

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council July 24, 2023
Town Hall Council Chambers, 100 Central Avenue
Executive Session 6:00 P.M.
Public Session 7:00 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor
Bob Vettese, Public Works Manager

EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #100-2023

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

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Mark Hermann of ARH, Town Engineer

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARD FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Minutes June 26, 2023
Executive Minutes June 26, 2023

PRESENTATION

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration - Councilman Gribbin

Business & Industry – Councilman Wuillermin

Quality of Life – Councilman Oliva

Education - Councilwoman Renee Rodio

Public Works & Transportation Councilman Sam Rodio

Law & Order - Mayor DiDonato

Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione

ENGINEER REPORT

ACTION ITEMS:

None

PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION ITEMS:

Roadway & Transportation Projects:

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

Our office is coordinating with the Contractor to complete outstanding punch list items, prior to formally closing out the project.

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

Our office is finalizing the closeout process with NJDOT. Final requested documents were sent back to the NJDOT for approval.

3. NJDOT FY2022/FY2023 Municipal Aid: Old Forks Road (ARH #11-40061): In Progress

Our office has finalized the construction plans for the Old Forks Road project. The project requires approval from NJDOT to advertise for bidding. Our office anticipates construction in the fall, after the conclusion of the farm and transportation season.

4. Hammonton Bike Path Connector – Phase II (ARH #11-40052.07): In Progress

Our office is preparing the construction plans for the Bike Path project. Our office is working with Bob Vettese and Atlantic County to get information on existing drainage along Egg Harbor Road, which is necessary to advance the design. The County has been investigating.

5. 11th Street Sidewalk Improvements (ARH #11-40062): In Progress

Our office has completed the design of the 11th Street Sidewalk project. This project will need to be submitted to the NJDOT for approval and authorization to bid.

6. K&K Linens Property / 224 Vine Street (ARH #11-01094.07): In Progress

We have completed the additional survey required to advance the design. Once complete, we will meet with Mr. Vettese for review prior to preparing for public bidding.

7. NJDOT FY2024 Municipal Aid Applications (ARH #11-40041):

Applications for Municipal Aid were submitted on June 30, 2023, for the following projects:

1. Old Forks Road, Phase II (Road to Excellence to White Horse Pike)
2. 13th Street (1st Road to Chew Road)

The approved resolutions have been uploaded to the NJDOT online project management system.
Environmental Projects:

8. Mazza Muffler Site / 104 S. Egg Harbor Road (ARH #11-01102): In Progress

The Contractor has completed the building demolition and site remediation. They have submitted their Application for Payment, in the amount of \$71,505.00 for work completed to date. Our office will process the final change order and closeout documentation for next month's meeting.

9. Hammonton Lake Aquatic Survey (ARH #11-90033):

Per a letter from the Pinelands to Hammonton dated May 22, 2023, a full Threatened and Endangered (T&E) study of the Hammonton Lake is required prior to receiving approval of the NJDEP Aquatic Pesticide Permit to spray and treat the lake for invasive species. Our office has submitted the testing protocol to the Pinelands for approval, which must take place before the survey is performed. Based on discussions with the Pinelands Commission, we anticipate receiving approval in the next few weeks so the survey can be conducted in the required time window.

10. Octagon Oil/Vine Street Parking Lot (ARH #11-01060): On hold

The lab results have been received and reviewed by our office. The Remedial Action Permit (RAP) has been submitted to NJDEP. No additional action is necessary.

11. Skinner Property / 317 N. Egg Harbor Road (ARH #11-01074.06): In Progress

Our office has recently performed shallow soil sampling and testing at the site. A report will be forwarded to the PWTC committee for discussion and to determine permanent improvements.

12. Celona Site Remediation - 130 Railroad Avenue (ARH #11-01054): In Progress

ARH completed the receptor evaluation at the site and completed the remedial investigation report.
SEWER/WATER INFORMATION ITEMS:

13. Route 54 Water Main Replacement Project (ARH #11-30167): In Progress

Our office continues to coordinate with the Town to obtain easement signatures from the property owners along Route 54 and Chew Road. We are still awaiting approval from the Pinelands Commission.

14. Lakeview Gardens Water Testing (ARH #11-30168) In Progress

Our office is coordinating with the Town to contact the residents in the Lakeview Gardens section, to ensure that they are getting the well tests.

15. Boyer Avenue Berm Project (ARH #11-75003.07): In Progress

This project will be acted on by the Pinelands Commission on August 11, 2023. Work can begin once the resolution is passed.

16. Water Quality Accountability Act Compliance (ARH #11-30166): In Progress

Our office continues to compile responses to the lead service line survey we created and sent to the residents. We have received responses from approximately 26% of the property owners, with about 5 percent of respondents identifying a lead or galvanized services. We have prepared a second round of mailings, which consists of 2,504 locations. We have begun to draft policy, notification, prioritization, funding, and implementation documents, which will also include annual LSL reporting to the state and GIS updates.

GENERAL SITE AND RECREATION INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

Our office has been at the lake park doing the topographic survey. The survey and base mapping for the project has been completed.

18. Traditions at Blueberry Ridge (ARH #11-10044): In Progress

Our office has completed the plans and specifications for this project. We will work with the Town Solicitor to receive quotes to perform the work.

SOLICITOR REPORT

MAYOR REPORT

PWM REPORT

Tennis Pickle ball courts

The contractor is continuing work on the court areas. The majority of the work is completed, and we had an onsite meeting to discuss punch list items and schedule to complete the project improvements.

Historical Society Building Improvements

We had an onsite meeting with the Historical Society members and the contractors that will be completing the work. Weather permitting; they will start the work for the front step and railing repair this week. There are a few items of possible additional work requested for consideration listed below for Council's discussion and review of available funds.

- Replace stucco on existing side walls and rear ramp area for a total price of \$3,800.
- Placement of 2 outside, side wall spigots for the building. Work to be completed by Town plumber.

SRTS, GPI Drainage Scope Change

The design consultant, GPI, met with the Pinelands Commission related to compliance with their revised drainage design standards. In order to comply with their new standards, a series of soil pits, permeability tests, and geotechnical reports must be completed to address the additional impervious surfaces created for the project. GPI was able to adjust some of the work task requirements of their consultants so that no increase in contract value is requested. If acceptable the request for the revised or modified work scope could be approved for signature and submitted to the NJDOT. A motion for this action should be voted on by the Council.

Atlantic County Recreation and Open Space Funding application

We are continuing the work with the County, the Town Solicitor, and the affected property owners as requested by Council related to the 3 properties involved for possible acquisition with County funding assistance.

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.

Town Public Works Schedule for August

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

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

Bulky waste, curbside pickup will be 8/7 through 8/11.

Curbside brush pickup will be 8/14 through 8/18.

The County Recycling pickup will be 8/7 through 8/11 and 8/21 through 8/25.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

1. Approval to Hire Michael Joseph Perna full time as a Truck Driver Heavy in the Utility Department. 40 Hours per week, yearly salary of \$33,280.00, single benefits contingent upon civil service rules and regulations.
2. Approval to Hire William Deininger full time as a Grounds Maintenance Worker 1. 40 Hours per week, yearly salary of \$64,000.00, single benefits contingent upon civil service rules and regulations.
3. Accept resignation of Sammy Vasquez in good standing from Fire Company #1. Approved at Fire Company meeting July 19, 2023.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Bond Ordinance #012-2023- Old Forks Road NJ DOT Grant \$287,800

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #101-2023- Authorize 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>
2001/1.02	Helliwell, Charles	619 Anderson Ave	\$3,775.49	cancel/tax exempt veteran
4204/20	Santiago, Gary	1161 Moss Mill Rd	\$5,722.11	cancel/tax exempt veteran
303/8	Dante & Madison Prop	463 N 2 nd Rd	\$1,067.06	ref/assessed value change
2507/10	JPM 425 LLC	425 12 th St	\$3,040.30	ref/assessed value change
2708/13	Noto, Martin	219 N 2 nd St	\$1,123.44	ref/assessed value change
4301/2/c0175	Mortelilte, Gary	175 Yorktown Blvd	\$831.29	pd taxes in error online

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 #102-2023- Approve Touch a Truck Event

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING
TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT**

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton Organization has and continues to promote the Town of Hammonton with scheduled events in the downtown business district; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council has and continues to support the efforts of MainStreet Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, Sunday, August 27, 2023 is the scheduled date for the MainStreet Hammonton Annual “Touch a Truck” event during the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Main Street Hammonton has requested the following street closures for this event between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m to parking and traffic:

S. 2nd from Bellevue Avenue to Vine Street; and

WHEREAS, Main Street Hammonton has requested appropriate Police Parking Control signs to be posted noting NO PARKING AFTER 8:00 a.m.; and

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 August 27, 2023 and the “Touch a Truck” event, including the above requests for street closures, and posting of “NO PARKING” signs are acknowledged, approved and endorsed;

Resolution #103-2023 – 159 Budget addition for Clean Communities Grant

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Town has received from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Clean Communities Program \$42,470.71 and wishes to amend its 2023 Current Fund Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the Current Fund Budget of the year 2023 in the sum of \$42,470.71 which has been awarded and is available as a revenue from:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

Clean Communities Program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$42,470.71 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

Operations - Excluded from “CAPS”:

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

Clean Communities Program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

Resolution #104-2023 - 159 Budget addition for Drug Alliance Youth Leadership Grant

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Town has received from the County of Atlantic \$3,124.38 for DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant Program and wishes to amend its 2023 Current Fund Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the Current Fund Budget of the year 2023 in the sum of \$3,124.38 which has been awarded and is available as a revenue from:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant Program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$3,124.38 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:
Operations - Excluded from "CAPS":
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant Program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

Resolution #105-2023- Approval of Fringe Festival

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING
EAGLE THEATRE FRINGE FESTIVAL**

WHEREAS, the Eagle Theatre 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 Eagle Theatre; and

WHEREAS, August 18th, 19th and 20th are the scheduled dates for the Eagle Theatre's Annual "New Jersey Fringe Festival" during the following times; and

WHEREAS, the "New Jersey Fringe Festival" is also requesting use of the Town Council Chambers for the following days and time frame:

Friday August 18th from 2:00 p.m to 11:00 p.m
Saturday August 19th from 9 a.m to 11:00 p.m
Sunday August 20th from 9 a.m to 11:00 p.m.

WHEREAS, Eagle Theatre has also requested the following street closures for this event continuously from 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 19th to 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, August 20th

South 2nd Street between Bellevue Avenue and Vine Street.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the "Fringe Festival" event, including the above requests for street closures, are acknowledged, approved and endorsed;

Resolution #106-2023- Approval of membership in North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System

**RESOLUTION FOR MEMBER PARTICIPATION
IN A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System, hereinafter referred to as the "NJCPCS" has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2023 the governing body of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Town of Hammonton

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Business Administrator, Frank Zuber is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the NJCPCS and, that such membership shall be for the period ending November 24, 2024, and each renewal, thereafter of the system, unless the Town of Hammonton elects to formally withdraw from the system;.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The NJCPCS shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

PUBLIC HEARD

MEETING ADJOURNED