

**Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council July 22, 2024**  
**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- CLOSED SESSION**

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 #106-2024**

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva  
Enter into Executive Session

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Furgione  
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 June 24, 2024  
Executive Minutes June 24, 2024

Motion by Council Person Marino Second R. Rodio  
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

**Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva  
To rescind Ordinance #014-2024 Cannabis Manufacturer**

**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

**Councilman Marino**- Spoke about the cannabis. He had a lot of people reach out to him about this issue. He feels that this is not right for our Town.

**Councilwoman Rodio**- She did not support this from the beginning and thanked everyone for their input.

**Councilman Rodio – He** visited sites and the smell is horrible. He doesn't want this in our Town.

**Councilman Furgione**- He opposed it from the beginning and agrees with rescinding.

**Mayor DiDonato**- This was an important decision to make. We have a lot of responsibility as council. If a project will help to offset taxes we have to look into it. You have to look for a way to offset taxes in the future for all residents.

**PRESENTATION**

- Retirement plaque Robert Vettese- Given by Deputy Mayor Tom Gribbin
- Offshore Wind turbines presentation by City of Brigantine- Mayor of Brigantine gave the presentation. He explained in detail of the harm this causes to the ocean and the long term impact this will have on our beaches and the property values in Atlantic County.

**DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public Hearing of Ordinance #016-2024 Police Cars /Airport Obstruction/Generator/building Improvement**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2024 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$783,142.96 THEREFOR (INCLUDING A STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$389,142.96) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$374,300.00 IN 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 the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements or 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 3, there is hereby appropriated the aggregate sum of \$783,142.96, which sum includes a State of New Jersey Department of Transportation Airport Improvement Program Grant expected to be received in the amount of \$389,142.96 (the "Grant"), and \$19,700.00 as the aggregate amount of down payments for said improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the "Local Bond Law"). The down payments are now available by virtue of a provision or provisions 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 improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$783,142.96 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of the Grant and said down payments, negotiable bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$374,300.00 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 improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Town in a principal amount not exceeding \$374,300.00 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law.

**SECTION 3.** (a) The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are including, but not limited to, as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
(i) Purchase of non-passenger police sport u vehicles for the Police Department;	\$300,000.00	\$285,000.00	\$15,000.00	5 years
<b>(ii) Replacement of the generator control panel system, improvements to the roof, and computer upgrades to Town Hall;</b>	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	10 years
<b>(iii) Improvements at the end of Runway 1 at the Hammonton Municipal Airport, including, but not limited to, tree removal</b>	<u>\$433,142.96</u> (including the Grant)	<u>\$ 41,800.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,200.00</u>	5 years
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$783,142.96</u>	<u>\$374,300.00</u>	<u>\$19,700.00</u>	

(b) The above improvements and purposes set forth in Section 3(a) shall also include, 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.

(c) The aggregate estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements or purposes is \$374,300.00.

(d) The aggregate estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$783,142.96, the excess amount thereof over the said Grant and the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, is the aggregate down payments for said purposes in the amount of \$19,700.00.

**SECTION 4.** Except for the Grant, in the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Atlantic make a contribution or grant in aid to the Town for the improvements and purposes 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 and/or the County of Atlantic. Except for the Grant, in the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the

County of Atlantic 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 (the “Chief Financial Officer”), provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date. 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 N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8.1. 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, for the Town. 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 of the Town, a revised capital or temporary capital budget for the Town 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 improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are improvements or purposes which the Town may lawfully undertake as general improvements or purposes, 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 improvements or purposes within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 5.55 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 \$374,300.00 and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$156,600.00 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the improvements or purposes herein before 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 obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Town, and the Town shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Town for the payment of the obligations 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 . 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 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 tax-exempt bonds and notes issued under this ordinance.

**SECTION 11.** 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, which are authorized herein, and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Town. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into an 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, which are authorized herein, 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 12.** This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication hereof after final adoption and approval by the Mayor, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Motion by Council Person Marino Second R. Rodio  
Public Hearing on Ordinance

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva  
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**

- Gave update on when the tax bills will be mail. Waiting for the county to rate, should have that this week. Once bills are mailed you will be given a grace period to make payment.

- Thanked everyone that volunteered for the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Also the police, highway dept and the fire dept.
- Congratulated the little league on their championships for the 10, 11 and 12 year olds. They all won district 16, this was the first time this has ever happened.

**Business & Industry – Councilman Oliva**

- Touch a truck event will be held 8/24 from 12 to 4
- The Port-to Rican festival will begin on August 25.
- Thanked everyone involved in the RWB festival
- Gave an updated on the master plan, just waiting for Pinelands to give feedback.

**Quality of Life – Councilwoman R. Rodio**

- Community Market will be this Friday from 5 to 8.
- Historical tours are still ongoing and they start at Eagle Theater

**Education – Councilman Marino**

- Reviewed the July 7<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting- All contracts are completed and signed. They plan on starting a new swim team, the Middle school alarm system is being updated and the ECEC addition is moving along.

**Public Works & Transportation Councilman S. Rodio**

- No action items

**Law & Order – Councilman S. Rodio- Given by Chief Friel**

- Thanked his officers for their work at the Mt. Carmel and the Blueberry Festival
- There will be a motor vehicle inspection available at NAPA on 8/1 from 9 to pm.
- Nation Night Out will be on August 16<sup>th</sup> at the High School

**Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione**

- Please respond to the lead service line letter that was sent regarding your service line.
- Basin at Boyer Ave has been fixed
- Please remember to conserve water. The use for the month of July to date is very high.

**ENGINEER REPORT**

No Action Items

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

- No action items

**MAYOR REPORT**

- No action items

**Public Works Report**

**Old Forks Road Project**- This was awarded last month. ARH is working on the contract and pre-construction meeting date will be in late July.

**Hammonton Airport** - The pre-construction meeting was held on July 19th with the contractor Arawak and DY Consultants for the rehab of the Taxiway for the west end and middle section of the Taxiway. Estimated start date will be September 16, 2024. Estimated timeframe for the entire project will be approximately 70 days.

**Route 54/30 State Project**- An estimate was needed for the removal and replacement of a Fire Hydrant and to install 2 water valve resets for this project. This work will be completed by the contractor that will be doing the construction for NJDOT. This was the last piece that was needed by the Engineer to send the final submission of the plans to NJDOT.



**2024 Road Program (Micro surfacing)** - The purchase order was issued to Asphalt Paving Systems. This work is estimated to start on or after 7/23/2024.

**Lake Spraying** – Completed on July 9 by Lake Management Sciences Inc.

**Town Public works Schedule for August**

Bulky waste collection for August will be the 5th through 9th

Brush collection for August will be the 12<sup>th</sup> through 16th.

The County Recycling pickup will be August 5 through the 9th, and the 19th through 23rd.

**TOWN CLERK REPORT**

1. Accept retirement of William Martinez from his position in the Highway Department effective September 30, 2024.
2. Approval of contract for Denise Mazzeo. Moving from her position as communications manager and recreation leader to Deputy Municipal Clerk/ Registrar. Single Benefits, 32.5 hours per week, salary per contract. Retroactive to April 1, 2024. Contingent upon all civil service rules and regulations.
3. Approval of extension of redevelopment agreement between West End Redevelopment Associates and the Town of Hammonton. This is a 6 month extension request to 12/2/2024.
4. Approval of retirement payment for unused sick, vacation and personal time to Daniel Noto per contract.

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva  
Items of Items 1-4

**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**

**Resolution #108-2024- Capital Budget amendment for NJ DOT Grant Safe Routes to School**

**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**

<b><u>1) Purpose</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>Grant</u></b>
Safe Streets to Transit Program	<b><u>\$325,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$325,000 (a)</u></b>

(a) NJ DOT Grant \$325,000

**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.

Motion by Council Person Marino Second R. Rodio  
Approval of Capital Budget Amendment

**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

**Introduction 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 Marino Second Furgione  
Ordinance has passed 1<sup>st</sup> 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 #107-2024- Approval of Amusement Games DiDonato Bowling Center**

**Amusement Games for Stephen DiDonato Doing Business as  
DiDonato’s Bowling Center**

**WHEREAS**, the individual(s) designated hereunder applied for a license for Amusement Games for The stipulated period set forth in said application; and

**WHEREAS**, the police have conducted the necessary investigation and approved issuance of license(s); and

**WHEREAS**, the Deputy Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton have found that the application is in order and that the proper fees have been duly paid to the Town of Hammonton.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLED** BY THE DEPUTY MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, that the following license(s) are issued to the individual(s) designated herein to operate the specific amusement game set forth herein and the issuance of said license be and the same are hereby approved for the individual and Amusement Games as hereinafter designated:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>	<b><u>Town Fee</u></b>	<b><u>Game</u></b>
Stephen DiDonato	1151 S. White Horse Pike Hammonton, NJ 08037	\$3,075.00	See Attached list of Games

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second R. Rodio

Approval of Resolution #107

**Roll Call:**

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

Mayor DiDonato – Recuse

Deputy Mayor Gribbin declares motion is carried

**Resolution #109-2024- 159 Budget Addition Clean Communities Grant**

**Clean Communities 159 Budget Addition**

**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 \$48,238.74 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 \$48,238.74 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 \$48,238.74 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 #110-2024- Authorize online Electronic tax Sale**

**Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to hold an Electronic Tax Sale**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19, requires that the Tax Collector hold a tax sale once a year for unpaid property taxes and other municipal charges; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

**WHEREAS**, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector is authorized to hold an electronic tax sale.

**Resolution #111-2024- Approval of Contract for Online Electronic Tax Sale**

**Resolution authorizing execution of a contract with ROK Industries, Inc. d/b/a NJTaxLienInvestor.com and Real auction .com for electronic tax sale**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has requested the town to authorize a contract for an Electronic Tax Sale for the Tax Collector's office; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has issued requests for quotes for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hammonton wishes to enter into a contract with ROK Industries, Inc. d/b/a/ NJTaxLienInvestor.com and Realauction.com for the electronic tax sale;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with ROK Industries, Inc. d/b/a/ NJTaxLienInvestor.com and Realauction.com for the Electronic Tax Sale for the Tax Collector's Office, in the total maximum contract not to exceed \$15.00 per line item

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that funds to pay the above stated amount will be realized through the tax sale costs collected as part of the electronic tax sale.

**Resolution #112-2024-159 Budget Addition NPP 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 notice from the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, 2024 Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) \$125,000.00 grant and wishes to amend its 2024 Current Fund Budget to include this amount as 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 \$125,000.00 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:

**Neighborhood Preservation Program**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$125,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

Operations - Excluded from "CAPS":

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

Neighborhood Preservation Program

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

**Resolution #113-2024- Approval of Touch a Truck Event**

**AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING  
TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT 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 of MainStreet Hammonton; and

**WHEREAS**, Sunday August 25th, 2024 is the scheduled date for the annual 'Touch a Truck' event during the hours of 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm; and

**WHEREAS**, the following street closures are requested for this event between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm to parking and traffic;

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

**WHEREAS**, appropriate Police Parking Control signs are being requested to be posted noting 'NO PARKING AFTER 8:00 AM'; 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 25th, 2024 'Touch a Truck' event, including the above requests for street closure and posting of 'NO PARKING' signs are acknowledged, approved and endorsed.

**Resolution #114-2024- Approval of Downtown Trick or Treat**

**AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING  
MAINSTREET HAMMONTON DOWNTOWN TRICK OR TREAT EVENT WITH ROAD CLOSURES**

**WHEREAS**, Saturday October 19th (rain date Saturday October 26th), 2024 is the scheduled date for the MainStreet Hammonton Downtown Trick or Treat event from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm; and

**WHEREAS**, Downtown businesses will be distributing treats and organizing activities from their stores for children throughout the event; and

**WHEREAS**, MainStreet Hammonton is requesting the following road closures and police assistance for this event during the hours of 11:00 am - 5:00 pm at

Central Avenue between Bellevue Ave. (Rt 54) 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 MainStreet Hammonton Downtown Trick or Treat event is approved with road closures and police assistance specifically crossing assistance at intersections on Bellevue Avenue contingent upon contacting Police Chief and Public Works Manager 2 months prior to event.

**Resolution #115-2024- Approval of Tree Lighting Event**

**AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING  
MAINSTREET HAMMONTON TOWN TREE LIGHTING EVENT WITH ROAD CLOSURE**

**WHEREAS**, Saturday, December 7th (rain date, Sunday Dec 8th), 2024 is the scheduled date for the MainStreet Hammonton Town Tree Lighting Event from 6 pm- 9pm. at the intersection of Bellevue Ave. and Central Ave. and we request the road closure of Central Avenue between Bellevue Avenue and Vine Street from 9am-10 pm.

**WHEREAS**, Carriage rides will not be part of the event this year as in previous years.

**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 MainStreet Hammonton Town Tree Lighting Event is acknowledged and endorsed with road closures, no parking, and police assistance contingent upon contacting Police Chief and Public Works Manager 2 months prior to event.

**Resolution #116-2024- Authorize National Night Out**

**AUTHORIZE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT & FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

**WHEREAS**, Friday August 16, 2024 is the scheduled date for the National Night Out Event in the Town of Hammonton; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's event will include fireworks display to be held at Hammonton High School located on Old Forks Road in Hammonton;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, that the National Night Out Event and Fireworks Display is authorized along with assistance from Hammonton Police Department and other town departments as deemed necessary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to sign Atlantic County License Agreement and any other paperwork that is necessary for this event; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** approval is contingent upon the filing of the necessary certificate of insurance with the Municipal Clerk.

**Resolution #117-2024- Award Purchase of Fire Truck thought Sourcewell Cooperative**

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

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



**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council will be purchasing a Pierce Fire Truck from Fire & Safety Services 200 South Plainfield, NJ; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing agreement under the authority of N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 (b) (3) awards to Fire & Safety Services 200 South Plainfield, NJ in the amount of \$599,769.51; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey that the purchase of a Pierce Fire Truck is awarded to Fire & Safety Services in the amount of \$599,769.51.

### **Resolution #118-2024- Accept the 2023 Audit**

#### **ACCEPT ANNUAL AUDIT**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Annual Report of Audit for the year ending December 31, 2023 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Town Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Findings and Recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Findings and Recommendations", as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

**WHEREAS**, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 - to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52 - A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his/her office."

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

**Resolution #119-2024- Audit Corrective Action Plan**

**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

Corrective Action Plan of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, for the year 2023.

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the requirements of the Division of Local Government Services, at the completion of the audit, the local government unit shall prepare a Corrective Action Plan to address each audit finding in the current year audit report; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corrective Action Plan of the Town of Hammonton for the 2023 Report of Audit is as follows:

***Finding No. 2022-001:***

**Condition:**

A calculation of the actuarially calculated Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) obligation for the future cost of dental and vision insurance coverage to be paid by the Town for retired employees was not obtained.

**Recommendation:** That the Town obtain the actuarially calculated Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) obligation for the future cost of dental and vision insurance coverage to be paid by the Town for retired employees.

**Corrective Action:** This required disclosure is mandated by an accounting disclosure standard adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75. In New Jersey, municipalities and counties report and budget under regulatory accounting practices and therefore are not required to “book” OPEB future obligations. The Town carries its medical health insurance with the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP). The required disclosure, with which the Town complies, only references where information can be found on the SHBP and is not required to include any future obligation. The dental and vision insurance coverage is contracted through a private carrier and only represents less than 10% of the Town’s total annual SHBP obligation. The Chief Financial Officer and the Town Accountant have exhausted numerous possibilities to have these calculations prepared at no cost to the taxpayers without success. Therefore, since there is no financial impact on the Town for not obtaining the actuarially calculated obligation for its future cost of dental and vision insurance coverage for retired employees, the Town will continue to evaluate the cost/benefit of budgeting taxpayer funds in future budget years in order to solely comply with a financial disclosure requirement that has no financial impact on the Town’s current operations.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Corrective Action Plan for the 2023 Report of Audit of the Town of Hammonton be approved by the Governing Body of the Town of Hammonton; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

**Resolution #120-2024- Award contract for 2024 Road Program**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT TO AWARD  
THE 2024 ROAD PRGROOM**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need to Micro-Surface various roads in the Town of Hammonton; and

**WHEREAS**, after comparing the prices, that a contract be awarded to Asphalt Paving Systems PO Box 530 Hammonton , NJ 08037 to complete the Micro-Surfacing of various roads under state contract #T2507, in the amount not to exceed \$518,237.05; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available in a General Capital Ordinance # 015-2024; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1-et seq. requires that the resolution awarding the contract without competitive bidding and the contract itself must 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 Asphalt Paving Systems .

**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 # T2507; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the contract is subject to the mutual acceptance of the appropriate contact documentation between Asphalt Paving Systems and the Town of Hammonton

**Resolution #121-2024- Approval of Water-Sewer Credit for Overpayment**

**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>
2803/15	Mazzeo, Jack	117 Vine St.	\$2,000.00	Credit/Over bill Water/Sewer

**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

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Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva  
Approval of Resolutions #109-121

**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**

- **Bill Olivo Cypress Court-** Thanked all of council for rescinding the cannabis ordinance. That is the best thing for the Town.
- **Joanna Conn 529 Passmore Ave-** Spoke about the cannabis grower that is proposed in Town and is against it. She doesn't condone this type of farming in Hammonton.
- **Angela Donio 101 Tilton Street-** Comment on the cannabis issue and the effects it can have on the environment. The water that will be used will be a large amount and that is not good for our water system. The smell will affect our air quality.
- **Chris Smith 590 13<sup>th</sup> Street-** Questioned the work that was done on 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Called the police and they came out to investigate. He also has a complaint against the construction work that is ongoing on property that is not zoned for it. They have expanded there business on 13<sup>th</sup> Street without approval. How is this aloud to happen?

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second R. Rodio