

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council August 26, 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 - Present
Gribbin – Present
Marino -Present
Oliva- Present
R. Rodio- Present
S. Rodio – Present
Mayor DiDonato - Present

PRESENT ALSO

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor

EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #122-2024

Motion by Council Person Marino Second Gribbin
Enter into Executive Session

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second Gribbin
Close Executive Session

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

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

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

No one desired to be heard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Minutes July 22, 2024
Executive Minutes July 22, 2024

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva
Minutes are approved

Roll Call:

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

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

PRESENTATION

- **Retirement plaque Danielle Noto** – Given by Deputy Mayor Tom Gribbin. Danielle thanked everyone and the past employees she worked with
- **Proclamation Puerto Rican Civic Association**- given by Deputy Mayor Gribbin to Edwin Negroni. He thanked everyone and invited the Town to come celebrate at the civil association this weekend.
- **Solar Presentations** - There were 2 companies that presented to council. Equals Energy and Infiniti Solar
A long discussion with both companies ensued that included rent that will be paid to the Town, the amount of funding the Town would have to contribute, the timeline for the project etc.

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Hearing of Ordinance #017-2024 – NJ DOT Grant Safe Routes to School

CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$325,000 TO PAY FOR THE FRONT STREET PEDESTRIAN CONNECTOR PROJECT IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (a majority of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The capital purposes described in Section 2 of this capital ordinance are hereby authorized as general capital purposes to be undertaken by the Town of Hammonton, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey (the “Town”). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 2 hereof, there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$325,000, fully funded by a grant received or expected to be received by the New Jersey Department of Transportation’s Fiscal Year 2023 Safe Streets to Transit Program.

SECTION 2. (a) The improvements and purposes hereby authorized are to pay for the Front Street Pedestrian Connector Project.

(b) The above improvements and purposes set forth in Section 2(a) shall also include, but are not limited to, as applicable, construction, reconstruction, repairing, restriping and resurfacing of said roadways, streetscape improvements, drainage improvements to said roadways, and the repair, restoration or construction of or improvements to curbs, sidewalks, and driveway aprons along various roadways in the Town. Such improvements shall also include the following, as applicable, surveying, construction planning, engineering and design work, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration, environmental testing and remediation and also all work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances as necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

SECTION 3. The expenditures totaling \$325,000 for the purposes set forth in Section 2 hereof are hereby authorized and approved.

SECTION 4. The Town hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable, for the Town. The capital or temporary capital budget, as applicable, of the Town is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this capital ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget of the Town, a revised capital or temporary capital budget for the Town has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption as described in N.J.S.A. 40:49-2 and N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Marino
Public Hearing on Ordinance #017-2024

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Marino
Ordinance has passed 2nd reading and is adopted, and approved for publication

Roll Call:

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

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration - Councilman Gribbin

- Tax bills are extended until September 19th
- We will be interviewing for a violations clerk in the municipal court office on 9/3/2024
- Welcomed back all the kids to school and wished them a great year.
- Wished everyone a Happy Labor Day

Business & Industry – Councilman Oliva

- 9/30 to 9/1 the Puerto Rican festival will take place
- Thanked Mainstreet for the touch –a-truck event
- 3rd Thursday will be Fiesta, this will be help on 9/19/2024
- Down Town Trick or treat will be held on October 19th with a rain date of the 26th.
- Wished everyone a safe school year.
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Quality of Life – Councilwoman R. Rodio

- Historic tours are still being held on the 1st Saturday of each month. They start at 1 pm at the Eagle Theatre
- Environment commission is working on the tree ordinance and should have something back to council next month.
- The Green Committee Market will have its last day on 9/27/24
- DEI Committee is working on their campaign. They will be at the Puerto Rican event this weekend collection data from residents.
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Education – Councilman Marino

- Reviewed school board meeting held 8/8/2024
- Congratulated Lori Scibilia on her promotion
- Thanked Bob Capoferri for his donation to the school

Public Works & Transportation Councilman S. Rodio

- No action items
- The 2 new trash trucks are in and are being used by the Highway department
- Recreation department is coming along and doing a great job.

Law & Order – Councilman S. Rodio given by Chief Kevin Friel

- Drive sober get pulled over is ongoing until 9/2/2024
- Medication collection will be on 9/7/2024 at the Mt. Carmel grounds.
- Back to School will be this Thursday, please be safe and follow the traffic rules.
- Please lock your vehicles at all times to prevent theft

Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione

- LEAD service letters went out to residents please respond
- Water usage is still very high, please conserve.
- Centrifuge will go online the 2nd week in September.

ENGINEER REPORT

ACTION ITEMS: No Action Items for August.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Resolution #134-2024- Authorize planning board to investigate property for redevelopment

Authorizing the Town of Hammonton Planning Board to investigate property in the Town of Hammonton for the purpose of Redevelopment

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council authorize the Town of Hammonton’s Planning Board to conduct an investigation to determine, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6, whether the property identified as Block 801, Lots 7, 8, 9, and 11 on the official tax map of Hammonton is an area in need of redevelopment without the municipality’s use of its eminent domain power otherwise known as Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area;

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council give the approval to the Planning Board of the Town of Hammonton to investigate the property identified as Block 801, Lots 7, 8, 9, and 11 on the official tax map of Hammonton to determine if the area is in need of redevelopment.

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second Marino

Roll Call:

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

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

Motion by Mayor **DiDonato** Second **NO ONE SECONDED**

Award solar contract to Equals Energy - There was no 2nd to the Mayor’s motion. The motion did not pass

Roll Call:

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

Mayor DiDonato motion was denied

MAYOR REPORT

- No action items

Public Works Report

Old Forks Road Project - Project was awarded. Pre-construction meeting set for September 4th at 10:00 am. The construction will start the middle of September. There will be one lane of traffic to accommodate school busses and traffic during construction.

LEAD service lines - letters to the 80 resident were mailed on 8/2/2024. Clerk’s office is receiving the calls and forwarded information to ARH. We are asking the residents to please respond if you have not done so. (10 responses to date)

2024 Road Program (Micro surfacing) - Waiting for contractor to set start date. I will follow up with contractor this week to get an exact date.

School House Lane- All repairs were made by Think pavers to the inlets and inspected by ARH. Photos were taken and are on file with the Town.

Lake Park update- Submission to Pinelands was complete, ARH received response from Pinelands asking about rain gardens for collection of nitrogen from rain water. ARH will respond accordingly.

Town Public works Schedule for August 2024

Trash collection for Labor Day Monday September 2nd will take place on Tuesday September 3rd.

Bulky waste pickup for September will be from the 3rd to the 6th of September.

Brush pickup for September will be the 9th through 13th.

The County Recycling pickup for September will be on Labor Day the 2nd through the 6th, and the 16th through 20th.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

1. Approval to hire Eric Knight full time in the Recreation department as a laborer. 40 hours per week, single benefits, yearly salary per contract. Contingent upon all civil service rules and regulations.
2. Approval to move Mariela Mondragon from her part-time position as Bi-lingual Keyboard Clerk in police records to Full-time effective August 26, 2024. Single benefits, 32.5 hours per week, yearly salary per contract. Contingent upon all civil service rules and regulations.
3. Approval to move Abby Mauriello from her part-time position as public safety telecommunicator in police dispatch to Full-time effective August 26, 2024. Single benefits, 40 hours per week, yearly salary per contract. Contingent upon all civil service rules and regulations.
4. Accept resignations of Aiden Nicholls, Dalton Verderame and John Adams as regular members in good standing and accept Taylor Ford and Daniel White as regular members to Fire Company # 2, police backgrounds completed. Approved at Fire Company meeting on August 14, 2024.
5. Approval to re-hire Daulton Scola as a fulltime police officer effective September 5, 2024. Salary and benefits per contract, 40 hours per week, contingent upon civil service rules and regulations.
6. Accept resignation of Anthony Berenato from his position as Construction/Fire Sub-code official effective September 6, 2024.
7. Appoint Gus Morganti as Construction official effective September 6, 2024.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva
Items 1-7 are approved

Roll Call:

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

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction 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*).

Motion by Council Person Marino Second Oliva
Ordinance has passed 1st reading and approved for advertisement

Roll Call:

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

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #123-2024- Approval to Purchase Police Vehicles under State Contract

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT FOR THE AWARD
TO PURCHASE TWO 2024 CHEVROLET TAHOE'S 4WD SSV's**

WHEREAS, there exists a need to purchase two 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe's 4WD SSV's, for the Hammonton Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department recommend, after comparing the price and particular suitability, that a contract be awarded to Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc to purchase two vehicles under state contract #21-Fleet-01483 (T2776), in the amount not to exceed \$100,567.50.00; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in Bond Ordinance # 016-2024; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1-et seq. requires that the resolution authorizing the award of the contract without competitive bidding be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY that the Mayor and Town Clerk of the Town of Hammonton are hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc, for the purchase of two 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe's 4WD SSV's; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law as a State Approved Contractor #21-Fleet-01483 (T2776); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract is subject to the mutual acceptance of the appropriate contact documentation between Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc and the Town of Hammonton.

Resolution #124-2024- Extending Due date for 3rd Quarter property Tax

Extending Due Date for 3rd Qtr Property Tax

WHEREAS, the 2024/2025 preliminary tax bills will be mailed late due to a delay in receiving the established tax rate from county;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton to authorize and direct the tax collector to extend the due date for the third quarter taxes to be due on Thursday September 19, 2024 or at least 25 days from date of mailing (certification to follow);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that payments received after September 19, 2024 will be with interest; back to the August 1 due date.

Resolution #125-2024- Authorizing Firefighters Christmas Parade

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING
FIREFIGHTER CHRISTMAS PARADE**

WHEREAS, the Hammonton Fire Department continues to support the Town of Hammonton in it's effort to promote events such as the Christmas Parade which is scheduled for **Saturday December 14, 2023 (rain date December 15th) @ the hour of 7:00 p.m.;**

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, which the Annual Hammonton Firefighter Christmas Parade is acknowledged and endorsed with the following streets being closed:

Liberty Street (from Hammonton Middle School to Bellevue) 5:00 to 9:00 pm
Route 54 (from WPH to Front Street) from 5:00 to 9:00 pm
Central Avenue (from Bellevue to Vine) from 5:00 to 9:00 pm
All Road openings onto Bellevue Avenue (from WHP to Front Street) will be closed during event at 7:00 pm
Passmore Avenue (from Egg Harbor Road to Washington Street) from 7:00 to 10:00 pm
Front Street (from Bellevue to Line Street) from 7:00 to 11:00 pm
Liberty Street (from Bellevue Ave to Fairview Ave) from 5:00 to 8:00 pm
Vine Street (from Egg Harbor Rd. to Central Ave.) from 5:00 to 9:00 pm

Resolution #126- 2024- Authorizing Kiwanis Club Halloween Parade

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING
KIWANIS CLUB HALLOWEEN PARADE**

WHEREAS, Kiwanis Club of Hammonton 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 Kiwanis Club of Hammonton;
and

WHEREAS, October 23, 2024 is the scheduled date for the Annual Kiwanis Club Halloween Parade (rain date to be October 24, 2024);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the Kiwanis Club Halloween Parade is acknowledged and endorsed with the following streets being closed:

N. Egg Harbor Road from Rt. 54 to Fairview Avenue from 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Rt. 54 (Bellevue) from N. Egg Harbor Road to Third St. from 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Resolution #127-2024- Authorize Green Day Event

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the Town of Hammonton authorizes and endorses the Hammonton Green Day Festival to held at Veterans Parks on Saturday November 2, 2024 from 12 -4 pm with a rain date of Sunday November 3, 2024:

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

Resolution #128-2024- Approve procession of Saint. Michael

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING
THE “ST. MICHAEL PROCESSION”**

WHEREAS, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parrish continues to promote support of the Town of Hammonton Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council has and continues to support the efforts of Mt. Carmel Parrish and the Hammonton Police Department; and

WHEREAS, St. Michael is the patron saint and protector of Law Enforcement Officers and

WHEREAS, September 29th, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. is the scheduled date for the Blue Mass of St. Michael and 7:00pm St. Michael religious procession to be held in the Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parrish 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 procession:

From St. Joseph Church (N. 3rd St.) left onto French St.
Left onto N. Second St.
Left onto E. Pleasant St.
Return to Church (N. 3rd 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 Feast of St. Michael and procession of streets is acknowledged and endorsed by the Town of Hammonton contingent upon the following:

1. Filing of necessary insurance certificates by St. Mary of Mt. Carmel as required by the Town of Hammonton.
2. Filing of required State and/or County written approvals for street closures with the Town Clerk’s office and the Chief of Police at least two weeks prior to event.

Resolution #129-2024- 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>
4604/2.02	Wal-Mart	55 S White Horse Pike	\$15,108.50	Refund/Tax Appeal
2201/12	3 rd St Homes	212 Winding Way	\$936.88	Refund/Over Payment
1402/19	Church of God	733 9 th St	\$ 7.64	Refund/Tax Exempt

2602/10	Corelogic	431 Bernshouse Rd	\$307.80	Refund/Exempt Veteran
2709/20.01	Castro, Roman	450 Bella Vita Court	\$5,173.51	Cancel/Exempt Veteran
3605/33	Rizzotte, Jamie	240 Marlyn Ave	\$1,277.87	Refund/Over Payment
2512/9	McLaughlin	137 S Grand St	\$ 813.32	Refund/Over Payment
3101/42	Mortgage Connect	644 Fairview Ave	\$1,120.79	Refund/Over Payment
1902/27	King, Jeffrey	566 Anderson Ave	\$1,395.52	Refund/Exempt Veteran
1755-0	State of NJ	301 Chestnut Street	\$1,460.23	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 #130-2024- Refund of Escrow Funds

**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:

Keating, Kristin	\$ 1,250.00	Refund Escrow / Permit
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Resolution #131-2024- Approve Mainstreet Mistletoe Mart

**AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING MAINSTREET HAMMONTON
DECEMBER THIRD THURSDAY AND MISTLETOE MART WITH ROAD CLOSURE**

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton 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 or MainStreet Hammonton; and

WHEREAS the monthly Third Thursday event in December is an opportunity for last minute holiday shopping at the downtown businesses, MainStreet plans to host its annual 'Mistletoe Mart' holiday art market in partnership with Art Club Hammonton and the Noyes Museum during the December Third Thursday on Thursday, December 19th, 2024 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm; and

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton is requesting the following road closures and police assistance for this event during the hours of 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm at S. 2nd St, between Bellevue Ave & Vine St.; and

WHEREAS, MainStreet Hammonton is requesting the use of the Town Hall parking lot from the hours of 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm for the beginning and ending point for festive seasonal trolley rides, to enjoy residential & municipal decorations and light displays. The trolley will follow the below route approximately every 15 minutes:

Trolley Route

Rides will begin in the Town Hall Parking lot
Proceed SW on Vine St,
Turn right on S. Egg Harbor Rd.
Turn right on Bellevue Ave
Turn right on Valley Ave.
Turn right on Grape St.
Turn right on Central Ave. Turn left into Town Hall parking lot.
(see attached proposed route)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the MainStreet Hammonton New Year's Eve Bash is acknowledged and endorsed.

Resolution #132-2024- Establishing A policy for Totally Disabled Tax-Exempt Veterans

**A Resolution establishing a policy for applications approved
for Totally Disabled Tax-Exempt Veterans.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton Tax Assessor's office received applications for Totally Disabled Tax Exempt Veterans; and

WHEREAS, when the Tax Assessor approves these applications tax dollars are cancelled; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton's Mayor and Council have an interest in establishing a policy concerning the cancellation of taxes on approval of applications for Totally Disabled Tax Exempt Veterans; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton that;

1. They hereby adopt the facts and determinations as set forth in the preamble of this resolution as if the same were more fully set forth herein, and which facts and determinations shall have the same binding effect as the paragraphs set forth herein below.
2. The Town of Hammonton will cancel taxes as of the date of the Town's receipt of a completed application form DVSSE (Disabled Veteran or Surviving Spouse Tax Exemption Form). The form must be date received and stamped by the Tax Collector or Tax Assessor's office.

Resolution #133-2024- Award emergency Contract for Well #1 Pump Repair

**RESOLUTION AWARDING AND CONFIRMING
EMERGENCY CONTRACT AWARD FOR SERVICES TO
THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON
BY A.C. SCHULTES**

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law permits the award of emergency contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6, subject to certain criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton's Utility Superintendent, Anthony DeCicco, has certified an emergency existed for the repair and replacement of the pump for Well #1; and

WHEREAS, the Utility Superintendent executed an emergency contract in the amount of \$53,229.00 for, repair and replacement the pump for well #1; and

WHEREAS, the emergency services are set forth on the Contract with A.C. Schultes, 664 S. Evergreen Ave, Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097 (attached as Exhibit A) and were utilized for the repairs; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator/ Municipal Clerk has certified the funds are available for the emergency in the Capital Fund of the Utility. .

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, approve and confirm the contract and award for emergency services per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6, A.C. to Schultes, 664 S. Evergreen Ave, Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097 with in the amount of \$53,229.00 as attached as Exhibit A.

Resolution #135-2024- 159 Budget addition for Historic 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 a notice from the Atlantic County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, County History Partnership Program of \$4,600.00 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 \$4,600.00 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:

County History Partnership Program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$4,600.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

Operations - Excluded from "CAPS":

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

County History Partnership Program

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

Motion by Council Person Marino Second R. Rodio
Approval of Resolutions #123-133 and 135

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino -Yes
Oliva- Yes
R. Rodio- Yes
S. Rodio – Yes
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declares motion is carried

PUBLIC HEARD

Joe Caruso 52 Main Road- Had questions regarding the solar presentations. Will this be a ground solar? Yes
It will not be on the entire area. The convenient station will still be in use for the residents of the Town. The rent will be per mega watt.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second Gribbin