

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council September 23, 2024
Town Hall Council Chambers, 100 Central Avenue
Executive Session 6:00 P.M.
Public Session 7:00 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Councilperson:

Furgione -

Gribbin –

Marino -

Oliva-

R. Rodio-

S. Rodio –

Mayor DiDonato -

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor

EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #136-2024

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

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Furgione -

Gribbin –

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Oliva-

R. Rodio-

S. Rodio –

Mayor DiDonato -

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor

Mark Herrmann 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 August 26, 2024

Executive Minutes August 26, 2024

PRESENTATION

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Hearing of Ordinance #018-2024- Special Emergency for the Master Plan

SPECIAL EMERGENCY MASTER PLAN

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-53 FOR THE
PURPOSE OF PREPARATION OF A MASTER PLAN**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, that pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53* (ch.48, P.L. 1956 as amended by Ch.144, P.L. 1965 and Ch.38, P.L. 1969), the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the preparation of a master plan and shall be deemed a special emergency appropriation as defined and provided for in *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55*.

The authorization to finance the appropriation shall be provided for in the succeeding annual budgets by the inclusion of at least one-fifth (1/5th) of the amount authorized pursuant to this act (*N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55*).

Resolution #139-2024- Approve Capital Budget Amendment Airport Taxiway

WHEREAS, the local capital budget for the year 2024 was adopted on the 24th day of June, 2024; and

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

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

General Capital Fund

<u>1) Purpose</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Debt Authorized</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>CIF Downpayment</u>
Rehabilitate Airport Taxiway A – Phase V	<u>\$370,691.20</u>	<u>\$ 16,000</u>	<u>\$ 353,841.60 (a)</u>	<u>\$ 849.60</u>

- (a) Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program \$336,992.00
- (a) New Jersey Department of Transportation \$16,849.60

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Administration - Councilman Gribbin**
- Business & Industry – Councilman Oliva**
- Quality of Life – Councilwoman R. Rodio**
- Education – Councilman Marino**
- Public Works & Transportation Councilman S. Rodio**
- Law & Order – Councilman S. Rodio**
- Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione**

ENGINEER REPORT

SOLICITOR REPORT

MAYOR REPORT

Public Works Report

TOWN CLERK REPORT

1. Approval to hire John Ciliberti as Fire Sub Code Official. Effective September 9, 2024. Part time \$45.00 per hour. 8 to 10 hours per week.
2. Approval to hire Catherine Birch full time as violation clerks in the Hammonton Municipal Joint Court. Yearly salary per contract of \$30,420.00. Single benefits, 32.5 hours per week. Contingent upon civil services rules and regulations.
3. Approval to promote Frank Sacco to Department of the Contusion office. Effective September 9, 2024. Yearly salary increase of \$5,000.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Ordinance #019-2024- Taxiway Rehab for Hammonton Municipal Airport

BOND ORDINANCE #019-2024

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PHASE V REHABILITATION OF TAXIWAY A AT THE HAMMONTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$370,691.20 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$16,000 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 \$370,691.20, which sum includes (i) a \$336,992 Airport Improvement Program grant expected to be received from the United States Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration (the "AIP Grant") and (ii) a \$16,849.60 grant expected to be received from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation (the "DOT Grant" and together with the AIP Grant, the "Grants"), and \$849.60 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 \$370,691.20 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment and Grants, negotiable bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$16,000 pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Town in a principal amount not exceeding \$16,000 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 Phase V rehabilitation of Taxiway A at the Hammonton Municipal Airport. The improvements and purposes set forth in Section 3(a) shall also include, as applicable, all engineering and design work related thereto, surveying, construction planning, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration, environmental testing and remediation and 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 \$16,000.

(c) The estimated cost of said improvement or purpose is \$370,691.20, 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 \$849.60 for said improvement or purpose and the Grants.

SECTION 4. Except for the Grants, 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. Except for the Grants, 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 15 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 \$16,000 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 \$74,000 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 \$16,000. 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 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, 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.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #137-2024- Approval of Bond Sale

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMBINATION OF CERTAIN BOND ORDINANCES AND DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF THE OFFERING OF NOT TO EXCEED \$13,699,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2024, CONSISTING OF NOT TO EXCEED \$10,759,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2024, AND NOT TO EXCEED \$2,940,000 WATER/SEWER UTILITY BONDS, SERIES 2024, OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE

**“TOWN”) AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE AND DETERMINING CERTAIN OTHER
MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the “Local Bond Law”), specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(f), the bonds of the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey (the “Town”), authorized pursuant to the bond ordinances of the Town heretofore adopted and described in Section 2 hereof, shall be combined into a single issue of General Improvement Bonds, Series 2024, in the aggregate principal amount of \$10,759,000 (the “General Improvement Bonds”).

SECTION 2. The principal amount of bonds authorized by each bond ordinance to be combined into a single issue of General Improvement Bonds, as provided above, and the bond ordinances authorizing the General Improvement Bonds described by reference to the ordinance number, description and date of final adoption, proceeds of bonds to be issued, and period or average period of usefulness determined in each of the bond ordinances are, respectively, as follows:

General Improvement Bonds, Series 2024

Ordinance Number	Description and Date of Final Adoption	Proceeds of Bonds to be Issued	Useful Life
8-2020	Providing for Various 2020 Capital Improvements, finally adopted 8/6/20	\$ 1,479,900.00	10.33 years
11-2021	Providing for ADA Playground Improvements Hammonton Lake Park, finally adopted 7/26/21	36,400.00	15.00 years
2-2022	Providing for 2022 Capital Improvements, finally adopted 2/28/22	1,117,900.00	11.86 years
8-2022	Providing for 2022 Capital Improvements, finally adopted 3/28/22	1,501,000.00	12.53 years

Ordinance Number	Description and Date of Final Adoption	Proceeds of Bonds to be Issued	Useful Life
13-2022	Providing for Various 2022 Capital Improvements, fina adopted 6/20/22	332,500.00	17.50 years
20-2022	Providing for Various 2022 Capital Acquisitions a Improvements, finally adopted 9/26/22	332,500.00	9.28 years
21-2022	Providing for Various 2022 Capital Improvements, fina adopted 11/21/22	684,000.00	14.44 years
3-2023	Providing for the purchase of a Fire Truck, finally adopt 3/27/23	1,520,000.00	10.00 years
6-2023	Providing for 2023 Capital Acquisitions at Improvements, finally adopted 4/24/23	323,000.00	15.00 years
16-2023	Providing for Highway Building Improvements, fina adopted 9/11/23	13,050.00	5.00 years
18-2023	Providing for Various 2023 Capital Improvements, fina adopted 9/11/23	996,250.00	11.44 years
6-2024	Providing for Various 2024 Capital Improvements a Acquisitions, finally adopted 4/22/24	831,250.00	9.71 years
11-2024	Providing for the Purchase of a New Tanker Fire Tru and Auxiliary Equipment, finally adopted 6/24/24	760,000.00	20.00 years
15-2024	Providing for Various Roadway Improvements, fina adopted 6/24/24	498,750.00	10.00 years
16-2024	Providing for Various 2024 Capital Acquisitions a Improvements, finally adopted 7/22/24	<u>332,500.00</u>	5.55 years
Total:		<u>\$ 10,759,000.00</u>	

SECTION 3. The following matters are hereby determined with respect to the combined issue of General Improvement Bonds:

(a) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective principal amounts of General Improvement Bonds presently authorized to be issued pursuant to each of the bond ordinances described in Section 2 above and the respective periods or average periods of usefulness therein determined, is not more than 11.935 years.

(b) The General Improvement Bonds of the combined issue shall be designated "General Improvement Bonds, Series 2024" and shall mature within the average period of usefulness determined in Section 3(a) above.

(c) The General Improvement Bonds of the combined issue shall be sold and issued in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(f), that are applicable to the sale and issuance of bonds authorized by a single bond ordinance and, accordingly, may be sold with other issues of bonds.

(d) The General Improvement Bonds are being issued to (i) refund, on a current basis, an \$8,336,500 principal portion of general improvement notes of the Town issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$8,427,000 on October 24, 2023 and maturing on October 23, 2024 (the "Prior General Improvement Notes") (the remaining balance of the Prior General Improvement Notes will be paid with a 2024 budgetary appropriation in the amount of \$90,500), and (ii) permanently finance the cost of various general capital improvements in and for the Town in the amount of \$2,422,500, including paying the costs of issuance associated therewith.

SECTION 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) None of the General Improvement Bonds described in Section 2 hereof have been sold or issued heretofore, and the several bond ordinances described in Section 2 have not been rescinded heretofore and now remain in full force and effect as authorizations for the respective amounts of bonds set opposite the descriptions of the bond ordinances set forth in Section 2 hereof.

(b) The several purposes or improvements authorized by the respective bond ordinances described in Section 2 hereof are improvements and purposes for which bonds may be issued lawfully pursuant to the Local Bond Law.

(c) Any General Improvement Bonds issued pursuant to this resolution and said bond ordinances described in Section 2 shall be general obligations of the Town, and the Town's full faith and credit are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said General Improvement Bonds and, unless paid from other sources, the Town is required by law to provide for the payment thereof by the levy of *ad valorem* taxes on all the taxable property located within the Town, without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 5. The General Improvement Bonds shall mature in the principal amounts on September 1 in each of the years as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>
2025	\$ 784,000	2031	\$ 900,000
2026	765,000	2032	930,000
2027	790,000	2033	970,000
2028	815,000	2034	1,000,000
2029	840,000	2035	1,035,000

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>
2030	860,000	2036	1,070,000

The General Improvement Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities in accordance with the terms provided in the notice of sale for the Bonds (the "Notice of Sale") authorized herein and attached hereto as Exhibit B. The General Improvement Bonds shall be twelve (12) in number, with one bond certificate being issued for each year of maturity, and shall be designated and numbered GI-1 to GI-12, inclusive.

SECTION 6. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(f), the bonds of the Town, authorized pursuant to the bond ordinances of the Town heretofore adopted and described in Section 7 hereof, shall be combined into a single issue of Water/Sewer Utility Bonds, Series 2024, in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,940,000 (the "Water/Sewer Utility Bonds").

SECTION 7. The principal amount of bonds authorized by each bond ordinance to be combined into a single issue of Water/Sewer Utility Bonds, as provided above, and the bond ordinances authorizing the Water/Sewer Utility Bonds described by reference to the ordinance number, description and date of final adoption, proceeds of bonds to be issued, and period or average period of usefulness determined in each of the bond ordinances are, respectively, as follows:

Water/Sewer Utility Bonds, Series 2024

Ordinance Number	Description and Date of Final Adoption	Proceeds of Bonds to be Issued	Useful Life
24-2023	Providing for Various 2023 Water Utility Capital Improvements, finally adopted 12/18/23	\$ 2,235,000.00	9.36 years
8-2024	Providing for the Purchase and Installation of Centrifuge, finally adopted 4/22/24	250,000.00	15.00 years
9-2024	Providing for Various 2024 Water Utility Capital Improvements, finally adopted 4/22/24	455,000.00	18.79 years
Total:		<u>\$ 2,940,000.00</u>	

SECTION 8. The following matters are hereby determined with respect to the combined issue of Water/Sewer Utility Bonds:

(a) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective principal amounts of Water/Sewer Utility Bonds presently authorized to be issued pursuant to each of the bond ordinances described in Section 7 above and the respective periods or average periods of usefulness therein determined, is not more than 11.301 years.

(b) The Water/Sewer Utility Bonds of the combined issue shall be designated "Water/Sewer Utility Bonds, Series 2024" and shall mature within the average period of usefulness determined in Section 8(a) above.

(c) The Water/Sewer Utility Bonds of the combined issue shall be sold and issued in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(f), that are applicable to the sale and issuance of bonds authorized by a single bond ordinance and, accordingly, may be sold with other issues of bonds.

(d) The Water/Sewer Utility Bonds are being issued to temporarily finance various water/sewer utility acquisitions and improvements in the amount of \$2,940,000, including paying the costs of issuance therein.

SECTION 9. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) None of the Water/Sewer Utility Bonds described in Section 7 hereof have been sold or issued heretofore, and the several bond ordinances described in Section 7 have not been rescinded heretofore and now remain in full force and effect as authorizations for the respective amounts of bonds set opposite the descriptions of the bond ordinances set forth in Section 7 hereof.

(b) The several purposes or improvements authorized by the respective bond ordinances described in Section 7 hereof are improvements and purposes for which bonds may be issued lawfully pursuant to the Local Bond Law and such improvements or purposes, if applicable and permitted by the Local Bond Law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:2-44(c), and provided that the Water/Sewer Utility of the Town is self-liquidating, are deductible from gross debt in any annual or supplemental debt statement of the Town.

(c) Any Water/Sewer Utility Bonds issued pursuant to this resolution and said bond ordinances described in Section 7 shall be general obligations of the Town, and the Town's full faith and credit are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said Water/Sewer Utility Bonds and, unless paid from other sources, including water utility fees and revenues, the Town is required by law to provide for the payment thereof by the levy of *ad valorem* taxes on all the taxable property located within the Town, without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 10. The Water/Sewer Utility Bonds shall mature in the principal amounts on September 1 in each of the years as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>
2025	\$ 235,000	2031	\$ 275,000
2026	230,000	2032	285,000
2027	240,000	2033	290,000
2028	245,000	2034	305,000
2029	255,000	2035	315,000
2030	265,000		

The Water/Sewer Utility Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities in accordance with the terms provided in the Notice of Sale authorized herein and attached hereto as Exhibit B. The Water/Sewer Utility Bonds shall be eleven (11) in number, with one bond certificate being issued for each year of maturity, and shall be designated and numbered W/S-1 to W/S-11, inclusive.

SECTION 11. The General Improvement Bonds and the Water/Sewer Utility Bonds are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Bonds".

SECTION 12. The Bonds will be issued in fully registered book-entry form, without coupons. One certificate shall be issued for the aggregate principal amount of each series of the Bonds maturing in each year. Both principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America. Each certificate will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, Brooklyn, New York (“DTC”), which will act as Securities Depository (the “Securities Depository”) for the Bonds. The certificates will be on deposit with DTC. DTC will be responsible for maintaining a book-entry system for recording the interests of its Participants (“Participants”) and the transfers of the interests among its Participants. The Participants will be responsible for maintaining records regarding the beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds on behalf of individual purchasers. Individual purchases of the Bonds may be made in the principal amount \$5,000 each or any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof, through book entries made on the books and records of DTC and its Participants. The Bonds will be dated their date of delivery and shall bear interest from such date, which interest shall be payable semi-annually on the first (1st) day of March and September in each year (each an “Interest Payment Date”), commencing March 1, 2025, until maturity or prior redemption, at a rate or rates per annum as proposed by the successful bidder in accordance with the Notice of Sale authorized herein. The principal of and the interest on the Bonds will be paid to the Securities Depository by the Town, or some other paying agent as the Town may designate and appoint, on the maturity dates and due dates listed therein and will be credited on the maturity dates and due dates to the Participants of DTC as listed on the records of DTC as of each February 15 and August 15 (the “Record Dates”) preceding an Interest Payment Date. The Bonds shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer of the Town and the official seal of the Town (or facsimile thereof) shall be affixed, imprinted or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Clerk of the Town. The following matters are hereby determined with respect to the Bonds:

Preliminary, subject to change as described herein.

Date of Bonds:	Date of Delivery;
Principal Payment Date:	September 1, 2025 and each September 1 thereafter until maturity or prior redemption;
Interest Payment Dates:	Semi-annually on each March 1 and September 1, commencing March 1, 2025, until maturity or prior redemption;
Place of Payment:	Cede & Co., Brooklyn, New York.

SECTION 13. The Bonds of each series shall be substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Town to market and sell the Bonds in accordance with the requirements of DTC, upon the advice of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey, in its capacity as Bond Counsel to the Town (“Bond Counsel”), and Phoenix Advisors, LLC, Bordentown, New Jersey, in its capacity as Municipal Advisor to the Town (the “Municipal Advisor”).

SECTION 14. The Bonds shall be sold upon receipt of electronic bids on **Thursday, October 10, 2024** (the “Bid Date”) at 11:00 a.m. by the Chief Financial Officer of the Town on i-Deal’s Bidcomp®/PARITY® electronic competitive bidding system (“PARITY”), in accordance with the Notice of Sale authorized and set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto, which Notice of Sale may be adjusted prior to the Bid Date by the Chief Financial Officer upon consultation with the Municipal Advisor and Bond Counsel. The use of the services provided by PARITY and the fees associated therewith are hereby approved. Bond Counsel, on behalf of the Clerk of the Town, is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for (i) the publication of a summary of such Notice of Sale to be published not less than seven (7) days prior to the Bid Date in The Bond Buyer, a financial newspaper published and circulating in the City of New York, New York; (ii) the publication of the full text of such Notice of Sale to be published not less than seven (7) days prior to the Bid Date in The Hammonton Gazette; and (iii) the posting of the full text of the Notice of Sale on www.munihub.com. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-34, the Town hereby designates the Chief Financial Officer of the Town as the financial officer authorized to sell and award the Bonds in accordance with the Notice of Sale

authorized herein, and shall report in writing the results of the sale to the Town Council of the Town at its next regularly scheduled meeting thereafter. The Chief Financial Officer of the Town is hereby further authorized and directed to do and accomplish all matters and things necessary or desirable to effectuate the offering and sale of the Bonds.

SECTION 15. The Notice of Sale shall be substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Town to market and sell the Bonds, upon the advice of Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor.

SECTION 16. The Bonds shall have attached a copy thereto of the written opinion with respect to such Bonds that is to be rendered by Bond Counsel. The Clerk of the Town is hereby authorized and directed to file a signed duplicate of such written opinion in the office of the Clerk of the Town.

SECTION 17. Bond Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for the printing of the Bonds and for the printing and electronic posting of the Preliminary Official Statement (as hereinafter defined) and the Final Official Statement (as hereinafter defined), which Preliminary Official Statement and Final Official Statement are each hereby authorized and directed to be prepared by Bond Counsel, the Municipal Advisor, Ford, Scott and Associates, Ocean City, New Jersey, auditor to the Town (the "Auditor"), and other Town officials. Bond Counsel, the Municipal Advisor and the Auditor are also authorized and directed to arrange for the distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement on behalf of the Town to those financial institutions that customarily submit bids for such Bonds. The Mayor, Chief Financial Officer and Clerk of the Town are each hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any certificates necessary in connection with the distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement and the Final Official Statement. Bond Counsel, the Municipal Advisor and the Auditor are hereby further authorized and directed to obtain a rating on the Bonds, and to prequalify the Bonds for municipal bond insurance and to prepare and submit financial and other information on the Town to rating agencies and municipal bond insurers.

SECTION 18. The Town hereby covenants that it will comply with any condition subsequent imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the Bonds to the extent the Bonds are issued as tax-exempt obligations, including the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds of the Bonds above the arbitrage yield on the Bonds, if necessary.

SECTION 19. The Town is hereby authorized to make representations and warranties, to enter into agreements and to make all arrangements with DTC, as may be necessary, to provide that the Bonds will be eligible for deposit with DTC and to satisfy any obligation undertaken in connection therewith.

SECTION 20. In the event DTC may determine to discontinue providing its services with respect to the Bonds or is removed by the Town, and if no successor securities depository is appointed, the Bonds which were previously issued in book-entry form shall be converted to Registered Bonds (collectively, the "Registered Bonds"), in denominations of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. The beneficial owner under the book-entry system, upon registration of the Bonds held in the beneficial owner's name, will become the registered owner of the respective Registered Bonds. The Town shall be obligated to provide for the execution and delivery of the respective Registered Bonds in certified form.

SECTION 21. The Chief Financial Officer of the Town is hereby authorized and directed to "deem final" the Official Statement (the "Official Statement") prepared with respect to the issuance of the Bonds and pursuant to the provisions of the Rule (as hereinafter defined) and to execute a certificate regarding same. The Chief Financial Officer of the Town is hereby authorized and directed to authorize and approve the use and distribution of the Official Statement in preliminary form (the "Preliminary Official Statement"), in connection with the offering and sale of the Bonds. Upon the sale of the Bonds, the Preliminary Official Statement shall be modified, in consultation with Bond Counsel, the Municipal Advisor and the Auditor, to reflect the effect of the sale of the Bonds and said modified Preliminary Official Statement shall constitute the final Official Statement (the "Final Official Statement"). The Chief Financial Officer of the Town is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Final Official

Statement to the purchaser of the Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Rule, for its use in the sale, resale and distribution of the Bonds, where and if applicable.

SECTION 22. The Town hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate for the Bonds (the “Disclosure Certificate”), which will set forth the obligations of the Town to file, as applicable, budgetary, financial and operating data on an annual basis and notices of certain enumerated events with respect to the Bonds, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12 (the “Rule”) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and supplemented. The Chief Financial Officer of the Town is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Disclosure Certificate to the purchaser of the Bonds evidencing the Town’s undertaking with respect to the Rule. Notwithstanding the foregoing, failure of the Town to comply with the Disclosure Certificate shall not be considered a default on the Bonds; however, any Bondholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance, to cause the Town to comply with its obligations hereunder and thereunder.

SECTION 23. The Chief Financial Officer of the Town is hereby authorized and directed to sell the aforesaid Bonds and to determine all matters in connection with the Bonds (including adjusting the maturity schedule or any other matters set forth in this resolution that are deemed necessary and advisable to change by the Chief Financial Officer of the Town, prior to the sale or closing of the Bonds, all in consultation with Bond Counsel, the Municipal Advisor and the Auditor), and the manual or facsimile signature of the Chief Financial Officer of the Town upon any documents, agreements or certificates related to the sale and/or issuance of the Bonds shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. The Mayor, the Chief Financial Officer, the Clerk of the Town and any other Town Official or professional, including, but not limited to, Bond Counsel, the Municipal Advisor, the Auditor, the Town Engineer and the Town Attorney (collectively, the “Town Officials”), are each hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such documents, certificates, agreements and opinions as are necessary to consummate the sale and closing of the Bonds, and to take such actions or refrain from such actions as are necessary for the issuance of the Bonds, and all such actions or inactions previously taken by the aforesaid Town Officials and professionals are hereby ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 24. The Bonds are not “qualified tax-exempt obligations” for purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(B)(ii) of the Code.

SECTION 25. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution #138-2024- Approval of Place to Place Liquor License transfer Sons of Italy

Resolution approving a Place to Place transfer of Liquor License For the LGG Club (Sons of Italy) 0113-31-026-001

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a place to place transfer of a Club Liquor License, #0113-31-026-001 for the LGG Club trading as Sons of Italy.

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;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton does hereby approve the place to place transfer of the aforesaid Club License for the LGG Club located at 427 N. Third Street Hammonton, NJ 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 approved for the place to place transfer

Resolution #140-2024- 159 Budget Amendment Body Armor 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 Division of Criminal Justice, Body Armor Replacement Program \$2,547.62 and wishes to amend its 2024 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 2024 in the sum of \$2,547.62 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:

Body Armor Replacement Program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$2,547.62 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

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

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

Resolution #141-2024- Award Specialized services Contract

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING VARIOUS
SPECIALIZED SERVICE CONTRACTS AND QUOTES**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for specialized services for the Town of Hammonton, New Jersey, on an annual basis as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Specialized Service</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Not To Exceed AN</u>
Utility	IA System Repairs	Schneider Electric	\$50,000.00
Utility	Plant Repairs	KRS Services	\$100,000.00
Utility	Electrical Repairs (Plants)	ABS Electric	\$200,000.00
Utility	Polymer supply	Polydyne Inc.	\$20,000.00
Utility	Chlorine/Sulfuric supply	Univar	\$30,000.00
Utility	Klenphos	Klenzoid	\$30,000.00

Utility	Water clocks & meters	Rio Supply	\$200,000.00
Utility	WWTP Consultant	Kleinfelder E. (spec project)	\$50,000.00
Utility	Lime supply	Coyne Chemical	\$15,000.00
Utility	Instrumentation	NB Controls	\$75,000.00
Utility	Service Generators	Cummins	\$30,000.00
Utility	Service Caterpillar Generators	Foley	\$15,000.00
Dog Regulations	Animal Control	A-Academy of South Jersey	\$8,160.00
Dog Regulations	Animal after hour emergency	A-Academy of South Jersey	\$50.00 per call
Animal Regulations	Carcus removal	Kelly Winthrop, LLC	\$50 per call/\$150 after hrs
Highway, Landfill, Airport, Utility	Lab testing & submittal to agencies	JR Henderson	\$60,000.00
Highway, Building & Grounds	Chemicals	Helena	\$20,000.00
Buildings & Grounds	Town Hall Heat/Air Controls	Hawks & Company & Vantage Heat & AC	\$75,000.00
<u>Department</u>	<u>Quoted Service</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Not To Exceed AN</u>
Highway & Utility	Uniform rent/cleaning	Schenk Textiles	\$20,000.00
Highway	Auto parts & supplies	Val-U-Auto Parts	\$25,000.00
Buildings & Grounds	Electrician	Electra Tech	\$30,000.00
Buildings & Grounds	Blood Borne Pathogen Cleaning	S.J. Building Services	\$85.00 per call
Buildings & Grounds	Clean Town Hall & Canoe Club	S.J. Building Services	\$40,000.00

WHEREAS, funds are available under the above listed budget appropriations, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 provides for an open and fair process through requests for proposals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY that the Town of Hammonton is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with above listed vendors for years 2024 and 2025

Resolution #142-2024- Approval of Fall Festival for Lady Mt. Carmel Church

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING
SAINT MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH**

FALL FESTIVAL AND CARNIVAL

WHEREAS, October 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th are the scheduled dates for the Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Church Fall Festival and Carnival. The time of the event will be 5 pm to 11 pm on October 10th to the 12th and 11:00am to 11:00pm on the Sunday the 13th. The event will be held on the grounds of Saint Anthony's Church on Route 206 in Hammonton; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Church Fall Festival and Carnival is acknowledged and endorsed with police assistance contingent upon contacting the Chief of Police.

Resolution #143-2024- Approval Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day

Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day

WHEREAS, New Jersey is in the midst of a life-threatening opioid abuse epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey has designated October 6, 2024, as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day – an initiative with a multiple purposes: to raise awareness of the potential for dependency on prescribed pain medicine and its link to heroin and fentanyl use in our state; to reduce stigma of addiction and shine a light on the need for recovery support; and to communicate to physicians information on safer prescribing messages found in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for prescribing opioids, which include considering other therapies, setting realistic treatment goals with patients and discussing with patients the positives and negatives of opioids; and

WHEREAS, the State Senate and General Assembly jointly resolved that October 6 shall be permanently designated as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day in New Jersey in order to raise awareness about the dangers of, and the link between, prescription opioid abuse and heroin addiction and to educate health care providers, community leaders, state lawmakers and members of the public about the opioid abuse epidemic and its effects throughout the State of New Jersey and across the country; and

WHEREAS, Join Together Atlantic County (JTAC) supports initiatives designed to raise awareness about opioid abuse in New Jersey and take steps to prevent addiction;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that October 6, 2024, be recognized as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day in the Town of Hammonton, New Jersey.

RESOLUTION #144-2024- Accepting NJ DOT Grant for Hammonton Municipal Airport

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANTS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey are accepting **Airport Grants for Taxiway A Rehab-Phase V East End Construction** in the amount of \$18,638.04, offered by the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, this project will cover Hammonton Municipal Airport Taxiway A Rehab Construction and Construction Management Services at the Hammonton Municipal Airport.

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 that the Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all agreements or other documents related to this grant authorization.

Resolution #145-2024- Refund of Escrows

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON
AUTHORIZING ESCROW 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:

Adamucci, Rick	\$ 361.24	Refund Escrow
Raso, James	\$125.00	Refund Escrow
Sergi, Nunzio	\$450.00	Refund Landlord Registration
Weiss, Mike	\$617.50	Refund Escrow
Berenato, Joseph	\$485.29	Refund Escrow
Grincer, Angelo	\$133.75	Refund Escrow
Bowley, Judith	\$542.50	Refund Escrow
Padovani, Anthony	\$225.0	Refund Escrow
NJ Manufacturers	\$492.26	Refund Escrow

Resolution #146-2024- 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>
1901/12	Corelogic	431 Bernshouse Rd	\$6,514.80	Refund/Over Payment
1802/21	Corelogic		\$880.33	Refund/Over Payment
2302/1	Doll, Jessica	39 Michael Road	\$727.16	Refund/Over Payment
2708/5	Vision Abstract	100 N. Black Horse Pike	\$1,969.19	Refund/Over Payment

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 #147-2024- Special Emergency Master Plan project

Special Emergency for Master Plan Update

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-54
FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREPARATION OF A MASTER PLAN**

WHEREAS, it has been found necessary to make a Special Emergency Appropriation to meet certain extraordinary expenses to be incurred, by the preparation of a master plan and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 provides that it shall be lawful to make such appropriation, which appropriation shall be provided for in succeeding annual budgets by the inclusion of an appropriation of at least one-fifth of the amount authorized pursuant to this act.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55:

1. A Special Emergency Appropriation is hereby made for the Preparation of a Master Plan in the total amount of \$50,000.
2. That the special emergency appropriation shall be provided for in the budgets of the next succeeding years by the inclusion of not less than \$10,000.
3. No special emergency notes will be issued for this special emergency.
4. That two (2) certified copies of this resolution will be filed with the Director of the Division of Government Services; however, no approval is required from the Division.

Resolution 148-2024- Support Dedication of Salem Oak Tree in Oak Grove Cemetery

Support for the Hammonton Historic Preservation Commission's Dedication of the Salem Oak Tree in Oak Grove Cemetery

Whereas, the famed Salem Oak Tree stood for nearly 600 years in the Salem (NJ) Friends Burial Ground before collapsing in 2019, and

Whereas, this historic tree was the site of a peace treaty signed October 8, 1675 between John Fenwick, leader of the Salem Friends (Quakers) and the Nantikoke Lenni Lenape, and

Whereas, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection distributed free seedlings, grown from acorns of the Salem Oak, to municipalities across New Jersey, including Hammonton, and

Whereas, the Hammonton Department of Public Works faithfully tended to the seedling in the Town's Tree Bank, and

Whereas, the Hammonton Environmental Commission selected the Oak Grove Cemetery to be the long-term location for the tree, and

Whereas, the Hammonton Historic Preservation Commission received a grant to hold a dedication ceremony on November 9, 2024 to commemorate the planting of Hammonton's Salem Oak tree, following the installation of a viewing bench, interpretive signage, and a protective fence, and

Whereas, the dedication event has been made possible by a grant from the Atlantic County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, as well as other sponsors, and

Whereas, the Historic Preservation Commission has invited representatives from the Salem Friends and the Nantikoke Lenni Lenape to participate in this ceremony, and

Whereas, the ceremony celebrates not only Hammonton's dedication to protecting our environment but also the town's commitment to advancing peace among all peoples, and

Whereas, the Town wishes to support this event to create a more inclusive, equitable, and informed community,

Now Therefore, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, hereby declares its support for the Hammonton Historic Preservation Commission's Salem Oak Tree dedication ceremony, and

Further, the Mayor and Council encourage all residents of Hammonton to attend and participate in the ceremony, and to visit and venerate the tree and what it stands for as it grows over the next several hundred years.

PUBLIC HEARD

MEETING ADJOURNED