

Minutes Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council – February 23, 2015  
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

Councilman:  
Furgione - Present  
Gribbin – Entered during executive session  
Pullia - Present  
Rodio – Present  
Torrissi – Entered during executive session  
Wuillermin - Present  
Mayor DiDonato - Present

PRESENT ALSO

Brian Howell, Town Solicitor  
Jerry Barberio, PWM/Business Administrator  
Michael Malinsky, Zoning/Planning Solicitor

Executive Session #R030-2015

#R030-2015

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton that, in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act,” an Executive Session is authorized on this below adopted date, for the purpose of discussing and/or acting upon:

1. Town/Bellevue Properties Settlement Agreement
2. Tuckahoe Turf Developer’s Agreement
3. Partial Re-Payment/Modification of CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Rehabilitation Loan
4. Distillery Lease

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of any matters discussed in Executive Session shall be released to the public as soon as reasonably possible after Mayor and Council conclude that the basis for exclusion of the public ceases to exist.

Motion by Councilperson Pullia, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, the resolution is adopted.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:  
Furgione - Yes  
Gribbin - Yes  
Pullia - Yes  
Rodio – Yes  
Torrissi - Yes  
Wuillermin - Yes  
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

Councilman:  
Furgione - Present  
Gribbin - Present  
Pullia - Present  
Rodio – Present  
Torrissi - Present  
Wuillermin - Present  
Mayor DiDonato - Present

PRESENT ALSO

Brian Howell, Town Solicitor  
Bob Vettese of ARH, Town Engineer  
Jerry Barberio, PWM/Business Administrator

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

Executive Session - January 26, 2015  
Regular Meeting - January 26, 2015

Motion by Councilperson Rodio, seconded by Councilperson Torrissi, the minutes are approved.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:  
Furgione - Yes  
Gribbin - Yes  
Pullia - Yes  
Rodio – Yes  
Torrissi - Yes  
Wuillermin - Yes  
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Congratulations St. Joseph Football Team

Recess

ANJEC and Pinelands Preservation Alliance Presentation on Water Conservation

Hearing Ordinance #002-2015 Amend Chapter 53-4 Position Public Utility Dept

**ORDINANCE #002 - 2015**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 53-4**  
**SUBORDINATE POSITIONS CREATED FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT CHAPTER 53-4 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

There shall be created positions for existing employees as well as future employees in the Department of Public Utilities per NJ CSC Rules and Regulations and NJ DEP Succession Plan.

Title Code 07187	Sewer Repairer2/Water Repairer 2/Sr Water Treatment Plant Operator
Title Code 07123	Sewer Repairer1/Water Repairer 1/Water Treatment Plant Operator
Title Code 10053	Water Treatment Plant Operator Apprentice
Title Code 02248	Laborer 1

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that, the remaining portions of chapter 53-4 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 Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, the ordinance is taken up for second reading and public hearing. Motion carried.

No one desired to be heard.

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, the hearing is closed, the ordinance passed second reading and adopted.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Hearing Ordinance #003-2015 Salary Municipal Utility Supt

ORDINANCE # 003-2015  
AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY OF THE  
MUNICIPAL UTILITY DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to negotiated contract with the Town of Hammonton, and the Town Code, the salary, boot allowance, education stipend, cell phone reimbursement, sick time, vacation time, personal time, comp time, and holidays shall apply to the Municipal Utility Department Superintendent for the contract term 2014-2017. Salary minimums and maximum as follows:

	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
Municipal Utility Sup't	\$91,410.00	\$102,906.00

Section 2. The appropriate salary that each employee covered under this contract shall be paid will be determined by the language contained in the aforementioned contract. No prior contract language or language contained in the prior salary ordinance shall be applicable for purposes of determining the salary level.

Section 3. There shall be added as a longevity increment for each full-time employee as negotiated and set forth in the contract.

Section 4. The method of payment of the salaries to each employee shall be fixed by resolution by Mayor and Council.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication according to law and its provisions shall be retroactive to January 1, 2014.

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Pullia, the ordinance is taken up for second reading and public hearing. Motion carried.

No one desired to be heard.

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, the hearing is closed, the ordinance passed second reading and adopted.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration - Councilman Gribbin

Report on Administration Committee Meeting

Business & Industry- Councilman Furgione

Report on Downtown Businesses, Town Clean Up, Committees and Events

Report on Tuckahoe Turf Soccer Events

Report on Chamber of Commerce and promoting Town of Hammonton and Events thru App

Education - Councilman Torrissi

Report on Taste of the Town Event sponsored by Hammonton Education Foundation

Quality of Life - Councilman Pullia

Report on Lake Water Quality Committee Lake Raising  
Lake Cleanup this Saturday  
Business Administrator to acquire license to spray Hammonton Lake bladder wort  
Update on Sesquicentennial  
Anthony DeCicco, Water/Sewer Superintendent to repair clean flow system for Hammonton Lake

Public Works & Transportation- Councilman Rodio

Ordinance amendment action item for this evening on hold  
Report on Airport Lighting  
Report on Trash Truck/State Contract Bid  
Report on Solid Waste Collection Bid

Water & Sewer – Councilman Wuillermin

Defer Action Items to Engineer Report  
Report on Significant Use of Water in 2014  
2014 Substantial Decline in Utility Revenue (Rate Structure Ordinance Introduction under New Business)

ENGINEER REPORT

**SEWER & WATER ACTION ITEM:**

1. **Valley Avenue Utility Replacement (ARH #11-30159 ~ P2014.0753):**

The base plans have been prepared and we are continuing to complete the design plans. In order to keep the design plans on schedule for the NJEIT March 6<sup>th</sup> deadline, we will submit the plans assuming the most conservative option, full sanitary sewer and water main replacement. As a result we will need to submit permit applications for a Treatment Works Approval (TWA) as well as a Bureau of Safe Drinking Water (BSDW) permit for the sanitary sewer replacement and water main replacement respectively. As part of the applications we will need resolutions authorizing the submission of the application as well as authorizing the Mayor's signature on the application. Our office has prepared a resolution for each application and they are included with this report.

The weather has delayed the completion of the following two tasks as awarded last Council meeting:

1. By-pass pumping, cleaning, video inspection and report of the sanitary sewer main findings.
2. Completion of Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) investigation of the sanitary sewer to determine the extent of the concrete encased pipe.

As previously stated, the design plans could then be modified prior to final project submission and receipt of authorization to advertise based on the results of the above activities. The Town should also receive a notice from the NJEIT related to project funding.

**#R038-2015 Sewer Main Replacement Valley Avenue**

R#38-2015  
RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SANITARY SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT  
WITHIN VALLEY AVENUE BETWEEN  
BELLEVUE AVENUE (RT. #54) TO CENTRAL AVENUE (CR #542)  
AS WELL AS ALONG BROADWAY (CR #680) BETWEEN  
VALLEY AVENUE TO CENTRAL AVENUE (CR #542)

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey desires to upgrade and replace old existing public utility lines within Valley Avenue and Broadway; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to replace old sanitary sewer main along Valley Avenue between Bellevue Avenue and Central Avenue; and

WHEREAS, there a need to replace old sanitary sewer main along Broadway between Valley Avenue and Central Avenue; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to replace the existing service laterals along the section of sanitary sewer main within Valley Avenue and Broadway without the need for additional connections; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton has received a waiver of submission letter from the Pinelands Commission to allow for the placement of the new sanitary sewer main within the paved surface of Valley Avenue and Broadway; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to receive an approval for the proposed sanitary sewer main replacement from the NJDEP Division of Water Quality.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Council of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey endorses the proposed sanitary sewer main replacement project within Valley Avenue and Broadway for the limits noted, authorize the Mayor to sign a treatment works approval permit from the NJDEP Division of Water Quality, and authorize the Town Engineer, Adams, Rehmann & Heggan Associates, Inc. to complete all necessary work tasks to complete and obtain a treatment works approval permit from the NJDEP Division of Water Quality.

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, resolution 38 is adopted.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

**#R039-2015 Water Main Replacement Valley Avenue**

R#039-2015

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT  
WITHIN VALLEY AVENUE BETWEEN  
BELLEVUE AVENUE (RT. #54) TO CENTRAL AVENUE (CR #542)  
AS WELL AS ALONG BROADWAY (CR #680) BETWEEN  
VALLEY AVENUE TO CENTRAL AVENUE (CR #542)

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey desires to upgrade and replace old existing public utility lines within Valley Avenue and Broadway; and

WHEREAS, the existing 6" water main along Valley Avenue will be upgraded for fire suppression purposes between the 12 inch main on Bellevue Avenue and the 12 inch main on Central Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the existing 6" water main along Broadway will be upgraded for fire suppression purposes between the 8 inch main at Valley Avenue and the 12 inch main on Central Avenue; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to replace the existing water service laterals along the section of water main within Valley Avenue and Broadway without the need for increased water allocations; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton has received a waiver of submission letter from the Pinelands Commission to allow for the placement of the new water main within the paved surface of Valley Avenue and Broadway; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to receive an approval for the proposed water main replacement from the NJDEP Bureau of Safe Drinking Water.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Council of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey that it endorses the proposed water main replacement project within Valley Avenue and Broadway for the limits noted, authorize the Mayor to sign a water main replacement permit from the NJDEP Bureau of Safe Drinking Water, and authorize the Town Engineer, Adams, Rehmann & Heggan Associates, Inc. to complete all necessary work tasks to complete and obtain a water main replacement permit from the NJDEP Bureau of Safe Drinking Water.

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, resolution 39 is adopted.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS ACTION ITEMS:**

**2. Roadway Opening Ordinance Revisions (ARH #P2014.0715):**

As discussed at the last Council meeting, we have reviewed and worked with the Town Solicitor related to providing revisions to the present Roadway Opening Ordinance which is contained within several articles of Chapter 247 of the General Town Code entitled “Streets and Sidewalks”. We have completed a substantial portion of the work which included various items of concern expressed by Council. If desired, the Council could consider introduction of the revised ordinance by Title and set a date for the public hearing.

REFER TO NEW BUSINESS FOR ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION.

**PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**3. First Road/Chew Road Drainage Improvements (ARH #11-60207):**

As reported to Council at previous meetings, we have divided the project into various phases for construction consideration. We have completed the following tasks since the last meeting:

1. Completed the majority of the design plan revisions as discussed with the PWTC.
2. Prepare and submitted a roadway opening permit request to the County for Chew Road crossing.
3. Met with the Public Works Superintendent to determine what portion of the project work could be completed with Town Forces.
4. Review a video tape of the pipe and leaching pit inspection completed by Video Pipe Services of the site about six years ago. The video revealed a complete blockage of a section of the storm sewer pipe extending between the First Road inlet and the first leaching pit. The root cutting, cleaning or possible replacement of a pipe section will need to occur to relieve this blockage. This should be completed first and be bid as a separate project.
5. We have prepared the legal description for the drainage easement request for Block 1103, Lot 4 and provided same to the Solicitor for preparation of the deeds.

We will discuss the project with the PWTC and review options for bid.

**4. Weymouth Road Drainage (ARH #11-06007): No Status Change**

We have made a resubmission of the design plans to the County for review. If deemed acceptable, we will proceed with contacting the affected property owners to acquire the easement or rights-of-entry requests related to the project improvements. We will keep Council informed of further progress.

**5. Hammonton Bike Path Extension (ARH #2014.0309): No Status Change**

The NJDOT has allotted \$230,000.00 to the Town to complete a bike path extension from the NJ Transit Station to Hammonton Lake Park. The Mayor and Town Council has received the NJDOT notice of grant approval to have the project under contract for construction within 18 months or by December 2015. **Any appropriating funding ordinance to be considered by Council within this year's budget** must include the following items:

- ~ Total estimated project construction costs.
- ~ Construction survey, design and permitting.
- ~ Construction management.
- ~ Police protection and miscellaneous.
- ~ Administrative, legal, bond counsel, etc.

Possible bond amount \$275,000.00 to \$300,000.00

We will present our survey and design proposal to Council once funding is established for all or part of the project. We will await Council's direction as to how to proceed.

**6. Lakeview Drive and White Horse Pike (ARH #11-60202.03):**

We prepared the paperwork for final project reimbursement from the NJDOT. The Town will be eligible for reimbursement of certain portions of the construction inspection costs since all the Discretionary Aid funds totaling \$247,000.00 were not used as a result of the final project construction costs. We are in discussions with the NJDOT related to their latest site inspection letter on handicapped ramp construction.

**7. Third Street County Route #724 Ranere Avenue Roadway Improvements (ARH #11-01000):**

We were contacted by Dan McGinnis from Atlantic County Engineer's Office about completing a cooperative effort with the County related to roadway and drainage improvements at the above noted intersection. This could be a discussion at a future PWTC meeting.

**SEWER AND WATER INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**8. Pratt, Packard, Grape & Second Street Utility Replacement (ARH #11-40046 ~ P2014.0767):**

Packard Street

Utilities – All utilities have been installed on this street.

Concrete – All concrete work has been installed along this street.

Paving – Base course paving has been completed. Top course paving will occur in the spring.

Grape Street

Utilities – All utilities have been installed on this street.

Concrete – All concrete work has been installed along this street.

Paving – Base course paving has been completed. Top course paving will occur in the spring.

Second Street

Utilities – All utilities have been installed on this street.

Concrete – Concrete work is ongoing along this roadway. It is anticipated that all concrete work will be completed by December 12, 2014.

Paving - Base course paving has been completed. Top course paving will occur in the spring.



Pratt Street

Utilities – The Contractor is in the process of completing utility installations. The Contractor is currently working on sanitary between Second Street and Third Street, the sewer main is installed between Third and the project limit just passed Mr. Carmel Lane. Water and storm sewer utilities are installed from just shy of Third Street to the project limit just past Mt. Carmel Lane. The Contractor's current schedule has all utility work scheduled to be completed by the end of February.

Concrete – It is anticipated that this work will start in March.

Paving – It is anticipated that this work will occur in April.

The Contractor has submitted claims related to the work completed along Packard, Grape and Second Streets. Our office is currently reviewing the submitted claims and will be providing discussing these with the Town once our recommendation is finalized.

**9. White Horse Pike/Cedar Branch Stream Water Main Replacement (P2014-0251):**

As authorized last meeting, we have begun the work related to the project. We have completed these tasks since last Council meeting:

1. Revised the conceptual design plan to note the stream crossing location, pipe lay down area and easement required.
2. On-site meeting with Directional Bore Contractor and MUD Superintendent to discuss conceptual design and request price quote for budgetary purposes.
3. Prepare application to NJDOT related to request for lane closure and utility opening permit to allow for reconnection to the existing water main at a point adjacent to insertion valve.

We will update Council of further progress.

**10. 2015 Fiscal Year, NJEIFP Projects Underground Drip Irrigation (ARH #11-01088):**

As required by the comprehensive wastewater management plan agreement, we have provided the Pinelands Commission with an update on the construction schedule and product purchase schedule for the next phase of construction.

**11. Well #1 / Well #3 – Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's) (ARH# 11-30155.03):**

The contractor is continuing work at the site as weather permits. The following work has been completed:

- Required underground piping to provide for placement of the filter units.
- Delivery and installation of the two (2) existing and two (2) new filter units.
- Repair work to the inner casing of Well #1 and redevelopment of the well.
- Construction of a portion of the exterior wall on the Wawa side of the site.

We have prepared the monthly progress report to the NJDEP as required by the ACO. We have noted within that report of the possible need for a time extension request due to the delay in the delivery of the two (2) new filter units and inability of the contractor to continue with outside block and mortar work due to cold weather. The NJDEP has recognized the possibility of force majeure items related to these issues.

**12. South Jersey Gas Site Remediation Lincoln Avenue, Chemical Building Relocation (ARH #14.0336):**

As authorized by Council and approved by SJ Gas, ARH is continuing with the design work related to the relocation of the components of the Chemical Feed Building at the Lincoln Avenue site into the renovated Main Water Department building. We anticipate making a submission to NJDEP for review and approval early in March. We have requested a check for the application review fee by NJDEP.

We would estimate the cost to complete this renovation work (construction costs only) to be approximately \$250,000.00. Once the design is finalized, we will have an itemized construction cost estimate for Council's consideration and for inclusion in the agreement with SJ Gas.

As requested by the PWTC, we have met with SJ Gas, their consultants, and Town officials to discuss the tentative costs for these various site and building improvements and how funding for same will be established to pay for same. SJ Gas has requested an additional breakdown of project soft costs, so that a final figure could be established for the project.

The Town Solicitor has been in contact with the legal representatives from SJ Gas to discuss the items that must be included within the agreement between the two entities.

**13. Boyer Avenue Pinelands Compliance, Long Term Wastewater Management Plan I&I Study (ARH #11-50142)(ARH Proposals 0504 & 0594):**

As authorized by Council, our Survey Department has been working with Jerry Barberio and the MUD Superintendent to complete the field locations and plot an as-built plan for the Overland area of Drip Irrigation. The Pinelands Commission has requested a map noting the portions of the Overland Drip Irrigation area that was operated during the month of December 2014 and an anticipated date when the total Overland Drip Irrigation will be operational. We will discuss same with the Superintendent and Business Administrator before responding.

**14. SJ Gas Remediation Lincoln Avenue Water Department Structure Relocations (ARH #P2014-0337):**

We have prepared two (2) sketches for the relocation of the older Water Department Garage, Storage Shed and Material Storage Bins presently situated at the Lincoln Avenue site to alternate locations since they will be demolished in conjunction with the SJ Gas site remediation effort. We have reviewed the sketches with the Superintendent, PWTC and have forwarded a copy of same to SJ Gas. We have also prepared a cost estimate for the following associated with each of the buildings at the Lincoln Avenue site for consideration by SJ Gas:

- Cost to complete the survey, design, site plan, permitting work for the two sites and various structures.
- Replacement values for the various buildings and storage structures.
- Cost to complete project bids, award, construction management, administrative, legal reimbursement requests and contingency items, etc.
- Cost to complete the construction of said replacement buildings, site work, etc.

The various cost estimates were also reviewed with the PWTC and provided to the Town Solicitor to formulate into an agreement between SJ Gas and the Town. This agreement will be required in order for the project components to move forward. The SJ Gas consultant has contacted our office and has requested additional information so that they could properly evaluate the conceptual sketches, cost estimates, etc. provided by the Town to complete the building replacement work as if it were to be reconstructed at the Lincoln Avenue sites. We are in the process of preparing those costs.

Once the replacement cost estimate is agreed upon, it can be placed into the agreement between the two parties. ARH has continued to work on this project without finalization of the agreement in order to keep the process moving.

**15. Fourth Street Water Tank, Verizon Antennae Placement Request (ARH #11-30156):**

We have reviewed a set of conceptual design plans for antennae and emergency generator placement by Verizon at the Fourth Street water tank site. We have reviewed the conceptual plans with the Superintendent and the PWTC. We have provided a memo to Verizon's representative for their consideration. As part of our latest discussion, it appears they will accept the recommendations and will be preparing revised design plans for the Town's consideration.

**16. Sail Lake Water Main Extension (ARH #11-30000):**

We were forwarded a request from the present owner of the Sail Lake Office complex site related to the possible extension of public water to their property. We have briefly discussed options with the members of the PWTC and will complete the following tasks:

1. Provide budgetary cost estimate to provide public water to the site.
2. Request information from property owner related to inquiries to NJDEP Spillfund Program for potential funding.

#### SOLICITOR REPORT

##### Amendment to Land Use Ordinance – On Hold

##### Approve Settlement Agreement – Bellevue Properties

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Furgione, approve Bellevue Properties settlement agreement and authorize Mayor to sign.

#### ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Recused

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Recused

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

##### Authorize Town Planner Kevin Dixon to perform Redevelopment Investigation – Bellevue Properties

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Furgione, authorize Planning Board and its Planner, Kevin Dixon, to Investigate whether certain premises qualify as an area in need of redevelopment.

#### ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Recused

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Recused

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

##### Tuckahoe Turf-Developer's Agreement Update

##### PEG Bandwidth Approval (subject to engineer review) Telecommunications Cable

Motion by Councilperson Torrissi, seconded by Councilperson Gribbin, approve PEG Bandwidth to enter town right of way subject to engineer review and approval including application for roadway opening and holding Town harmless if future projects require relocation of poles or wires.

#### ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes  
Torrissi - Yes  
Wuillermin - Yes  
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Curb & Sidewalk/Road Opening Ordinances On Hold

#R042-2015

RESOLUTION #R042-2015

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton entered into a Housing Rehabilitation Agreement with the late Annette V. Micciche who was the owner of the property known as 323 North Washington Street, (Block 2419, Lot 12) Hammonton, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, on or about April 8, 1996 and September 29, 2003 Ms. Micciche received and executed a Note and Mortgage in the amount of \$12,000.00 and \$6,850.00, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage Note and Mortgage associated with each loan required that same be repaid in its entirety upon Ms. Micciche vacating the property; and

WHEREAS, an individual related to the decedent now wishes to acquire the property in question but would prefer to delay repayment of the obligations referenced above to more easily facilitate his acquisition of the property which he plans to renovate; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to facilitate the transaction described above; and

WHEREAS, the Town Solicitor has consulted with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority to determine what options are available in the circumstances described above.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS ON THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015 resolved that:

1. The Town shall accept one-half (50%) (i.e \$9,425.00) of the outstanding balance at the time of title transfer from the Estate of Annette C. Micciche to the prospective buyer.
2. The remaining outstanding balance (\$9,425.00) shall remain secured by way of an amendment to the April 8, 1996 Mortgage, thereby reducing the balance of same from \$12,000.00 to \$9,425.00.
3. The Mortgage dated September 29, 2003 shall be considered paid in full upon the Town's receipt of the funds referenced above.
4. The payment shall be deposited into the appropriate housing rehabilitation program account and shall be subject to all terms and conditions thereof.
5. The Town has no objection to its outstanding Note and Mortgage being subordinated to Purchaser's acquisition financing.
6. The Purchaser shall be required to pay any and all costs associated with cancellation, re-recording and/or subordination of the mortgage which will remain of record.
7. Upon any future transfer of title, the Town's outstanding obligation shall be due in full.

Motion by Councilperson Furgione, seconded by Councilperson Wuillermin, resolution 042 is adopted.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Approve Distillery Lease

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin, seconded by Councilperson Pullia, approve distillery lease subject to one clause being removed and solicitor approval.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

#R041-2015 Re-approve Pulte Settlement Resolution 28-2015

#R041-2015

RESOLUTION AMENDING #R028-2015  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PULTE MAINTENANCE BOND  
UPON PAYMENT OF \$24,000.00

WHEREAS, the Town is in possession of a maintenance bond in the amount of \$35,600.00 posted by PULTE associated with allegedly deficient yard drains at various properties throughout the development known as Traditions at Blueberry Ridge; and

WHEREAS, following negotiations between the municipal Solicitor and the attorney for PULTE, an agreement was reached regarding a release of funds to address and correct those deficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the Town continues to be in possession of the maintenance bond; and

WHEREAS, the Town and PULTE wish to resolve and conclude all issues associated with said bond.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS ON THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015 resolved that:

8. The municipal clerk be and hereby is authorized to release the bond upon receiving confirmation of receipt of settlement proceeds in the amount of \$24,000.00 from PULTE which will be utilized to address the alleged deficiencies.
9. The Mayor and Clerk of the Town of Hammonton are authorized to sign the Release concluding this dispute.

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Torrissi, resolution 041 is adopted.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Status NJ Transit Lease (continue to hold) Meeting Scheduled to discuss cost of lease

Status Sludge Contract with ACUA (release)

#R040-2015 Award Bid (Rescue Pumper) Fire Truck (Lease with purchase option and trade in) Marian

After a discussion of council it was on motion by Councilperson Pullia, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, resolution 040 is adopted.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

PWM/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Airport Lighting Project Update

Water Conservation Rebate (40 rebates to date)

Aquatic Pesticide License

Motion by Councilperson Pullia, seconded by Councilperson Furgione, authorize PWM/BA to work with NJFL service Field Office and schedule a test on Sept 22, 2015 in Burlington County \$15.00 application fee.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Recreation Supervisor Position

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin, seconded by Councilperson Furgione, authorize PWM/BA to assume duties of Rec Supervisor until 6/1/15.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Public Heard - Trash Truck Bid or State Contract vs Bid Trash Removal

Bud Paynter

Mr. Paynter asked Mayor and Council to take the personal service value into consideration before contracting trash removal.

Trash Truck Bid or State Contract

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, authorize Purchasing Agent to bid trash truck and to investigate truck purchase from State Approved Contractor.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Solid Waste Trash Collection Bid Tentative Plan

Motion by Councilperson Torrissi, seconded by Councilperson Furgione, authorize Purchasing Agent to bid trash collection services.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes  
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

During a discussion of Mayor and Council it was noted that the bidding of trash truck vs the bidding of trash removal services is for cost effectiveness investigation only at this time.

Airport Obstruction Removal Project Update

Bulky Collection March 2-6

Brush Collection March 9-13

Snow Removal Instructions

TOWN CLERK REPORT

1. Approve Payment Vacation Balance Due Pam DiGerolamo \$27.50
2. Accept retirement Gloria Schiernbeck effective July 1, 2015
3. Hire Temporary Part Time Telecommunication Operator(s) Ernest Geroni, Patricia Rice, Ryan Finn at \$10.00 hour, 6 months or less, 29 hours or less per week (total hrs of all part time dispatch cannot exceed 82 per week) (no response to NJ CSC special re-employment list Certification # OL141641)
4. Accept resignation Kevin Branin Fire Co. #1

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin, seconded by Councilperson Torrissi, Town Clerk Report Items 1-4 are approved.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

APPROVE BILL LIST & PURCHASE ORDERS

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin, seconded by Councilperson Torrissi, the bill list and purchase orders for February 2015 are approved.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes (recused on White Star only)

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION



Introduction Ordinance #004-2015 Amend Chapter 247 Entitled Streets and Sidewalks

No action taken this evening per Solicitor request to hold.

Introduction Ordinance #005-2015 Amend Chapter 175-10 Entitled Hospitals

No action taken this evening per Solicitor request to hold.

Introduction Ordinance #006-2015 Amend Water and Sewer Rates

A presentation of water and sewer service fees in Hammonton vs surrounding municipalities was given by Frank Zuber, Town Accountant, with Hammonton's proposed fees being nearly 1/2 of what other municipalities are currently charging.

After a discussion of Mayor and Council concerning effective water conservation results and shortfall in revenue due to current water conservation results, it was on motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, the ordinance is taken up for and passed first reading and given legal publication.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Councilman Wuillermin pointed out that had water conservation efforts failed and use of water not declined substantially, the cost of a new well and treatment of water from same would far surpass the current proposed water/sewer rate increase. Rates will become effective August 1, 2015 billing.

RESOLUTIONS

#R031-2015 Setting Salary Municipal Utility Superintendent

#R031 -2015  
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, by Ordinance fixed a salary range for the employment of certain Town Officials of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance provides that the amount to be paid to such official or employee within the salary range shall be fixed from time to time by Resolution of the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, the time of service of any employee shall be computed as commencing in January of the year when the employee was hired.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, Atlantic County, New Jersey that the following salaries are set and employee(s) listed shall receive in addition to annual salary, clothing, boots, health benefits, education stipend, comp time:

<u>NAME OF EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>NOTATIONS</u>
Anthony DeCicco	Utility Superintendent	\$92,910.00	
<u>NAME OF EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>NOTATIONS</u>
Anthony DeCicco	Utility Superintendent	\$100,410.00	
<u>NAME OF EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>NOTATIONS</u>
Anthony DeCicco	Utility Superintendent	\$102,388.00	
<u>NAME OF EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>NOTATIONS</u>
Anthony DeCicco	Utility Superintendent	\$104,406.00	

#R032-2015 Authorize Tri Vet Memorial Day Parade and Road Closure

RESOLUTION # 032-2015

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING  
THE ANNUAL "TRI VET MEMORIAL DAY PARADE"

WHEREAS, the Tri Vets continue to promote the Town of Hammonton with their annual "Tri Vet Memorial Day Parade"; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council continues to support the efforts of the Tri Vets; and

WHEREAS, May 25, 2015 is the scheduled date for the Tri Vet Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony beginning at 10:30 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Tri Vets have requested assistance of the Town of Hammonton Police Department for this scheduled event and road closure of the following street in the Town of Hammonton during the parade from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.:

Bellevue Avenue (Route 54) from Railroad Avenue to Tilton Street

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 Tri Vet Memorial Day Parade is acknowledged and endorsed by the Town of Hammonton contingent upon the following:

1. Filing of required State written approvals for street closures with the Town Clerk's office.
2. Filing of the necessary certificate of insurance.

#R033-2015 Set Annual Interest Rate

\*been in practice since authorized by resolution in early 1990's but recommended to re-approve annually

#R033-2015

Whereas, NJSA 54:4-67 permits the governing body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for nonpayment of taxes or assessments subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law; and

Whereas, NJSA 54:4-67 has been amended to permit the fixing of said rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 and allows an additional penalty of 6% to be collected against a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 on properties that fail to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year.

Now, Therefore be it resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8% annum on the first \$1,500.00 of taxes becoming delinquent after due date and 18% per annum on any amount of taxes in excess of \$1,500.00 becoming delinquent after due date and if a delinquency is in excess of \$10,000.00 and remains in arrears beyond December 31st, an additional penalty of 6% shall be charged against the delinquency.
2. "Delinquency" Now is to be calculated on the sum of all taxes from year to year and not to be calculated on an individual year basis.
3. Effective January 1, 1991 a ten day grace period of quarterly tax payments and semi annual water/sewer payments made by cash, check or money order was established and will remain in effect with the addition of on line payment and charge card payment availability.

Any payments not made in accordance with paragraph 3 of this resolution shall be charged interest from the due date as set forth in paragraph 1 of this resolution.

#R034-2015 Set Annual Service Charge for Returned Checks

\*been in practice since authorized by resolution in early 1990's but recommended to re-approve annually

#R034-2015

Whereas, P.L. 1990, Chapter 105, supplementing Title 40 of the New Jersey State Revised Statutes has been enacted to allow a municipality the authority to impose a service charge to be added on an account which was by check or other written instrument returned for insufficient funds; and

Whereas, whenever an account is owing a municipality for a tax or special assessment, the service charge authorized by this section shall be included on whatever list of delinquent accounts is prepared for the enforcement of the lien.

Now, Therefore, Be it resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that Town Department Heads are authorized to charge the aforementioned fee at a rate of \$20.00 per check or other written instrument for all checks returned for insufficient funds; and

Be it further resolved that Town Department Heads may require future payments to be tendered in cash or by certified or cashier's check.

#R035-2015 Authorize Various Refunds

#R035-2015

WHEREAS, Rosemarie Jacobs, Tax Collector, has approved and made amendments to utility and/or tax accounts as follows:

B&L	NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT	ACC.	REASON	PER
2402-11	Snyder, Heidi	242 N Grand St	1,600.00	Tax	Paid in error Mtg. Co. Pays	Rosie

WHEREAS, if any above referenced are not approved by Mayor and Council, a retraction will take place.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton that the Tax Collector's actions are approved.

#R036-2015 Authorize Temporary Appropriations

#R036-2015

RESOLUTION MAKING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS  
IN THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides that temporary emergency appropriations may be made for the period between the beginning of the fiscal year and the date of adoption of the budget for said year; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is not within the first thirty days of January, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, New Jersey, that the following temporary emergency appropriations are hereby made:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>
Admin S&W	18,804.00
Admin OE	2,778.00
Finance S&W	14,305.00
Finance OE	3,324.00
Assess S&W	19,285.00
Assess OE	1,377.00
Collection S&W	18,214.00
Collection OE	961.00
Legal OE	14,250.00
Engineering OE	2,695.00
Audit Services	1,068.00
Historical Society	95.00
Computer S&W	11,596.00
Computer OE	22,256.00
Plng Brd S&W	9,997.00
Plng Brd OE	2,232.00
Brd of Adjust OE	919.00
Construction S&W	30,962.00
Construction OE	546.00
Other Code S&W	2,872.00
Group Insurance	431,403.00
Insurance OE	13,845.05
Workers Comp	71,250.00
NJ Disability	4,498.00
Fire OE	24,225.00
State Fire S&W	6,887.00
State Fire OE	949.00
Police S&W	623,362.00
Police OE	53,736.00
Radio S&W	45,880.00
Radio OE	1,151.00
Prosecutor OE	7,225.00
Bldg & Grds OE	15,582.00
Highway S&W	140,113.00
Highway OE	154,375.00

Environmental OE	330.00
Registrar	83.00
Park S&W	285.00
Recreation S&W	3,244.00
Recreation OE	5,053.00
Holiday Observance	1,106.00
Advertising	9,421.00
Airport OE	2,768.00
Gasoline	34,675.00
Natural Gas	7,125.00
Electric	14,250.00
Street Lighting	71,250.00
Telephone	11,400.00
PERS	125,584.44
Social Security	43,937.00
Recycling Tax	3,800.00
PFRS	428,435.40
DCRP	437.00
Municipal Court S&W	42,037.00
Municipal Court OE	2,154.00
Utility S&W	182,530.00
Utility OE	516,224.00
Social Security	16,500.00
PERS	73,500.00

#R037-2015 Transfer Reserve Funds

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin, seconded by Councilperson Torrissi, resolutions 31-37 are adopted.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARD

No one desired to be heard.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Councilperson Torrissi, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, the meeting is adjourned. Motion carried.

April Boyer Maimone, Clerk