

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council May 22, 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
Leon Costello, Town Auditor Left Closed session at 6:30

EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #066-2023

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva
Enter into Executive Session

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second Furgione
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 Herrmann of ARH, Town Engineer – Charles Chelotti in place of Mark Herrmann

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

Regular Minutes April 24, 2023

Executive Minutes April 24, 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 – abstain

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

PRESENTATION

- **Mainstreet presentation** – Rich Rehmann Introduced Mica McCullough as the new mainstreet coordinator. Mica thanked the Town for the opportunity and spoke about upcoming events.
- **Access Hammonton** – Denise Mazzeo gave a presentation on the new access Hammonton Studio. Spoke about the funds that were received to help build the studio and the programs that are on the station.

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Introduction of Ordinance #011-2023- Establishing a CAP Bank for the 2023 Budget

**COUNTY OF ATLANTIC
CALENDAR YEAR 2023 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED
THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton in the County of Atlantic finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2023 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$113,451.48 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Town Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2023 budget year, the final appropriations of the Town of Hammonton shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$397,080.19, and that the CY 2023 municipal budget for the Town of Hammonton be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Motion by Council Person Rodio Second Wuillermin
Ordinance has pasted 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

Resolution #078-2023- Introduction of the 2023 Municipal Budget

RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statement of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Local Municipal Budget for the year 2023;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said budget be published in the Hammonton Gazette, edition of June 7, 2023 as follows:

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Town Hall on the 26th day of June, 2023 at 7:00 o'clock p.m., at which time and place objections to said budget and tax resolution of the Town of Hammonton for the year 2023 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Summary of General Section of Budget

Current Fund

Municipal Purposes within "CAPS"	\$11,839,620.15
Municipal Purposes excluded from "CAPS"	3,675,128.92
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>1,170,960.48</u>
Total General Appropriations	\$16,683,513.67
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>6,253,693.63</u>
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	<u><u>\$10,432,015.92</u></u>

Motion by Council Person Wuillermin Second Rodio
Resolution is adopted budget is introduced

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 #009-2023- Establishing a Joint court with Hamilton and the City of Northfield

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON ESTABLISHING A SINGLE JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT WITH HAMILTON TOWNSHIP (ATLANTIC COUNTY) AND THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE I OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1(b) authorizes the formation of a single Joint Municipal Court provided that an Agreement is entered into by the Town of Hammonton and Hamilton Township and provided that the Agreement is filed with the State of New Jersey Administrative Director of the Courts and the Assignment Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Atlantic County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton desires to enter into an Agreement to form a Joint Municipal Court with Hamilton Township; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Municipal Court serving Hammonton and Hamilton Township shall be established on January 1, 2024 and commence operations on January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1(b) authorizes the formation of a single Joint Municipal Court provided that an Agreement is entered into by the Town of Hammonton and City of Northfield and provided that the Agreement is filed

with the State of New Jersey Administrative Director of the Courts and the Assignment Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Atlantic County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton desires to enter into an Agreement to form a Joint Municipal Court with the City of Northfield; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Municipal Court serving Hammonton and Northfield shall be established on January 1, 2024 and commence operations on January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town of Hammonton to participate in a Joint Municipal Court with Hamilton Township, City of Northfield, Mullica Township, Borough of Folsom, Buena Vista Township and Egg Harbor City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, as follows;

1. Chapter 14, Article I, Section 1 is amended to read as follows:

§14-1. Establishment.

A Joint Municipal Court is established, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1, et. seq., as amended and supplemented, consisting of the Town of Hammonton, Borough of Folsom, Egg Harbor City, Buena Vista Township,

Mullica Township, Hamilton Township and the City of Northfield. The Joint Municipal Court with Folsom was created in accordance with an Agreement for a Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and the Borough of Folsom dated December 28, 2017, executed by the municipalities in January of 2018, and First Addendum to the Agreement dated September 19, 2019, fully executed on December 3, 2019 (the "Prior Folsom Agreements"), which Prior Folsom Agreements were replaced in their entirety with the Agreement for Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and the Borough of Folsom dated June 28, 2021, fully executed by the municipalities on August 23, 2021, and First Addendum to the Agreement fully executed on December 14, 2021, and is subject to the terms thereof. The Joint Municipal Court with Egg Harbor City was created in accordance with an Agreement for Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and Egg Harbor City dated January 2, 2020, and executed in January of 2020 (the "Prior EHC Agreement"), which Prior EHC Agreement was replaced in its entirety with the Agreement for Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and Egg Harbor City dated June 28, 2021, fully executed by the municipalities on July 3, 2021, and is subject to the terms thereof. The Joint Municipal Court with Buena Vista Township was created in accordance with an Agreement for Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and Buena Vista Township dated August 24, 2020 and executed in August 2020 (the "Prior BVT Agreement"), which Prior BVT Agreement was replaced in its entirety with the Agreement for Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and Buena Vista Township dated June 28, 2021, fully executed by the municipalities on August 23, 2021, and First Addendum to the Agreement fully executed in December of 2021, and is subject to the terms thereof. The Joint Municipal Court with Mullica Township was created in accordance with an Agreement for Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and Mullica Township dated October 7, 2021, and fully executed on October 13, 2021, and is subject to the terms thereof. Hamilton Township (Atlantic County) shall join the Joint Municipal Court of the Town of Hammonton in accordance with an Agreement for a Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and Hamilton Township dated April 5, 2023, and executed in May 2023. The City of Northfield shall join the Joint Municipal Court of the Town of Hammonton in accordance with an Agreement for a Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and City of Northfield dated April 24, 2023 and executed in June 2023.

2. The terms and conditions of the Agreement for a Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and Hamilton Township dated April 5, 2023, are hereby approved. The Mayor and Clerk for the Town of Hammonton are hereby expressly authorized to execute and deliver the aforesaid Agreement on behalf of the Town.

3. The terms and conditions of the Agreement for a Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and the City of Northfield dated April 24, 2023, are hereby approved. The Mayor and Clerk for the Town of Hammonton are hereby expressly authorized to execute and deliver the aforesaid Agreement on behalf of the Town.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the Courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect following adoption and approval in the time and manner prescribed by law.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second R. Rodio
Ordinance is open to public for commit

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Wuillermin
Adoption of ordinance and approval 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

Public Hearing of Ordinance #010 – 2023 – Amend Chapter 25 Articles 1 & 2

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 25 ARTICLES I AND II OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Chapter 25, Article I, Section 2, is amended to read as follows:

§25-2. Officers of the Fire Department.

The Fire Department shall have three (3) officers identified as the Fire Chief, First Assistant Fire Chief and Second Assistant Fire Chief that shall be elected and have the powers and duties set forth in §25-3.

2. Chapter 25, Article I, Section 3, the title is amended to read as follows:

§25-3. Powers and Duties of Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chiefs.

3. Chapter 25, Article I, Section 3, last paragraph is amended to read as follows:

The Second Assistant Fire Chief shall always be subordinate to the First Assistant Fire Chief, and both Assistant Fire Chiefs shall always be subordinate to the Fire Chief. In the absence or inability of the Fire Chief to perform the duties of said office, the First Assistant Fire Chief shall have the same power and perform the same duties as the Fire Chief. In the absence or inability of the Fire Chief and First Assistant Fire Chief to perform the duties of said office, the Second Assistant Fire Chief shall have the same power and perform the same duties as the Fire Chief.

4. Chapter 25, Article I, Section 7, is amended to read as follows:

§25-7. Supervision and Control of the Fire Department and Hammonton Volunteer Fire Companies.

The Fire Chief, First Assistant Fire Chief, Second Assistant Fire Chief any and all members of the Hammonton Volunteer Fire Companies, and any and all officers of the Hammonton Volunteer Fire Companies shall be under the supervision and control of Town Council for the Town of Hammonton.

5. Chapter 25, Article I, Section 8, Subsection B, is amended to read as follows:

B. The Fire Chief and/or Assistant Fire Chiefs; and

6. Chapter 25, Article II, Section 25-15, First Sentence, is amended to read as follows:

§25-15. Authority at fires.

In the absence of the Fire Chief or Assistant Fire Chiefs at a fire, the first line officer from one of the Hammonton Volunteer Fire Companies (i.e., Captain or any of the Lieutenants) to arrive at the scene shall assume command until the arrival of the Fire Chief, one of the Assistant Fire Chiefs, or higher ranking line officer.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the Courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect following adoption and approval in the time and manner prescribed by law.

Motion by Council Person R. Rodio Second Furgione
Ordinance is open to public for commit

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second R. Rodio
Adoption of ordinance and approval 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

- reviewed Administration meeting
- Town received the first payment from FEMA for reimbursement for the Access Hammonton Studio in the amount of \$51,204.48
- Reviewed the change in the court employees. We are hiring a full time person for the court and moving a court employee to police records part time.
- Reviewed the time line for the Primary Election early voting. It will be held June 2nd to the 4th. Mail-in Ballots deadline to apply is May 30th by mail. June 5th Deadline for in-person Mail-in Ballot applications at county clerks office.
- Spoke about Memorial Day and thanked everyone

Business & Industry – Councilman Wuillermin

- Chamber meeting was Held on May 11th and they elected their officers. They are offer Latino scholarship for \$500.00 to HHS.
- June 25th will be the blue Berry Festival
- AMI was business of the year

Quality of Life – Councilman Oliva

- Lake Quality – Next meeting is June 13th at 6 pm. They plan on Canoeing and Kayaking before meeting to learn more about the lake.
- Remember tree permits are required fro any tree above 20 inches in diameter. There are no fees, please apply when taking down a tree.
- Memorial Day Parade in Monday May 29th at 10:30 am at Vets Park
- Town wide yards sale is June 3rd \$10.00 fee you have to register by May 25th to be include on the flyer
- Sunshine Foundation Daddy Daughter Dance is at the school on June 11th.
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Education - Councilwoman Renee Rodio

- School Board Meeting was held on May 4th. They passed the budget with no increase. There will be an expansion of the ECC building.

Public Works & Transportation Councilman Sam Rodio

- No action items at this time

Law & Order - Mayor DiDonato- (Given By Chief of Police Kevin Friel)

- 5th grade students will be graduating the LEAD program this month
- The police Dept received a grant in the mount of \$7,000 for click it ticket it.
- On June 6th Mobile Vehicle Inspection station will be at NAPA in the white Horse Pike

Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione

- Lead survey is ongoing with ARH
- 4th Street well installation of Antenna is complete by Verizon
- Drip at Boyer Ave will be complete by next week
- Turf field is moving along and should be complete in July

ENGINEER REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION ITEMS:

15. **Lake Park ADA Playground/Small Cities (ARH #11-01100):** In Progress
 Our office has prepared and submitted a comprehensive proposal for Land Surveying, Engineering, and Environmental permitting services for the Hammonton Lake Park project. The Scope of Work includes the effort necessary to obtain a Pinelands Commission Public Development approval for the entire site. This proposal was submitted to the Town for consideration. The cost of the proposal is a not-to-exceed fee of \$140,000.

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second Oliva
 Approve PO for Survey of Lake Park in the amount of \$30,000.00

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

SOLICITOR REPORT

- No action items

MAYOR REPORT

- No Actions items

PWM REPORT

Tennis Pickle ball courts

The contractor is continuing work on the court areas.

- Base course pavement to start.

Lakeview Gardens Private Well Testing

We will provide a list of the remaining property owners that still need to test for PFAS compounds to ARH so they could be contacted one last time and be reminded of the importance of completing the tests. Seven (7) properties will be tested by the Town labs in the coming weeks summarized as follows:

- Three (3) 1st test.
- Four (4) 2nd test.

Historical Society Building Improvements

The price quotes exceeded the project budget and price quote threshold. A decision to re-bid and seek possible options for increased funding will need to be discussed.

Atlantic County Recreation and Open Space Funding application

We are continuing the work to complete the application and funding request as authorized by Council. We will be contacting ARH, TDG, a certified appraisal firm and the affected property owners to obtain price quotes for their services to complete certain tasks required in the application and to seek permission from affected property owners to gather information on their properties.

Motion by Council Person S. Rodio Second Furgione

Approval to start Foreclosure procedures for open space on the following locations, 9th Street/ Egg Harbor Road and Moss Mill

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 Public Works Schedule for June

Trash Collection on Monday May 29th (**Memorial Day**) will be collected on Tuesday May 30th.

The schedule for Trash, brush, leaf collection and recyclables for June are as follows:

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

Bulky curbside pickup will be 6/5 through 6/9.

Curbside brush pickup will be 6/12 through 6/16.

The County Recycling pickup will be 5/29 through 6/2, 6/12 through 6/16 and 6/26 through 6/30.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

1. Accept the retirement of Robert Gazzara from the active roles, accept the resignations of Brendan Sibson, Michael Ruberton III in good standing, accepts Ryan Ulerick, Aiden Nicholls and Daniel Sulzner as regular members of Fire Company #2. Police Background checks completed and Approved at Fire Company meeting held on May 10, 2023.
2. Approve hiring of Lorelei Alden Full-time as a Keyboard Clerk II in the Municipal Court Office. Single Benefits at a yearly salary of \$33,920.00, 32.5 hours a week effective June 5, 2023. Contingent upon civil service rules and regulations.
3. Approval to transfer Mariela Mondragon from Municipal Court to Police Records Department as a Bi-lingual Keyboard Clerk from Full-time to part-time, 19.5 hours a week, \$16.00 per hour no benefits effective June 5, 2023. Contingent upon civil service rules and regulations.

4. Approve salary increase of \$2,500.00 a year for Scott Rivera for obtaining Pesticide License. Prorated for the year 2023.
5. Accept resignation of Katherine Lawrence from her position as a part-time dispatcher effective May 5, 2023.
6. Approval of promotion for Robin Ripa in the Assessor office to Keyboard Clerk II effective June 5, 2023, Salary of \$34,120.00. Contingent upon Civil Services rules and regulations.
7. Approval to appoint David Diaz to Full Time Officer per PTC certification received effective April 25, 2023. Salary per PBA contract salary guidelines. Contingent upon civil service rules and regulations.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva
Approval of Items 1 to 7.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #067-2023 – Authorize grant application NPP Grant (Wells Fargo Bank)

Resolution to Apply for NPP Grant to Purchase Wells Fargo Bank Building

Located at 236 Bellevue Ave

Whereas, the Town of Hammonton desires to apply for the NPP American Rescue Plan (ARP) Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for \$700,000.00 to carry out a project to Acquire for the Purposes of Adaptive Reuse the former Wells Fargo Bank building located at 236 Bellevue Ave in Hammonton.

Be it therefore RESOLVED that the Town of Hammonton does hereby authorize the application for such grant; and, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of the 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 said agreement between the Town of Hammonton and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

Be it further RESOLVED that the Town of Hammonton understands that applications requesting more than \$250,000 require a 10% match of funds, and hereby resolves to make \$70,000.00, for additional costs associated with adaptive reuse, in matching funds available upon receipt of any award from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and in accordance of any agreement between the Town of Hammonton and the Department.

Be it further RESOLVED that the Town of Hammonton recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser amount and therefore will accept any potential award amount pursuant to the execution of a grant agreement.

Resolution #068-2023- Refund Tax –Water –Sewer Overpayments

**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>
4601/17	Bartholemew	177 Rt. 206	\$2,475.21	100% tax exempt
2601/25	Roldan, Jose	271 S 1 st Rd	\$1,072.86	refund/overpayment
Various	Corelogic		\$3,899.16	refund/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 #069-2023 – Approval of July 4th Parade

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING
July 4th Independence Day Parade / Fireworks Display and Road Closure**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton support and endorse the July 4th Independence Day Events scheduled to be held on July 4, 2023 with the following road closures beginning at 7:00 a.m. and ending at 1:00 p.m. for the parade and 8:45 pm to 9:45 pm for the Fireworks Display:

Parade Road Closing:

Egg Harbor Road from Bellevue Ave to French Street
Bellevue Avenue to Third Street
Central Avenue from Bellevue Avenue to Vine Street

Fireworks Display Road Closure:

S. Egg Harbor Road from 9th Street to 11th Street

WHEREAS, there shall be no parking between the hours of 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM on July 4, 2023 on the following road ways:

Central Avenue from Bellevue to Vine Street

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton will provide necessary services for the July 4th Independence Day Events and Road Closures including but not limited to Police assistance.

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 July 4, 2023 Independence Day Events are approved.

Resolution #070-2023- Authorizing Issuance of ABC Licenses

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON,
ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ABC LICENSES
BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 AND EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2024**

WHEREAS, it is a requirement of NJ ABC that in the matter of the authorization and issuance of license of the sale of Alcoholic Beverages, a resolution must be adopted, which resolution shall specifically determine and name the person, firm or corporation adjudged by such resolution to be entitled to such license as adjudged to be issued, and further such resolution must also fix the name and the licensed premises;

<u>License Number</u>	<u>Consumption License</u>
0113 32 014 011	Intermex Inc. t/a Fiesta Mexicana Restaurant Location: 327-12th St.
0113 33 011 005	Hammonton Discount Liq & Bar t/a Railroad Bar & Grill Location: 18 Railroad Ave.
0113 32 005 006	GK of Palana Inc. t/a Pike Wines & Liquors Location: 111 N. White Horse Pike
0113 33 024 006	Cafe San Rocco, Inc. t/a Rocco's Town House

Location: 21 N. Third St.

0113 33 010 003 Hammonton Joey Corp.
t/a Maplewood Inn
Location: 470 S. White Horse Pike

0113 33 019 007 E.J.'s Westend Inc.
t/a West End Grill
Location: 201 - 12th St.

0113 33 018 009 GB Liquors LLC
t/a GB Liquors LLC
Location: 104 Fairview

License Number

Consumption License

0113 33 020 004 Hammonton Fortunas Inc.
t/a Illiano's Restaurant
Location: 705 - 12th St.

0113 33 007 003 Filomena Boccella
t/a The Olde Central
Location: 15 N. Egg Harbor Road

0113 33 001 006 Exquisite Events Resorts
Location: 755 S. White Horse Pike

0113 33 028 006 Lynne Lucca
Pocket Special Ruling ABC
Location: 774 Woodlawn Hammonton

0113 33 003 012 Apple New Jersey LLC
t/a Applebee's Neighborhood Grill
Location: 47 S White Horse Pk
Hammonton, NJ 08037

0113 33 013 018 Trinity Vintners Investment Holdings
t/a Annata
Location: 216 Bellevue Ave.

0113 32 002 003 Tomar Assoc. Inc.

t/a Caldini's Fine Wine, Liquors & Deli
Location: 101 E. 15th St.

0113 32 012 006 Westwind Assoc Inc.
t/a Joe Canal's Discount Liquor
Location: 80 S WHP St2

0113 33 021 004 Silver Coin Diner Inc.
t/a Silver Coin Diner & Rest. Inc.
Location: 10 S. White Horse Pk.

0113 33 022 015 Tomasellos Catering Services LLC
t/a none
Location: 225 N. White Horse Pike

License Number **Consumption License**
0113 33 008 003 Frog Rock Golf & Country Club
t/a same
Location: 420 Boyer Ave.

License Number **Distribution License**
0113-44-004-011 Williamstown Liquors
t/a Buy Rite Liquors
Location: 240 S. WHP Unit A-1A

0113-44-015- 011 Aryan Liquors
t/a Town Food & Liquor
Location: 333 S. Egg Harbor Rd.

0113 44 016 011 Superior Inc.
t/a West Side Discount Liquors
Location: 730 - 12th St.

Club License

0113 31 026 001 The LGG Club
t/a Sons of Italy
Location: 427 N. Third St.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY that it is hereby specifically determined and declared that the following named persons and corporation, if any, be and they are hereby adjudged to be entitled to a license of the class hereinafter specified to sell alcoholic beverages at or on the premises for a term of one year as herein fixed and described to wit:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED liquor licenses requiring a "Special Ruling" will be renewed by a separate resolution upon receipt of NJ ABC Special Ruling.

Resolution #071-2023- 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:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Planning Board Operating Expense	\$ 2,500.00
Fire Operating Expense	\$ 70,000.00
State Fire Salary & Wages	\$ 5,000.00
Police Operating Expense	\$ 40,000.00
Prosecutor Operating Expense	\$ 10,000.00
Public Buildings & Grounds Operating Expense	\$ 20,000.00
Recreation Operating Expense	\$ 20,000.00
Holiday Observance	\$ 10,000.00
Advertising Operating Expense	\$ 10,000.00
Telephone	\$ 10,000.00
Social Security	\$ 20,000.00
Utility OE	\$ 600,000.00

Resolution # 072-2023- Authorize Religious Procession

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A “RELIGIOUS PROCESSION” FOR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CHURCH

WHEREAS, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parish/St. Joseph’s Church continues to promote the Town of Hammonton with their “Religious Processions”; and

WHEREAS, Sunday June 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. is the scheduled date for the” Corpus Christi Procession”; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parish/St. Joseph’s Church has requested assistance of the Town of Hammonton Police Department for this scheduled event and closure of the following streets in the Town of Hammonton for the procession Start at Lady Mt. Carmel Church/ St Joseph’s Church:
To 3rd Street

To Pleasant St.
To French
To N. Third St.

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 Religious Procession is approved by the Town of Hammonton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the necessary certificate of insurance has been filed with the Town Clerk.

Resolution #073-2023- Authorize 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 Installation Services	\$ 312.00	Refund Permit Fee
Trinity Solar	\$ 325.00	Refund Permit Fee

RESOLUTION #074-2023- Award Bid for Gasoline & Diesel

RESOLUTION AWARDING BIDS FOR SUPPLY OF GASOLINE AND DIESEL

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton received bids for the supply of Gasoline and Diesel on May 10, 2023 in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, Wendt Inc. D.B.A. Al & Rich's was the only bidder;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT the bid for the supply of gasoline and diesel is awarded to Wendt Inc. D.B.A. Al & Rich's as follows:

Not more than \$.20 Regular Unleaded Gasoline (87 Octane) Mark up per Gallon

Not more than \$.20 Diesel Fuel #2 Mark Up Per Gallon

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT by official action of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton taken on May 22, 2023 this bid is awarded for the years 2024, 2025 and 2026: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the clerk is authorized to release the bid bond check.

Resolution #075-2023- Transfer of Liquor License Rodio Restaurant Group / Hammonton Fortuna Inc

Transfer of Liquor License Person to Person

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a person to person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License #0113-33-020-004;

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term;

WHEREAS, a police background check has revealed the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton does hereby approve the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption with Broad Package Privilege License owned by Hammonton Fortuna Inc. 705 12th Street Hammonton, NJ 08037, to Rodio Restaurant Group, LLC 705 12th Street Hammonton, NJ 08037 or its assignee, and does hereby direct the Town Clerk to endorse the license certificate as follows: “this license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Rodio Restaurant Group, LLC, or its assignee, licensed location at 705 12th Street , Hammonton, NJ 08037.

Resolution #076-2023 – Authorize Auction for Electric, Lighting and Natural Gas Services

**A RESOLUTION OF TOWN OF HAMMONTON
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY, LIGHTING SUPPLY AND NATURAL GAS,
SERVICES FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE**

WHEREAS, Town of Hammonton has determined to move forward with the EMEX Reverse Auction in order procure electricity for Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c. 30) (the “Act”) authorizes the purchase of electricity, Lighting supply and natural gas services for public use through the use of an online auction service; and

WHEREAS, Town of Hammonton will utilize the online auction services of EMEX, LLC, an approved vendor pursuant to the Act, waiver number EMEX LLC-1, located at www.energymarketexchange.com; and

WHEREAS, EMEX, LLC is compensated for all services rendered through the participating supplier that a contract is awarded to; and

WHEREAS, the auction will be conducted pursuant to the Act; and be it

WHEREAS, if the auction for the lighting accounts achieves a price of \$0.0799/kWh or less for a 24 month term, the Electric Accounts (Main) achieve a price of \$0.1085/kWh or less for a 24 month term, and the Natural Gas Accounts achieve a price of \$0.771/kWh or less for a 24 month term; Town of Hammonton may award a contract to the winning supplier for the selected term.

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of the within Resolution be forwarded by the Municipal Clerk to the following: EMEX LLC; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton be and [he/she] hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Hammonton any Electricity, Lighting & Natural Gas contract offered by the participating supplier that submits the winning bid in the EMEX Reverse Auction if the auction for the Electricity (Main), Lighting and Natural Gas accounts achieves a price listed above, for a 24 month term; Town of Hammonton may award a contract to the winning supplier for the term.

Resolution #077-2023 – Authorize Agreement with ACIA Lead-based paint inspections

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN A COUNTY WIDE
LEAD-BASED PAINT INSPECTION RENTED DWELLING UNITS PROGRAM
BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON AND
THE ATLANTIC COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority agree to enter into a shared services agreement for the purpose of Lead-Based Paint Inspections for rented dwellings located in the Town of Hammonton.

WHEREAS, the ACIA will provide at no cost to the Town of Hammonton a certified lead evaluator on an as needed basis, to perform the required paint inspection and/or Lead Dust Wipe Sampling.

FURTHERMORE, the Authority will be responsible for billing and collecting fees from the landlords and paying fees to the certified lead evaluator who will provide the services to the Landlords.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton in the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and the Municipal Clerk are authorized to execute the Agreement which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof with ACIA is approved.

Resolution #079-2023- Award Contract Musco Lighting under Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT
UNDER SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is a member of the Sourcewell Cooperative purchasing program; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council will be purchasing Football Field Lighting and installation from Musco Sports Lighting, LLC; and

WHEREAS, under the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing agreement under the authority of N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 (b) (3) awards to Musco Lighting LLC. in the amount of \$262,140.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey that purchase and installation of Football Field Lights be awarded to Musco Sports Lighting LLC. Under contract number 071619-MSL in the amount of \$262,140.00.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second R. Rodio
Resolutions #067 to #077 and #79 are approved.

Roll Call

Councilperson:
Furgione – Yes
Gribbin - Yes

Oliva – Yes to all but no to #70
R. Rodio- Yes
S. Rodio – Yes to all but no to #70
Wuillermin - Yes
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

PUBLIC HEARD

Carmen Bartolone 701 N. 3rd Street- Spoke about bringing Cannabis Dispensary to the Town. It is regulated by the state and will help in generating revenue for the Town.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Council Person R. Rodio Second Oliva