

**Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council February 27, 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 – Arrived at 6:10  
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 #034-2023**

Motion by Council Person Wuillermin Second Oliva  
Enter into Executive Session

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva  
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**

Closed Session Minutes January 23, 2023  
Council Regular Minutes January 23, 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 - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

**PRESENTATION**

- Fire department – presentations of plaque for 50 years of service were made by Councilmen Gribbin and Oliva to the following members of the Volunteer Fire Departments Joe Donio, Dennis Berenato, John Warren Jr. and Ralph Perna.

**DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Resolution #040-2023- Temporary Capital Budget for purchase of Fire Truck Purchase**

**WHEREAS**, the need has arisen to introduce bond ordinance to provide funds for the purchase of a new fire truck (model 225, 100ft platform ladder truck) and accessories, including all appurtenances necessary and related thereto, and;

**WHEREAS**, the regulations of the Local Finance board (N.J.A.C. 5:30-4.3(b)) of the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Services requires that the municipality adopt a temporary capital budget if a bond ordinance is to be passed prior to the adoption of the Annual Capital Budget, and;

**WHEREAS**, the ordinance provides a total appropriation as follows:

**General Capital Fund**

<b><u>1) Purpose</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>Debt Authorized</u></b>	<b><u>CIF Downpayment</u></b>
New Fire Truck (Model 225, 100 FT Platform Ladder Truck) & Accessories	<u>\$ 1,600,000</u>	<u>\$1,520,000</u>	<u>\$ 80,000</u>

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic that:

- (1) a Temporary Capital Budget is hereby created for the following:

**General Capital Fund**

New Fire Truck (Model 225, 100 FT Platform Ladder Truck) & Accessories	\$1,600,000
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- (2) the projects will be included in the Annual Capital Budget, and
- (3) one certified copy shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services immediately after passage.

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second R. Rodio  
 Capital Budget is approved for purchase of Fire Truck

**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 Hearing 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:

	<b>MINIMUM</b>	<b>MAXIMUM</b>
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 Gribbin Second Oliva  
Ordinance #002-2023 is open for public hearing

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva  
Public hearing is closed; ordinance is approved for final publication and adoption

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Ordinance #002-2023 is adopted and approved for final 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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administration - Councilman Gribbin**

- No action items. Next Admin meeting will be in March
- Sent his prays to the Rehmann Family and Former Councilman

**Business & Industry – Councilman Wuillermin**

- Chamber of Commerce had their meeting and has a schedule of events for the year. Will report on each one as they occur.
- Mariachi Loco has finished the faced of their Bldg
- New Business Trading post opened up at 111 12<sup>th</sup> Street
- Blank Page Boutique will open on 3/3//23
- Gave condolences to the Rehmann Family

**Quality of Life – Councilman Oliva**

- Environmental Commission/ Green Committee will have the Town clean up on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 12:30 pm . Check in at Canoe Club from 9 to 10 am
- Town wide yard sale June 6<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 2 pm. Fee is \$10.00

**Education - Councilwoman Renee Rodio**

- Reviewed school board meeting on 2/9/23. Teacher were presented with awards

**Public Works & Transportation Councilman Sam Rodio**

- No Action Items
- Sent condolences to Rehmann Family

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

- Working on promotions for corporals
- Police academy for our class 2 starts March 27
- 4 officers were sent to child safety seats installation
- New rates for handgun permits as of December 22, 2022

**Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione**

- Public Notice to water user will be going out. There were tests completed on 5 locations on 10/4/2022, 3 came back with bacteria. We tested again on 10/6/2022 on 12 sites in same location and everything came back negative. Letter will go out this week.
- New Drip irrigation is moving along and should be complete in the next week

**\* Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Wuillermin**

Approve PO to MBA in the amount of \$20,000 for Specs and bidding docs for painting of Water Tank.

**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 renew contract with WRT for 10 year agreement in the amount of \$211,936.00**

**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

**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 3 in the amount of \$55,739.17, which includes as-built quantities to date that exceeded estimated quantities. The Contractor has submitted Application for Payment #7, in the amount of \$78,301.89. We have reviewed and submitted to the Business Administrator for payment. Final quantities and change orders will be evaluated and submitted for the March council meeting.

**Action Item:**

Approve Change Order #3 in the amount of \$19,373.69 for additional quantities to date.

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second S. Rodio

Approve Change order 3 above in the amount of \$19,373.69

**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. 2021/2022 Water Capital Projects (ARH #11-30167): In Progress**

For the Route 54 Water Main Replacement Project, our office has completed the field work and base maps and have prepared the legal descriptions and exhibits. Our office has revised the plans and specifications for the relocation of the water main. ARH was requested to provide a proposal to perform the administrative tasks to obtain the property owner signatures for the easements needed along Route 54 and Chew Road. Once the documents are signed, we can prepare the project for bidding.

**Action Item:**

Approve ARH proposal for the amount not to exceed \$3,000 to procure the required legal description signatures.

Motion by Council Person Wuillermin Second Oliva

Approve PO in the amount of \$3,000.00 Water Capital Projects

**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

**3. Lakeview Gardens Water Testing (P2023.0104) In Progress**

ARH was requested to provide a proposal for administrative services related to the well testing within the Lakeview Gardens section of Town. The scope of services includes contacting each resident, providing information as necessary, and coordinating with the property owner and Town to schedule and obtain well tests to determine the limits of the contamination.

**Action Item:**

Approve ARH proposal for the amount not to exceed \$3,000 to perform the required administrative services.

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second R. Rodio

Approve PO in the amount of \$3,000.00 Water Testing Lakeview Gardens

**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

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

**In Progress**

Our office received bids for the demolition of the former Mazza Muffler building. The low bidder was Winzinger, with a bid price of \$88,000. The grant funds received by the Town will cover the cost of this demolition project. We have submitted our recommendation to award the contract.

**Action Item:**

**RESOLUTION #044-2023- Award Contract for Mazza Muffler Demo**

**AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE  
DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER MAZZA MUFFLER BUILDING  
TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, have determined a need to demolish the former Mazza Muffler property located on Egg Harbor road; 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 February 15, 2023 at the Municipal Building of the Town of Hammonton; and

**WHEREAS**, the lowest responsible bidder for the project was Winzinger Inc., whose Bid total was \$88,000.00; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton hereby awards the demolition of the former Mazza Muffler property located on Egg Harbor road; to Winzinger Inc., whose

Bid total was \$88,000.00: 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.

Award a contract to Winzinger in the amount of \$88,000 for the demolition of the former Mazza Muffler building.

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second Gribbin

Approve Contract Award for Mazza Muffler Demo to Winzinger in the amount of \$88,000.00

**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

**5. NJDOT FY2023 Municipal Aid: Old Forks Road Phase 2(ARH #11-40061):** **In Progress**

The Town received \$287,000 for the next phase of the Old Forks Road project. In order to continue the project, our office has submitted a proposal to perform the design of an additional 2,000± linear foot of road. The intent would be to combine phases 1 and 2 into one bid package.

**Action Item:**

Approve ARH proposal in the amount of \$13,500 for design services for the Old Forks Road Phase 2 project.

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second Furgione

Approve PO for design services for Old Forks Road to ARH in the amount of \$13,500.00

**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

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

**Motion by Council Person Wuillermin Second Oliva**

Approval to move forward on the acquisition of Wells Fargo Bank. Located 236 Bellevue Avenue Hammonton for a purchase price of \$675,000. Down payment of \$10,000. Mayor will donate his salary for the down payment if the agreement does not close.

**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 Gribbin Second R. Rodio**

Approval for mayor to execute agreement with Blueberry Ridge regarding Basin repair.

**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 thirty-four (34) new certified letters to property owners in the Lakeview Gardens area about testing their individual private water wells for PFAS compounds. We have received ten (10) responses back. If any property owner has not responded to the new certified letter yet, we request they respond back to the Town ASAP.

**Lead and Galvanized Water Service Lateral Inventory**

The Town sent out 4100 +/- letters to all Town public water users about the inspection and identification of their water service lateral pipe. 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 have supplied 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. We have presently received about 700 +/- responses to the request. Again, please call, drop off, scan, or e-mail your information ASAP.

**Rt. #54 Water Easement Request**

Last summer we spoke with many residents and businesses along Rt. #54 extending between 1<sup>st</sup> Road and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Road. ARH has completed the design plans for both areas. A certified letter that includes a parcel map and legal description will be sent out. We need each property owner to review the information as quickly as possible and call with an approval to proceed, provide questions or comments.

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.

**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. We will also be reviewing other funding options with Triad Assoc.

**Atlantic County Recreation and Open Space Application**

We have met with the PWTC members about submitting an application to the County for consideration in conjunction with their Recreation and Open Space program for funding consideration. The PWTC has picked several parcels for funding consideration that will also be presented to the recreation committee for their support and endorsement.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second R. Rodio

Approval for Bob to submit application to County for open space purchase of property located at 9<sup>th</sup> and Moss Mill Road and Packard/Bellevue Ave.

**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

**2023 Road Program**

We will be meeting with the Public Works committee and Scott Rivera regarding possible roadway and drainage project improvements for this year's program during the next month.

**Tennis/Pickleball Court Construction**

The Town and Board of Education representatives met with the contractor American Athletic Track and Turf about the project and tentative construction schedule. The contractor has the contracts for signature and is presently preparing the certificate of insurance and product details for review and approvals. The fence demolition work should begin in March and project completed by the beginning of this summer.

**Town Public Works Schedule**

The schedule for trash, brush, leaf collection, and recyclables for March is as follows, weather permitting:

(All items must be placed out prior to 6 a.m. on the day of collection.)

- Bulky curbside collection will be 3/6 through 3/10.
- Curbside brush pickup will be 3/13 through 3/17.

**County Recycling Schedule**

- 3/6 through 3/10
- 3/20 through 3/24

**TOWN CLERK REPORT**

**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 Bond Ordinance #003-2023- Purchase of Fire Truck**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW FIRE TRUCK FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$1,600,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,520,000 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 members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement or purpose to be undertaken by the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey (the "Town"). For the said improvement or purpose stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$1,600,000, which sum includes \$80,000 as the amount of down payment for said improvement or purpose required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the "Local Bond Law"). Said down payment is now available therefor by virtue of an appropriation 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 improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$1,600,000 appropriation not provided for by said down payment, negotiable bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,520,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Town in a principal amount not exceeding \$1,520,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and purpose for the financing of which said bonds or notes are to be issued is for the purchase of a new fire truck (Model 225, 100 FT, platform ladder truck) and accessories for the Fire Department, including all work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvement or purpose is \$1,520,000.

(c) The estimated cost of said improvement or purpose is \$1,600,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, is the down payment in the amount of \$80,000 for said improvement or purpose.

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

SECTION 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Town, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date or otherwise authorized by the Local Bond Law. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the

purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, and the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

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

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

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense and is an improvement which the Town may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, 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 improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 10 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 \$1,520,000 and the said bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$320,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement hereinbefore described.

SECTION 8. The full faith and credit of the Town are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance. The bonds or notes shall be

direct, unlimited obligations of the Town, and the Town shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Town for the payment of the bonds or notes and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 9. The Town reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. This Section 9 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Town's official intent to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 150-2. No reimbursement allocation will employ an "abusive arbitrage device" under Treasury Regulations §1.148-10 to avoid the arbitrage restrictions or to avoid the restrictions under Sections 142 through 147, inclusive, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The proceeds of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance used to reimburse the Town for costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof, or funds corresponding to such amounts, will not be used in a manner that results in the creation of "replacement proceeds", including "sinking funds", "pledged funds" or funds subject to a "negative pledge" (as such terms are defined in Treasury Regulations §1.148-1), of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance or another issue of debt obligations of the Town, other than amounts deposited into a "bona fide debt service fund" (as defined in Treasury Regulations §1.148-1). The bonds or notes authorized herein to reimburse the Town for any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof will be issued in an amount not to exceed \$1,520,000. The costs to be reimbursed with the proceeds of the bonds or notes authorized herein will be "capital expenditures" in accordance with the meaning of Section 150 of the Code. All reimbursement allocations will occur not later than 18 months after the later of (i) the date the expenditure from a source other than any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance is paid, or (ii) the date the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof is "placed in service" (within the meaning of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2) or abandoned, but in no event more than 3 years after the expenditure is paid.

SECTION 10. The Chief Financial Officer of the Town is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time, as necessary, a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Town and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Town. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on

behalf of the Town pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Town and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Town fails to comply with its undertaking, the Town shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 11. The Town covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under section 103(a) of the Code of the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this ordinance.

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

Motion by Council Person Gribbn Second Wuillermin

Ordinance #003-2023 has passed 1<sup>st</sup> 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 #035-2023- Approve shared services agreement with Atlantic County**

#### **PARTICIPANT'S RESOLUTION IN A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ATLANTIC COUNTY FOR THE USE OF TRAILER MOUNTED ATTENUATORS AND ARROW BOARDS FOR THE ATTENUATORS**

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to purchase and make available on an as needed basis to Municipality three trailer mounted attenuators and three arrow boards for the attenuators (herein referred to as the "TMAs"), and

**WHEREAS**, the County and Municipality desires to enter into this shared service agreement with the assistance of the LEAP Implementation Grant for a total amount not to exceed \$35,316 of which \$64,078.00 will be State funding and a County cash match in the amount of \$21,238.67 and an in-kind match in the amount of \$1,500.00 to support implementation of this shared service, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Atlantic approved Resolution #677 on December 7, 2021, which authorizes the County Executive to apply for and accept the LEAP Implementation Grant, and

**WHEREAS**, entering into this Shared Service Agreement in advance of the actual need will enable the County to facilitate the prompt availability of the TMAs, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton, that the Town of Hammonton does hereby join with **Atlantic County Government** in a shared services agreement for use of three trailer mounted attenuators and three arrow boards for the attenuators, at the cost to the Town of Hammonton.

**Resolution #036-2023 – Authorize Refunds for Tax/Water/Sewer**

**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>
1502/41	Corelogic	843 Giordano Lane	\$4,132.15	Refund
1502/41	Dan & Lisa Hindley	843 Giordano Lane	\$826.43	Cancel Incorrect Assessment
502/4.01	Sharp, Russell	312 S 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rd	\$2,572.13	Tax Exempt Vet
4901/21.01	Wells Fargo	98 Centennial Dr	\$ 1,841.44	Refund/Overpayment
3919/101	Bucknam, Robert	120 Forest Dr	\$ 136.15	Added Appeal
2905/11	Cline, Jennifer	30 Pressey St	\$ 259.64	Added Appeal
303/5.04	54 Properties LLC	401 N 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rd	\$1,622.91	Prop Sold/Pd in error
Various	Corelogic	Various	\$5,178.49	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 #037-2023 – 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 Budget appropriations reserves:

<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	
From: Admin-Operating Expense	\$ 480.00
From: Finance-Operating Expense	\$ 545.00
From: Assessor-Salary and Wages	\$ 900.00
From: Assessor-Operating Expense	\$ 1,250.00
From: Collection of Tax- Operating Expense	\$ 1,278.00
From: Engineering-Operating Expense	\$ 9,815.00
From: Computer-Salary and Wages	\$ 875.00
From: Planning Board-Operating Expense	\$ 270.00
From: Planning Board-Operating Expense	\$11,400.00
From: Highway-Operating Expense	\$17,200.00
From: Dog Regulation- Operating expense	\$ 198.00



To: Police – Operating Expense  
 To: Legal - Operating Expense

\$ 38,000.00  
 \$ 6,211.00

**Resolution #038-2023- Temporary Emergency Appropriations**

**RESOLUTION MAKING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS  
 IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides that temporary emergency appropriations may be made for the period between the beginning of the fiscal year and the date of adoption of the budget for said year; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is not within the first thirty days of January, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, New Jersey, that the following temporary emergency appropriations are hereby made:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>
Admin S&W	\$60,000.00
Admin OE	\$10,000.00
Finance S&W	\$40,000.00
Finance OE	\$7,000.00
Assessor S&W	\$60,000.00
Assess OE	\$4,000.00
Collection S&W	\$35,000.00
Collection OE	\$9,000.00
Legal OE	\$50,000.00
Computer S&W	\$30,000.00
Computer OE	\$30,000.00
Plng Brd S&W	\$ 8,000.00
Planning Board OE	\$ 2,200.00
Construction S&W	\$75,000.00
Construction O&E	\$10,000.00
Other Code S&W	\$20,000.00
Group Insurance	\$700,000.00
Insurance OE (Airport/ Rec)	\$ 0.00
Workers Comp (State Wide)	\$200,000.00
NJ Disability	\$10,000.00
Fire Operating Exp.	\$75,000.00

State Fire S&W	\$ 5,000.00
Police S&W	\$1,500,000.00
Police OE	\$65,000.00
Radio S&W	\$75,000.00
Prosecutor OE	\$15,000.00
Bldg & Grds OE	\$70,000.00
Highway S&W	\$300,000.00
Highway OE	\$350,000.00
Dog Reg. OE	\$5,000.00
Registrar OE	\$1,000.00
Park S&W	\$500.00
Recreation Operating Exp.	\$40,000.00
Advertising	\$25,000.00
Airport OE	\$6,000.00
Gasoline	\$75,000.00
Natural Gas	\$20,000.00
Electric	\$40,000.00
Street Lighting	\$100,000.00
Telephone	\$20,000.00
Social Security	\$60,000.00
Recycling Tax	\$10,000.00
DCRP	\$5,000.00
Public Defender	\$10,000.00
Municipal Court S&W	\$70,000.00
Municipal Court OE	\$6,000.00
Municipal Drug Alliance (Town \$6,047.98) 2021 to 2023	\$12,095.96
PERS	\$174,893.81
PFRS	\$756,746.59
Capital Improvement Fund	\$0.00
Utility S&W	\$250,000.00
Utility OE	\$250,000.00
Utility Disability	\$ 4,000.00
Utility Social Security	\$ 5,000.00
Utility Capital Improvement Fund	\$0.00
Utility PERS	\$ 110,187.50

**Resolution # 039-2023 – Authorize Tri-Vet Memorial Parade**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING  
THE ANNUAL “TRI VET MEMORIAL DAY PARADE”**

**WHEREAS**, the Tri Vets continue to promote the Town of Hammonton with their annual “Tri Vet Memorial Day Parade”; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council continues to support the efforts of the Tri Vets; and

**WHEREAS, Monday May 29, 2023** is the scheduled date for the Tri Vet Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony beginning at 10:00 a.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tri Vets have requested assistance of the Town of Hammonton Police Department for this scheduled event and closure of the following street in the Town of Hammonton during the parade from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.:

Bellevue Avenue (Route 54) from Railroad Avenue to Tilton Street

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the Tri Vet Memorial Day Parade is acknowledged and endorsed by the Town of Hammonton contingent upon the following:

1. Filing of required State written approvals for street closures with the Town Clerk’s office.
2. Filing of the necessary certificate of insurance.

**Resolution #041-2023 – Cancel Grant Balance Vehicle Charging Station**

**CANCEL PRIOR YEAR UNEXPENDED GRANT BALANCE**

**WHEREAS**, there is an expired grant receivable and unexpended grant balance with an off-setting reserve that remains outstanding on the books, it is the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer that this balance be canceled; and

**WHEREAS**, the following is the detail of the Current Fund grant receivable balance and grant reserve balance to be canceled:

**CURRENT FUND**

<u>Prior Year Grants Receivable Balances</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021 NJ Electric Charging Grant	\$ <u>8,000.00</u>
 <u>Prior Year Grant Reserve Balances</u>	
2021 NJ Electric Charging Grant	\$ <u>8,000.00</u>

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Current Fund grant receivable balance and unexpended grant reserve balance above be canceled and that the Chief Financial Officer record this action in the books and records of the Town of Hammonton.

**Resolution #042-2023 – Participate Atlantic County LEAP Grant**

**PARTICIPANT’S RESOLUTION  
LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$10 million for Shared Services and School District Consolidation Study and Implementation Grants to assist local units with the study, development, and implementation of new shared and regional services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) is tasked with administering these grant funds through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP); and

**WHEREAS**, LEAP Implementation Grants exist to support costs associated with shared service

implementation to ensure that meaningful, efficiency generating initiatives are not hindered by short term transitional expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Atlantic and the Town of Hammonton propose to enter into a shared services agreement, but face certain expenses associated with implementation that present a burden to the local units; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this shared services agreement is to have Atlantic County purchase portable traffic lights and make them available to municipalities on an as need basis at no cost, which will benefit the residents of all participating local units; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Atlantic has agreed to be the lead agency in this program and will submit the application to DLGS on behalf of all participating units; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton, that the Town of Hammonton does hereby join with the County of Atlantic in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant to support implementation of this shared service.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Wuillermin  
Resolutions #035 to #039 and #041 & #042 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**

Bill Olivo - of Cypress Court Hammonton- Spoke about the acquisition of Wells Fargo bank located on Bellevue Ave

**Carmen Bartolone 701 N. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Street-** Asked for approval to open a Cannabis dispensary in the Town of Hammonton. This project can be a great revenue producer for the Town and is well regulated by the State.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Motion by Council Person R. Rodio Second Oliva