

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council October 28, 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 #151-2024

Motion by Council Person - Gribbin Second - Oliva
Enter into Executive Session

Motion by Council Person - Gribbin Second – Oliva
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 on heard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Minutes September 23, 2024

Executive Minutes September 23, 2024

Executive Minutes Special Meeting October 14, 2024

Regular Minutes Special Meeting October 14, 2024

Motion by Council Person - Marino Second – S. 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

PRESENTATION

- Willie Martinez Retirement- Deputy Mayor Gribbin presented a retirement plaque to Mr. Martinez with Highway Department Supervisor Scott Rivera and coworker Doug Horton.
- Bill Parkhurst - Smith Tract-Mr. Parkhurst gave a presentation of the Smith/Loveland family and the history of the property and how it was given to the State of NJ. He asked that Council declare a “Gertrude Smith Loveland Day” in the future and hopes that the town will follow through with the Hammonton Lake Park design plan from 2022, specifically to construct a bridge from the park to the Smith Tract and name the bridge after Gertrude Smith Loveland.
- Eduardo Cruz Ortiz- Food Truck location request (Pike Liquors Location)- Mr. Ortiz requested that he be allowed to operate his food truck at Pike Liquors parking lot. Due to the fact that it is a restricted zone Council would have to grant a variance to allow that. Mr. Ortiz did not have any conceptual plans to show where he would like to set up. Mr. Malinsky explained a vote of “no” would deny his request for variance and a vote of “yes” would approve it.
- Long discussion regarding the safety of that location was had.

Motion by Council Person - Gribbin Second – Marino

Motion for variance was denied

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - No

Gribbin – No

Marino -No

Oliva- No
R. Rodio- No
S. Rodio – No
Mayor DiDonato - No

Mayor DiDonato declares motion carried.

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Hearing 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.

Motion by Council Person - Marino Second – S. Rodio
Public Hearing on Ordinance #019-2024

Motion by Council Person - Marino Second – R. Rodio
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

Public Hearing Ordinance #020-2024- Amend Chapter 51-1 Composition of Police Department

**An Ordinance Amending Chapter 51-1
Composition of Police Department**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey that Chapter 51-1 is amended as follows:

Title of Deputy Chief shall be added having the duties as prescribed by the Chief of Police, the ordinances of the Town of Hammonton and by the statutes of the State of New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that, the remaining portions of chapter 51-1 shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that, all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication according to law.

Motion by Council Person – Gribbin Second – S. Rodio

Public Hearing on Ordinance #019-2024

Discussion regarding the new position, salary and job description was had. Chief Friel was asked to take part and answered questions.

Motion by Council Person- Gribbin Second – S. Rodio

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

Public Hearing of Ordinance #021-2024- Amend Chapter 175 Article II

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 175; ARTICLE II OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF
HAMMONTON**

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

Chapter 175, Article II, Section 175-10, the definition of “LOT AREA” is amended to read as follows:

LOT AREA – The area contained within the lot lines. When considering an application for development and determining whether or not a lot meets the minimum lot size requirements of the Hammonton Land Development Ordinances, the acreage of the property in question shall be determined by reference to the legal description of the deed, which shall be the primary source of reference; with an American Land Title Association (“ALTA”) signed and sealed survey prepared by a professional land surveyor being the secondary source of reference, if provided by the applicant, but is not required; and the Tax Map being the third source of reference, if an ALTA survey or deed is not provided. If the legal description of the deed contains property which is part of a public road in the Town of Hammonton, whether dedicated or not, which has never been vacated, then the portion of the property which lies, by deed description, in the road shall be credited to the lot area for the applicant, provided that the area lying in the designated roadway shall not exceed 10% of the minimum required lot area. To the extent that the property lying in the roadway shall exceed 10% of the minimum required lot area, only 10% shall be attributed to applicant for purposes of determining lot area.

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

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

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced in and passed the first reading at a meeting of Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey held on September 23, 2024, and said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing to be held at the Municipal Building located at 100 Central Avenue, Hammonton, NJ 08037, on October 28, 2024, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

Motion by Council Person - Oliva Second - Furgione
Public Hearing on Ordinance #019-2024

Motion by Council Person - Oliva Second - Furgione
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

- Councilman Gribbin remarked on Mayor DiDonato's announcement that he will not be seeking re-election as Mayor in 2025 and thanked him for his years of service.
- Remind the public that the Tri-Vets of Hammonton will host the annual Veterans Day ceremony at the Hammonton Middle School on Veterans Day.
- The railing at the Hammonton Historic Society should begin construction soon.

Business & Industry – Councilman Oliva

- Councilman Oliva congratulated the Greater Hammonton Chamber of Commerce on the success of the Chamber of Commerce annual golf tournament, spoke about the success of the Downtown Trick or Treat, Kiwanis Halloween Parade and the Downtown Third Thursday event.
- Announced that Mica McCullough will be resigning from her position as Executive Director of MainStreet Hammonton at the end of October. Cassie Iacovelli will be volunteering to help out with the upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting and other holiday events.

Quality of Life – Councilwoman R. Rodio

- Announced that the Green Committee's Green Day Festival will be held at Veterans Park on Saturday, November 2nd.
- The town was awarded Bronze from Sustainable Jersey.

Education – Councilman Marino

- ECEC Roof is complete.
- All school buses passed State inspections.
- Possibility of lighting being placed at the new turf field.
- He enjoyed seeing everyone happy at the Halloween parade and how well it was attended.

Public Works & Transportation Councilman S. Rodio

- Leaf collection will begin soon.
- Biggest and best parade yet. Perfect weather and a beautiful night.

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

- Parade was well attended and everything went well.
- Chief is looking into funding for pedestrian gates.
- Medication take back for the year went great.

- One crossing guard is retiring in December
- Please drive safely during Trick or Treat.

Water & Sewer - Councilman Furgione

- Centrifuge is installed and should be complete by the end of the week. First estimated saving of approximately \$100,000 using the new equipment might be more than \$250,000
- If you received a lead service letter, please respond to it asap.
- Sea Grove water line needs to be replaced.

ENGINEER REPORT

ACTION ITEMS:

No Action Items for September.

SOLICITOR REPORT

- West End Quick Claim Deed

Motion by Council Person- S. Rodio Second – S. Furgione

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

Authorize assignment of Wells Fargo contract to a potential investor.

Motion by Council Person- Gribbin Second – Oliva

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

MAYOR REPORT

No action items.

Public Works Report

Town Public works Schedule for November 2024

Trash collection:

- **Election Day- Tuesday November 5th** –Collection will be on Wednesday November 6th
- **Veterans Day Monday November 11th** - Collection will be on Tuesday November 12th
- **Thanksgiving Day Thursday November 28th** - Collection will be on Friday November 29th

Bulky waste pickup for November - will be from the 4th to the 8th. The Holiday will delay removal services. Please place items curbside the day before your trash day.

Brush pickup for November- will be the 11th through 15th.

Leaf Collection - started October 2nd and will run until December 23rd

The County Recycling pickup for November will be 11th through the 15th, and November 25th to the 27th, the 29th and 30th. They **will not** collect on Thanksgiving Day Thursday the 28th.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

1. Approval of Memorandum of Agreements for Employee contracts with the Mainland PBA rank and file, Hammonton Sergeants and the Hammonton Dispatch. The Employment contracts will take effect 1/1/2025 and run through 12/31/2027.
2. Accept Resignation of Jacqueline Martinez from her position in the Police Records Department. Effective October 11, 2024.
3. Approval to hire Diego Garduno full time 40 hours per week yearly salary of \$33,280, Single benefits effective October 7, 2024 as a Laborer in the Hammonton Highway Department. Contingent upon civil service rules and regulations.
4. Accept the resignation of Clifford Demo in good standing, Accept Daniel Agina as a regular member and Jonathan Cruz as a junior member for Fire Company #2. These were approved at the Fire Company meeting held on 10/9/2024.
5. Approval of the Best Practices Inventory Questionnaire from the State of New Jersey regarding the Town's State Aid.
6. Approval to hire Emily Vitalo part time in the Hammonton Police Dispatch. Effective 11/4/2024. Hourly rate \$18.50 per hour per contract, 19 to 26 hours per week, and no benefits. Contingent upon civil service rules and regulations.

Motion by Council Person- Gribbin Second - Oliva
Items 1-6 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
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #152-2024- Approval of Amusement Gaming License 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:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Town Fee</u>	<u>Game</u>
Stephen DiDonato	1151 S. White Horse Pike Hammonton, NJ 08037	\$0.00 (Fee paid for the year in July)	See Attached list of Games

Motion by Council Person – Oliva Second – R. Rodio
Approval of Resolution #152-2024

Roll Call:

Councilperson:

Furgione - Yes

Marino -Yes

Oliva- Yes

R. Rodio- Yes

S. Rodio – Yes

Deputy Mayor Gribbin- Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Recuse

Deputy Mayor Gribbin declares motion is carried

Resolution #153-2024- Authorize method of payment for Delinquent taxes

Resolution Authorizing Method of Payment for Delinquent Taxes

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton conducts an accelerated tax sale each year; and

WHEREAS, any taxpayer who is delinquent as of November 12th of the current year shall be included in the accelerated sale; and

WHEREAS, to ensure full payment prior to the date of the accelerated tax sale, the Town must know that taxes have been paid in full;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey that all delinquent tax payments tendered on or after November 12, 2024, must be paid either by cashier's check, money order or cash.

Resolution #154-2024- Authorize an Increase in the Change fund for the Hammonton Joint Municipal Court

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE FUND
IN THE HAMMONTON JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400.00**

WHEREAS, the Joint Municipal Court Administrator recommended the Hammonton Joint Municipal Court keep a change fund in the amount of \$400.00;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton have authorized said change fund to be utilized by the Hammonton Joint Municipal Court Administrator and the staff to make change, if need be, for individuals who pay fines or pay for any other services provided by the Hammonton Joint Municipal Court;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY that a purchase order be authorized in the amount of \$400.00 to establish a change fund in the Hammonton Joint Municipal Court.

Resolution #155-2024- Approval of Escrow Refunds

**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:

TD Bank Real Estate	\$909.47	Refund Escrow
Pinto, Christina	\$482.50	Refund Escrow

Resolution #156-2024- Cancel Unexpended Improvement Authorizations

CANCEL UNEXPENDED IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

WHEREAS, there are old inactive unexpended improvement authorizations that remain outstanding on the books, it is the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and the Auditor that these balances be canceled; and

WHEREAS, the following is the detail of the General Capital Fund unexpended improvement authorization balances to be canceled:

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

Unexpended Improvement Authorizations

Ord. 21-19 – Cost of Certain Infrastructure Improvements	
Relating to a Redevelopment Project	\$ 25,000.00
Ord. 8-20 – Hammonton Bike Path	<u>400.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 25,400.00</u>

BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Capital Fund unexpended improvement authorizations listed above be canceled and that the Chief Financial Officer record this action in the books and records of the Town of Hammonton.

Resolution #157-2024- Approval of Budget transfers

TRANSFER OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey, that there be and hereby is authorized the following transfer to be made from the 2024 Budget appropriations **effective November 1, 2024:**

CURRENT FUND

From: Administrative Salary & Wages	\$ 4,000.00
From: Collections of Tax Salary & Wages	\$ 2,000.00
From: Audit Operating Expense	\$ 5,000.00
From: Construction Salary & Wages	\$10,000.00
From: Police Salary & Wages	\$ 60,000.00
From: Holiday Observance Operating Expense	\$10,000.00
From: Municipal Court Salary & Wages	\$10,000.00
To: Administration Operating Expense	\$10,000.00
To: Highway Operating Expense	\$30,000.00
To: Building & Grounds Operating Expense	\$15,000.00

To: Electric Operating Expense	\$23,000.00
To: Gas Operating Expense	\$23,000.00

Utility Fund

From: Utility Salary & Wages	\$40,000.00
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To: Utility Operating Expense	\$40,000.00
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Motion by Council Person - Marino Second – R. Rodio
Resolution #153 to 157 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

PUBLIC HEARD

Joe Caruso-52 Main Rd, Hammonton

Inquired about the Wells Fargo agreement and if the town would still be involved with the contract. Mayor DiDonato said no, once it is assigned the town has nothing to do with it.

Asked about the change in polling place from Hammonton Disabled Veterans to the Atlantic County Library if there would be signage outside the DAV to show people that voting was moved to the Library. Councilman Gribbin said that there will be a sign outside the Library "Vote Here". Deputy Clerk Mazzeo said that the change was made for the 2024 Primary Election and that any signage that the County used then is what they will likely do for the General Election.

Mayor DiDonato reminded the public of early voting and Election Day voting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Council Person – Oliva Second - Gribbin