

**Special Meeting of Mayor and Council October 14, 2024
Town Hall Council Chambers, 100 Central Avenue
Closed Session 6:30
Public Session 7:00 P.M.**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

CLOSED SESSION 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 #149-2024

Motion by Council Person Marino Second Oliva
Enter into Executive Session

Motion by Council Person Marino Second R. Rodio
Close Executive Session

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

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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

- **Rick Sepe Orchard Street-** How many acres will the solar project use on 8th Street?

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

- **Solar project located at the Town's Convenient station on 8th Street**

Discussion from Public:

- Ken Long- Engineer for the project the project should only take about 3 years to complete
- Councilman Gribbin spoke about the agreement and explained in detail how this project will help the Town
- Mike Malinsky – spoke about the proposal and the detail behind each
- Councilman Marino – Asked what the time frame for the project would be.
- John Irving CS Energy- The number of homes in Hammonton that can use this would be 1600. 51% would have to be low to moderate.
- Councilman Oliva- Spoke about the project and why he is choosing one company over the other.
- Councilwoman Rodio- Once project is complete, if the solar is sold to another company, does this agreement stay in place?

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second Gribbin

Approval of Solar Contract to Equals Energy

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

Resolution #150-2024- Hammonton Joint Municipal Court approval to execute the Addendum with the City of Northfield

**First Addendum to the agreement for a Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities
Of the Town of Hammonton and the City of Northfield**

THIS ADDENDUM made by and between the Town of Hammonton, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, located in Atlantic County, New Jersey, with an address of 100 Central Avenue, Hammonton, New Jersey 08037 (hereinafter referred to as "Hammonton"); and the City of Northfield, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, located in Atlantic County, New Jersey, with an address of 1600 Shore Road, Northfield, New Jersey 08225 (hereinafter referred to as "Northfield"); collectively known hereinafter as the "Municipalities", and each a "Municipality".

WHEREAS, Hammonton on May 22, 2023, adopted Ordinance #009-2023, establishing a Joint Municipal Court with Northfield; and

WHEREAS, Northfield on June 27, 2023, adopted Ordinance #008-2023, establishing a Joint Municipal Court with Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Joint Municipal Court of Hammonton and Northfield will commence operations on January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with paragraph 10(a) of the Agreement for a Joint Municipal Court the municipalities desire to amend the Agreement for a Joint Municipal Court in accordance with the First Addendum to reflect the January 1, 2025, commencement date.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Agreement for a Joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and the City of Northfield is hereby amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 4(i), the commencement date of "January 1, 2024, is changed to "January 1, 2025".

2. Paragraph 4(i)(ii), the following change is made:

(i.e. If the Surplus Amount is \$10,000 from Revenue Period of 1/1/24 to 12/31/24 then 50% of the Surplus Amount would be paid by Hammonton to Northfield on or before 3/1/25) is changed to:

(i.e. If the Surplus Amount is \$10,000 from Revenue Period of 1/1/25 to 12/31/25 then 50% of the Surplus Amount would be paid by Hammonton to Northfield on or before 3/1/26) is changed to:

3. Paragraph 5(a), the commencement date of "January 1, 2024" is changed to "January 1, 2025".

4. Paragraph 5(a), the date pf "December 31, 2034" is changed to "December 31, 2035".

5. Paragraph 5(c), "January 1, 2024" is changed to "January 1, 2025".

6. Paragraph 6(b), "December 1, 2023 is changed to "December 1, 2024"

All other terms and conditions of the Agreement for a joint Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the Town of Hammonton and the City of Northfield not inconsistent here within shall remain in full force and effect.

Motion by Council Person Marino Second Gribbin
Resolution #150-2024 is adopted

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

Other items of discussion (possible Ordinance or Resolution may be adopted or introduced)

Motion by Council Person R.Rodio Second Gribbin

Approval for Mayor to sign and execute the agreement of the Lease of the Landfill for the solar project

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

No one desired to be heard

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Council Person Furgione Second S. Rodio