (between Pratt and Pleasant) during the week of the carnival; and

WHEREAS, July 16th is the scheduled date for processions, (times may vary at discretion of Hammonton Police Chief) and the Mt. Carmel Society requests police patrol and road closures of the following streets and times:

8:00 a.m. procession

From Place of Origin on Third Street to intersection of Third Street and Fairview Avenue
Continue on Fairview Ave to Egg Harbor Road to intersection of Egg Harbor Road and Bellevue Ave
Continue to Intersection of Bellevue Avenue and Third Street
Continue on Third Street to its conclusion at point of origin

4:00 p.m. procession

From St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church west (N. Third Street to Fairview Avenue)
Continue south on Fairview Avenue to N. Egg Harbor Road
Continue east on N. Egg Harbor Road to Bellevue Avenue (Route 54)
Continue north on Bellevue Avenue to N. Third Street
Conclude west on N. Third Street and conclude procession at place of origin

WHEREAS, July 16th is the scheduled date for fireworks event, there will be no rain date

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON that the Lady of Mt. Carmel carnival, procession and fireworks are approved along with police traffic patrol and trash cleanup contingent upon the following:

1. Filing of necessary insurance certificate by Mt. Carmel Society.
2. Filing of required State and County road closure approvals with the Town Clerk's office.
3. Contacting Police Chief and Public Works Manager 2 months prior to event.

Resolution #024-2023 – Approving Economic Development Payment (Eagle Theater)

A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Town of Hammonton recognizes that the Atlantic County economy has and will continue to be negatively impacted by the closure of several Atlantic City casinos; and

WHEREAS, the governing body believes that, in order to sustain Hammonton's positive revitalization efforts, a coordinated economic development plan shall be necessary; and

WHEREAS, some of the residential, commercial and industrial properties in Hammonton have experienced a physical deterioration as a result of the inability of their owners to properly maintain same; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey permits implementation of a residential rehabilitation and commercial rehabilitation and new construction incentive programs in the form of a tax abatement program; and

WHEREAS, much of the Town's downtown revitalization can be attributed to the exponential growth of its arts community; and

WHEREAS, the governing body desires to capitalize and expand upon those successes and, as permitted by New Jersey Law (*N.J.S.A. 40:48-1(30)*), fund a local arts entity with a broad geographic reach to advertise to the Delaware Valley and the entire State of New Jersey Hammonton's advantages including its open space, its geographic proximity to Philadelphia, Atlantic City and New York City and all points in between, its

favorable tax structure, its thriving downtown and its traditional focus on family and education including its public and parochial schools and its affiliation with Stockton University, all of which have served as economic drivers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Council authorize approval of a Resolution authorizing funding via a professional services contract in the amount of \$40,000.00 of a broad-based advertising program through the vehicle of a non-profit 501-C3 arts entity focused on attracting visitors to Hammonton and in turn stimulating economic growth and attracting new residents and businesses to build upon the successes of the last decade and N.J.S. 40:48-1(30); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the amount will be paid as follows:

- \$40,000 in January 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authorization of payment is for the year 2023.

Resolution #025-2023 – Budget Transfers

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 2022 appropriation reserves:

CURRENT FUND

From: Collection of Taxes Salaries & Wages	\$ 3,900.00
From: Computer Operating Expense	\$ 3,900.00
From: Planning Board Salary & Wages	\$ 1,300.00
From: Construction Official Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,300.00
From: Construction Official Operating Expense	\$ 1,700.00
From: Group Ins. Operating Expense	\$ 13,600.00
From: Health Benefit Waiver Operating Expense	\$ 2,920.00
From: Disability Insurance Operating Expense	\$ 1,847.00
From: Police Salary and Wages	\$ 53,900.00
From: Police Radio & Comm. Salary and Wages	\$ 8,394.00
From: Police Radio & Comm. Operating Expense	\$ 2,500.00
From: Road Repairs and Maintenance Salary and Wages	\$ 11,500.00
From: Recreation Operating Expense	\$ 17,394.26
From: Natural Gas Operating Expense	\$ 15,444.00
From: Telephone Operating Expense	\$ 1,800.00
From: Social Security Operating Expense	\$ 2,300.00
From: DCRP	\$ 3,400.00
From: Municipal Court Salary and Wages	\$ 10,100.00
From: Municipal Court Operating Expense	\$ 1,350.00
From: Assessors Salary & Wages	\$ 750.53
To: Bldgs & Grounds Operating Expense	\$ 3,400.00
To: Legal Operating Expense	\$ 155,900.00

Resolution #026-2023 – Various Refunds

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

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton has requested police assistance at crosswalks on Rt 54 from 1pm-3pm and also assistance with crowd control in front of Toy Market, located at 200 Bellevue Ave, from 2pm-3pm for the “The Great Egg Drop”;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that April 7, 2023 is approved for the Downtown Hammonton Easter Eggstravaganza” event, including the above requests for street closure and police assistance are acknowledged, approved and endorsed;

Resolution #029-2023 – Approving Cruisin MainStreet Event

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING

CRUISIN MAINSTREET-REMEMBER FRIDAY NIGHTS EVENT

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton Program 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, Numerous Town residents have requested a Cruisin’ MainStreet event each year; and

WHEREAS, Friday, May 19 (rain date May 20) is the scheduled date for the MainStreet Hammonton Annual “Cruisin’ MainStreet-Remember Friday Nights” event during the hours of 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Main Street Hammonton has requested the following street closures for this event between the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.:

Central Avenue (Rt. 542) from Bellevue Avenue to Vine Street;

N. Egg Harbor Road between Rt. 54 and Pleasant Street;

Orchard Street Railroad Crossing;

Front Street from Twelfth Street to Passmore Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Main Street Hammonton has requested the reservation of the following parking spaces:

West side of Rt. 54 between Third Street and West End Avenue;

East side of Rt. 54 between Third Street and Egg Harbor Road;

Both sides of Railroad Avenue between 12th Street and Orchard St;

Both sides of Egg Harbor Road between Bellevue Ave. and Pleasant St; and

WHEREAS, Main Street Hammonton has requested appropriate Police Parking Control signs to be posted early in the day noting NO PARKING AFTER 4:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Main Street Hammonton has requested 2 Police Officers to direct traffic at the intersections of Bellevue Avenue at Central Avenue and Bellevue Avenue at Egg Harbor Road due to increased event related pedestrian and vehicular traffic on State Route 54;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the May 19 (rain date May 20) and the “Cruisin’ Main Street” event, including the above requests for street closures, reservation of parking spaces, posting of “NO PARKING” signs and two police officers are acknowledged, approved and endorsed;

Resolution #030-2023- Authorize Food Truck Festival Event

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE Eighth ANNUAL HAMMONTON FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL EVENT

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, The Hammonton's Eighth Annual Food Truck Festival is a widely popular event attracting many new people to the town and therefore generates increased business for the entire town, and

WHEREAS, Saturday, June 10, 2023 is the scheduled date for the Seventh Annual Hammonton Food Truck Festival event during the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton has requested the following street closures for this event between the hours of 2:00 pm. to 11:00 p.m.:

Central Ave (Route 542) between Bellevue Ave to Vine Street;

North Egg Harbor Road between Bellevue Ave and Orchard Street;

South Second Street between Bellevue Ave and Vine Street;

North Second Street between Bellevue Ave and Orchard Street;

Horton Street between and Bellevue Ave Orchard Street

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton has requested appropriate Police Parking Control signs to be posted early in the day noting NO PARKING AFTER 2:00 pm and the reservation of the following parking spaces for safer traffic access and the Food Trucks to park and set up:

Both sides of Route 54 between Third Street and Egg Harbor Road;

Both sides of Central Avenue between Bellevue Ave and Vine Street;

Both sides of N. Egg Harbor Road between Bellevue Avenue and Orchard Street;

Both sides of Horton Avenue between Bellevue Avenue and Orchard Street,

WHEREAS, Main Street Hammonton has met with the Police Chief and been approved for seven Police Officers to assist with crowd control and direct traffic at the intersections due to increased event related pedestrian and vehicular traffic on State Route 54;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that June 10, 2023 is approved for the Seventh Annual Hammonton Food Truck Festival event, including the above requests for street closures, reservation of parking spaces, posting of "NO PARKING" signs and five police officers are acknowledged, approved and endorsed;

Resolution #031-2023- Approve Hammonton Arts & Music Festival

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING

THE HAMMONTON ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL 2023

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, Main Street Hammonton is partnering with the Art Club of Hammonton and the other art organizations of Hammonton to host this annual event; and

WHEREAS, The Hammonton Arts & Music Festival attracted many new people to the town in 2022 and therefore enhanced the growing reputation of the Hammonton's Art District, and

WHEREAS, Saturday, May 20, 2023 is the scheduled date for the Hammonton Arts & Music event during the hours of 3pm. – 8:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton has requested the following street closure for this event between the hours of 11 am. - 10pm p.m.:

Horton Street between Bellevue Ave and Orchard Street;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that Saturday, May 20, 2023 is approved for the Hammonton Arts & Music Festival event, including the above requests for street closure and are approved and endorsed

Motion by Council Person R. Rodio Second Oliva
Resolutions #019 to #031 are approved.

Roll Call

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

PUBLIC HEARD

No one desired to be heard

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second R. Rodio