

**Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council October 24, 2022**  
**Town Hall Council Chambers, 100 Central Avenue**  
**Executive Session 6:00 P.M.**  
**Public Session 7:00 P.M.**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

**ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL**

Councilperson:  
Furgione - Present  
Gribbin – Arrived at 6:15  
Oliva - Present  
Olivo - Present  
Rodio – Present  
Wuillermin - Present  
Mayor DiDonato - Present

**PRESENT ALSO**

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor  
Bob Vettese, Public Works Manager

**EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #138-2022**

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin Second Oliva  
Enter into Executive Session

Motion by Councilperson Rodio Second Furgione  
Close Executive Session

**RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL**

Councilperson:  
Furgione - Present  
Gribbin - Present  
Oliva - Present  
Olivo - Present  
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**

- Tiffany Bruno Travia – 312 Winding Way Pastor at Church on Vine Street concerns about the construction ongoing currently on Vine Street by their her church

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Executive Minutes September 26, 2022

Council Minutes September 26, 2022

Motion by Councilperson Olivo Second Oliva

Minutes are approved

**Roll Call**

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo – Yes

Rodio – Yes

Wuillermin – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**PRESENTATION**

Proclamation to Frank LaSasso the VI from Councilperson Oliva

Police Chief Kevin Friel – Presentation of Retirement Captain Mark Fiorentino

Motion by Councilperson Olivo Second Rodio

Approval to hire Alexandra Mardell as a Class II officer for the Town of Hammonton a rate of \$20.00 per hour

**Roll Call**

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo – Yes

Rodio – Yes

Wuillermin – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Motion by Councilperson Rodio Second Olivo

Approval to hire Joseph Delaurentis as a Class II officer and School Resource Officer

**Roll Call**

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo – Yes

Rodio – Yes

Wuillermin – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Resolution #148-2022 – Capital Budget Amendment**

**CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the local capital budget for the year 2022 was adopted on the 20th day of June, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire to amend said adopted capital budget;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, that the following modification to the adopted capital budget of the Town of Hammonton be made :

**General Capital Fund**

<b><u>1) Purpose</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>Debt Authorized</u></b>	<b><u>Grants</u></b>	<b><u>CIF Down payment</u></b>
Recreation Improvements Including Tennis Courts/Pickle Ball Court/ Lake Park Improvements and Various Recreation Upgrades	\$ 600,000	\$ 570,000		\$ 30,000
11 <sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Improvement Project	305,000	38,000	\$ 265,000 (a)	2,000
Veterans Place Bicycle Path Connector Phase II	785,000	38,000	745,000 (b)	2,000
Old Forks Road Roadway Improvements Project	<u>340,000</u>	<u>38,000</u>	<u>300,000 (c)</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	<b><u>\$ 2,030,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 684,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,310,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 36,000</u></b>

**(a)** NJDOT \$265,000

**(b)** NJDOT \$745,000

**(c)** NJDOT \$300,000

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin Second Oliva  
Approve to Resolution #148-2022 Capital Budget Amendment

**Roll Call**

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo – Yes

Rodio – Yes

Wuillermin – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Administration - Councilperson Gribbin**

- Gave overview of the process for the 4<sup>th</sup> Qrt tax payments and due dates. Any payment after November 11<sup>th</sup> must be by certified check, money order or cash. Tax payments are due by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Business & Industry – Councilperson Olivo**

- El-Marco restaurant had their grand opening last Thursday
- Down Town Trick or Treat was last Saturday and was a success.
- 11/5 Green Day Event from 12 to 4 on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
- 11/26 Small Business Saturday please hop locally
- 12/3 – Tree Lighting Ceremony
- Marcez Meats grand opening is coming soon on 12<sup>th</sup> Street

### **Quality of Life – Councilperson Oliva**

- Green Day moved to 11/5 from 12 to 4 on Vine Street
- Trick or treat set for 10/31 from 5:30 to 8:00. Please be safe. If you are driving in the neighborhood please slow down. Kids make sure you cross in the crosswalks, be sure to have some kind of light stick so cars can see you.
- Lake Water and Recreation comities approved moving forward with lake spraying.

### **Education - Councilperson Oliva**

- School Halloween Parade is 10/31 at 1:45
- The School plans to Lacrosse and other sports in the spring.

### **Public Works & Transportation Councilperson Rodio**

- Pickle Ball courts went out for Bid and contract is being awarded tonight later in meeting.

### **Law & Order - Mayor DiDonato given by Chief Friel**

- Halloween Parade is the 26<sup>th</sup>
- Trick or Treat is the 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 to 8:00
- Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> DEA take back medication will be occurring at the Police Station. Bring in all unwanted pills for disposal
- We have numerous speeding complaints. Please slow down while driving thru Town

Motion by Councilperson Olivo Second Rodio

Approve to proceed with promotion in Police Department

### **Roll Call**

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo – Yes

Rodio – Yes

Wuillermin – Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

### **Water & Sewer - Councilperson Furgione**

- Centrifuse Electrical work is complete, and the removal wall will be removed in November
- Plan on receiving delivery of the Centrifuse in January
- Lagoons are Down to 2 feet at Boyer Ave

**ENGINEER REPORT**

- 1. Hammonton Middle School Tennis Courts (ARH #11-75005): In Progress  
Bids for this project were received on September 21, 2022. The apparent low bidder was American Athletic Courts, with a bid of \$502,790.00. Our office has submitted a recommendation of award for consideration by Council.

**Action Item:**

Award a contract in the amount of \$502,790.00 to American Athletic Courts, Inc. for the Hammonton Middle School Tennis Courts Renovation Project.

**COPY OF RESOLUTION #153-2022 UNDER CLERKS REPORT**

Motion by Councilperson Rodio Second Furgione  
Award Contract to American Athletics Resolution #153-2022 is approved

**Roll Call**

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

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin Second Rodio  
Approve airport leases for hangars 1 to 4.

**Roll Call**

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

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**MAYOR REPORT**

- No Action Items

Motion by Mayor DiDonato Second Gribbin  
Approve to place concrete in Lake Park going up to new swing sets.

**Roll Call**

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

Olivo – Yes  
Rodio – Yes  
Wuillermin – Yes  
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

## **PWM REPORT**

### **Lakeview Gardens Well Testing and Potential for Public Water Extension**

We have been in contact with the NJDEP related to the Lakeview Gardens area. The Mayor and Council will have a public information session at the November Council meeting to update the public on their recommendations. If you have not completed a water test of your private well, please complete that test ASAP for the PFAS compounds, and provide the Town with a copy of those results.

### **NJDOT Transportation Alternatives (Set-Aside) Program**

The Town and the Hammonton public school district have worked with Triad and TDG to complete an application for funding consideration to construct a pedestrian/bicycle path along Linda Avenue from Fairview Avenue to a point just past the Cedar Branch stream crossing. The request also includes similar improvements between Linda Avenue and Liberty Street. The application will be filed by Triad by the November 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline date. The funding request is for 1.39 million dollars. A resolution of support for the project application is listed for approval on the Council agenda.

### **Boyer Avenue Land Application Site Overland Drip Irrigation Pinelands Application**

The Town received a Pinelands Commission approval on 10/14 for expansion of the overland drip irrigation component at the Boyer Avenue site. The Town has contracted with Lee Rain, Inc. to complete this work which should start later this year. The improvements will provide a more efficient, even distribution of treated effluent at the Boyer Avenue site.

### **Water Allocation**

As authorized, Ray Ferrara attended a recent Pinelands Commission meeting associated with water allocation restrictions for wells that withdraw water from the Kirkwood Cohancey aquifer. The Town representatives will be meeting with Ray Ferrara and ARH to formulate a response to the Pinelands Commission related to the proposed regulations which are due by November 5, 2022.

### **West End Avenue Townhouse Development Conceptual Plan**

The Town and developer have met onsite and had various conversations related to finalizing the project agreement between the Town and the developer including utility locations, roadway width, improvements, curb line, tree removal, etc. The remaining items for this agreement wording have been finalized between the Town and developer's attorney. Appropriate action by the Council should be considered related to the agreement. The developer could proceed now to prepare the project design plans and seek approvals from the various agencies.

### **Town Public Works Schedule**

The month of November has 3 different holidays where the Town employees are off. Although the Town will be closed for election day on Tuesday, 11/8 and on Veterans Day, Friday, 11/11, the Town Public Works Department will be collecting trash on both of those days. The Town will be closed on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, 11/24 and Friday, 11/25. Trash normally collected on Thursday, 11/24 will be picked up on Friday, 11/25 along with the normal trash pick-up for the 25<sup>th</sup>. (All items must be placed out prior to 6 a.m. on the day of collection)

- Bulky curbside collection will be 11/7 through 11/11
- Curbside brush pickup will be 11/14 through 11/18
- Curbside leaf collection will start 10/20 and continue through 12/23

**County Recycling Schedule**

- 10/31 through 11/4
- 11/14 through 11/18
- 11/28 through 12/2

The ACUA will be accepting hazardous waste collection at their ACUA facility on Saturday, 11/5 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**TOWN CLERK REPORT**

1. Appoint Adam Barker Esq. of Barker Gelfand James and Sarvas as conflict prosecutor for 2022.
2. Change Civil Service title of Frank Sacco due to an administrative error from Code Enforcement Officer to Code Enforcement Trainee.
3. Approval of Best Practices Inventory for State Aide Funding.

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin Second Rodio  
Approval of items 1 to 3

**Roll Call**

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

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin Second Olivo  
Approval of Bill list

**Roll Call**

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

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Introduction of Bond Ordinance 021-2022 – Recreation - 11<sup>th</sup> Street - Bike Path and Old Forks Road**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,030,000 THEREFOR (INCLUDING STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANTS TOTALING \$1,310,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$684,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

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

**SECTION 1.** The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements or purposes to be undertaken by the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey (the "Town"). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the aggregate sum of \$2,030,000, which sum includes grants in the amounts of \$265,000, \$745,000 and \$300,000, respectively, expected to be received from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation (the "265,000 DOT Grant", the "745,000 DOT Grant" and the \$300,000 DOT Grant" and sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "DOT Grants"), and \$36,000 as the aggregate amount of down payments for said improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the "Local Bond Law"). The down payments are now available by virtue of a provision or provisions in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Town for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

**SECTION 2.** For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$2,030,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of the DOT Grants and said down payments, negotiable bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$684,000 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 \$684,000 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, include, but are not limited to, as follows:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Authorization</b>	<b>down Payment</b>	<b>Useful Life</b>
(i) Various recreation improvements, including, but not limited to, tennis courts and pickle ball court , Lake Park improvements and also various recreation upgrades;	\$600,000	\$570,000	\$30,000	15 years
(ii) 11th Street sidewalk improvement project in the Town; and (including the \$265,000 DOT Grant)	\$305,000	\$38,000	\$2,000	10 years
(iii) Phase II bicycle path connector along Veterans Place in the Town; (including the \$745,000 DOT Grant) and	\$785,000	\$38,000	\$2,000	15 years
(iv) Old Folks Road roadway (Including the \$300,000 DOT Grant) Improvement project in the Town. Such roadway improvements shall include but are not limited to, as applicable, milling, construction, reconstruction, repairing, restriping and resurfacing of said roadways, streetscape improvements, drainage improvements to said roadways,	340,000	\$38,000	\$2,000	10 years
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,030,000</b>	<b>\$684,000</b>	<b>\$36,000</b>	

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

(c) The aggregate estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements or purposes is \$684,000.

(d) The aggregate estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$2,030,000, the excess amount thereof over the said DOT Grants and the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, is the aggregate down payments for said purposes in the amount of \$36,000.

**SECTION 4.** Except for the DOT Grants, 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 DOT Grants, in the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Atlantic shall be received by the Town after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose. This Section 4 shall not apply, however, with respect to any contribution or grant in aid received by the Town as a result of using funds from this bond ordinance as "matching local funds" to receive such contribution or grant in aid.

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

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

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

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

(b) The average period of usefulness of said improvements or purposes within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 14.44 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 \$684,000 and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$406,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the improvements or purposes herein before described.

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

**SECTION 9.** The Town reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the 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. No funds from sources other than the bonds or notes authorized herein have been or are reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside by the Town, or any member of the same "Controlled Group" as the Town, within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(e), pursuant to its budget or financial policies with respect to any expenditures to be reimbursed. 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 Regulation Section 1.150-2.

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

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

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

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin Second Rodio

Ordinance #021-2022 has passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading and is approved for publication

**Roll Call**

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo- Yes

Rodio – Yes

Wuillermin- Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution #139-2022 – Hire Police Officer under Senate Bill #3672**

**AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON TO HIRE POLICE OFFICERS  
FOR EMPLOYMENT UNDER SENATE BILL NO. 3672.**

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Hammonton, Atlantic County, State of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as the Town) is a jurisdiction governed by Title 11A and the regulations and rules established under Title 4A of the Administrative Code, and

**WHEREAS**, the Hammonton Police Department may hire individuals as police officers who may or may not have taken an open competitive examination for the title of police officers under the provisions of Senate Bill 3672; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 3672 allows for individuals hired under the legislation to be hired as a provisional entry-level police officers, to an entry level law enforcement officers upon completion of the Full Basic Course for Police Officer Training within 9 months of a provisional entry-level appointment by the Town of Hammonton; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton has duly established in writing, policies governing nepotism and governing conflicts of interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton has also adopted a similar “Opt In” Provision in 2021 under Hammonton Ordinance #009-2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton believes that “Opting In” to this program is in the interest of efficiency, expediency, diversity and promotes safety within the Town of Hammonton; and

**WHEREAS**, the “Opt In” provision shall remain valid until changed by a rescinding resolution of the governing body or revised state statute.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, this 24th day of October 2022, by the governing body of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey authorizes the resolution a copy of which shall be transmitted to the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.

**Resolution #140-2022- 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>
3001/1.01/c0061	Boone, Mia	61 Harbor Dr	\$1,062.14	refund/overpayment
4601/17	Bartholomew, Kerry	177 Route 206	\$1,233.05	Cancel/Tax Exempt
Various	Corelogic		\$22,210.63	refund/overpayments

**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 #141-2022- Authorize Method 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 28th 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 11, 2022, must be paid either by cashier's check, money order or cash.

**Resolution #142-2022- Approving Tree lighting Ceremony**

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

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

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

**Carriage Route**

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

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

**Resolution #143-2022 – Approve New Years Eve Event**

**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**, Saturday, December 31, 2022 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

**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 #144-2022 – Approve Date Change for Green Day Event**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING  
HAMMONTON GREEN DAY FESTIVAL**

**WHEREAS**, Hammonton's Green Committee and MainStreet Hammonton have promoted and continue to promote the Town of Hammonton with scheduled events in the Town of Hammonton; and

**WHEREAS**, these organizations have forged positive relationships with other key organizations and institutions in Hammonton, particularly the Hammonton Education Foundation, St. Joseph's Academy, the Hammonton Lions Club, and the Hammonton High School Green Earth Club, and

**WHEREAS** these positive working relationships have helped to establish the annual Green Festival as an eagerly-anticipated staple among Hammonton's annual celebrations, and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council have and continue to support the efforts of these organizations to promote the Town of Hammonton and particularly their efforts at ensuring the environmental, economic, and cultural sustainability of the Town,

**WHEREAS**, the following Streets will be closed from 8 am to 6 pm:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Vine

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the Town of Hammonton authorizes and endorses the Hammonton Green Day Festival to held at on Second Street between Bellevue and Vine Street on Saturday November 5, 2022 from 12 -4 pm with a rain date of Sunday November 6, 2022:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town of Hammonton will provide municipal services required for this event including police assistance if required.

**Resolution #145-2022 – 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/close out of accounts are authorized as approved by the respective Department Heads of the Town of Hammonton:

Sunrun Services	\$ 240.00	Refund Permit
Rune Morales	\$ 54.00	Refund Permit

**Resolution #146-2022 – Appoint Design Architect Per NPP Grant**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF  
Professional Services for Design Guidelines for Neighbor Preservation Grant**

**Whereas**, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton wish to appoint Westfield Architects to undertake case studies and background research for Downtown Design Guidelines per the Neighborhood Preservation Grant Program (NPP).

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, authorize execution of this agreement with Westfield Architects for the Downtown Design Guidelines.

**Be it further resolved**, that copies of the agreement referenced herein shall be kept on file and made available for public inspection at the Municipal Clerk's office during normal business hours.

**Resolution #147-2022 – Approval to purchase Vehicles for Fire Company**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT FOR THE AWARD  
TO PURCHASE A 2023 CHEVY TAHOE AND A 2023 CHEVY SILVERADO**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need to purchase Vehicles, for the Hammonton Volunteer Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Department recommend, after comparing the price and particular suitability, that a contract be awarded to Mall Chevy to purchase the vehicles under state contract # T-2007 and T-0099, in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available in the Operating Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1-et seq. requires that the resolution authorizing the 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 Mall Chevy, for the purchase of a 2023 Chevy Tahoe and a 2023 Chevy Silverado; and

**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 State Approved Contract #'s T-2007 and T-0099; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the contract is subject to the mutual acceptance of the appropriate contact documentation between Mall Chevy and the Town of Hammonton.

**Resolution #149-2022- 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 Budget appropriations **with an effective date of November 1, 2022**:

**CURRENT FUND**

From: Court - Salary & Wage Expense	\$ 18,200.00
From: Group Insurance Operating Expense	\$ 10,000.00
From: Bldgs / Grds Operating Expense	\$ 20,000.00
From: Police Salary & Wages	\$ 30,000.00
To: Disability Operating Expense	\$ 5,000.00
To: Admin Salary & Wage Expense	\$ 6,600.00
To: Finance Salary & Wage Expense	\$ 600.00
To: Social Security Operating Expense	\$ 6,000.00
To: Airport Operating Expense	\$ 18,000.00
To: Radio Salary & Wages Expense	\$ 32,000.00
To: Highway Operating Expense	\$ 10,000.00

**Resolution #150-2022 – Support Grant Submission NJDOT**

**SUPPORT SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJ DOT) TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton is applying for funding for pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements to the Bellevue Avenue – Northwest Connector System; and,

**WHEREAS**, the project will help to continue and improve the promotion and encouragement of pedestrian and bicycle access and safety for the residents of and visitors to the Town of Hammonton; and,

**WHEREAS**, maintenance of the sidewalks, once rehabilitated, will be assumed by the Town of Hammonton with the exception of (1) local ordinances that place maintenance responsibility with each individual property owner, and (2) those crosswalks on State or County Highways;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Town of Hammonton that it hereby supports the submission of a grant application for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program within the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation and authorizes the Mayor, Business Administrator / Municipal Clerk, to execute any and all documents necessary and related to the submission of said grant application or grant agreement.

**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 #151-2022- Small Cities Grant Approval**

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN  
FY2023 Small Cities Programs  
Public Facilities Fund: Infrastructure Improvement Project**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton is applying for a Small Cities grant under the Public Facilities Fund and if awarded intends to enter into Grant Agreements with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, these Grant Agreements will require the Town of Hammonton to comply with all federal regulations with respect to citizen participation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and the Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, that:

The Citizen Participation Plan developed by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Small Cities CDBG Program, is adopted by the Town of Hammonton; and

The Town of Hammonton will follow all regulations set forth in that document throughout the term of the Grant Agreement cited above, if awarded.

**Resolution #152-2022- Approval Small Cities Grant Management Plan**

**GRANT MANAGEMENT PLAN  
FY2023 Small Cities Programs  
Public Facilities Fund: Infrastructure Improvements in the Community**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton is applying for a Small Cities grant from the Public Facilities Fund (PF) and, if awarded funding, will entered into a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is required to submit a Grant Management Plan as part of each Small Cities application;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, that:

The Grant Management Plan prepared by the Town and submitted to DCA Small Cities with the application for infrastructure improvements is hereby adopted to identify Tammy Wetzel of Triad Associates as the Project Coordinator and Municipal Clerk Frank Zuber as the Program Director and Official Contact Person.

This is to certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Hammonton which was held on October 24, 2022.

**Resolution #153-2022 – Award Contract Tennis Courts**

**AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE  
HAMMONTON MIDDLE SCHOOL TENNIS COURT RENOVATION PROJECT  
TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, in conjunction with the Hammonton Board of Education have determined a need to renovate the existing Tennis Courts located at the Hammonton Middle School; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton has advertised the project for receipt of bids in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, bids for the project have been received, on September 21, 2022 at the Municipal Building of the Town of Hammonton; and

**WHEREAS**, the lowest responsible bidder for the project was American Athletic Courts Inc., whose Bid total was \$502,790.00; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton hereby awards the renovation of the existing Tennis Courts located at the Hammonton Middle School to American Athletic Courts Inc., whose Bid total was \$502,790.00:

That the Mayor and / or Municipal Clerk of the Town of Hammonton are hereby directed to sign any and all contracts associated with the project.

**Resolution #154-2022 – Approve West End / Washington Street Project amendment**

**WHEREAS**, on August 8 2022 Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey approved Resolution #106-2022 authorizing the execution of the Redevelopment Agreement for the proposed project within a portion of the area bounded by West End Avenue, Washington Street, Orchard Street and 13th Street;

**WHEREAS**, prior to the execution of that document it became necessary to further address for the benefit of both the Town of Hammonton and the Redeveloper details regarding tree removal cost not to exceed \$7,500.00 for the Town, utility location, roadway widening and the addition of a second potential developer; and

**WHEREAS**, modifications to the original Redevelopment Agreement have been made and approved by the Redeveloper and by the Public Works and Transportation Committee of Council, both of whom deem same to be in their mutual best interests; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the revised Redevelopment Agreement containing modifications as described above.

Motion by Councilperson Olivo Second Wuillermin  
Resolutions #139 to 147 and 149 to 152 and 154 are approved.

**Roll Call**

Councilperson:

Furgione – Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes

Olivo- Yes

Rodio – Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**PUBLIC HEARD**

No one desired to be heard

Mayor DiDonato spoke wished everyone a happy Halloween. Please go out to vote on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Councilperson Olivo reminded everyone that early voting will be from October 29<sup>th</sup> to November 6<sup>th</sup>. Times will be 10 to 8 and on Sunday 10 to 6.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Motion by Councilperson Oliva Second Olivo