

Minutes Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council – October 26, 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 - Present

Pullia - Present

Rodio – Present

Torrissi - Present

Wuillermin - Present

Mayor DiDonato - Present

PRESENT ALSO

Brian Howell, Town Solicitor

Jerry Barberio, PWM/Business Administrator

Executive Session #R122-2015

#R122-2015

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. Surface Water
2. 14th Street Land Rental
3. Rt. 54 Mediation
4. Closing on Medi-Vac Hangar Acquisition
5. Tax Abatement
6. COAH
7. Airport Restaurant
8. Fire Company Suspensions
9. Town Roads/Truck Route
10. Pinelands/Tuckahoe Turf

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 Councilman Furgione, seconded by Councilman Torrissi, resolution 122 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 9/28/15

Regular Meeting 9/28/15

Executive Session 10/8/15

Special Meeting 10/8/15

Special Meeting 10/19/15

Motion by Councilman Torrissi, seconded by Councilman Furgione, the minutes are approved.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin – Yes (recused on special meeting of October 8 only)

Pullia – Yes (recused on portions of minutes that he previously recused)

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin – Yes (recused on portions of minutes that he previously recused)

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Hearing Ordinance #017-2015 Direct Deposit

Ordinance #017-2015
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON
MANDATING DIRECT DEPOSIT ON ALL NET PAY FOR ALL EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton Finance Department has struggled with reconciling of outstanding employee paychecks in a timely manner causing additional unnecessary work of cancelling and reissuing the checks; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council wish to establish a procedure that will alleviate the problems of outstanding check; and

WHEREAS, Section 3 of P.L., 2013, c. 28 became effective 7/1/14 and allows a Municipality to adopt an ordinance to provide for the mandatory direct deposit of net pay for all employees: and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton makes available W-2 forms and other information concerning net pay online or by hard copy when necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton has established policies and procedures to protect the integrity and confidentiality of the information; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton payroll provider has an online system that complies with this provision;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the Town of Hammonton shall require mandatory direct deposit for all employees net pay; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this practice shall take effect upon passage and publication of this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Finance Department is authorized to allow enrollment into direct deposit by Town employee's no later than and in time for the December 4, 2015 pay checks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Clerk is authorized to add this ordinance to the Employee Handbook.

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

Motion by Councilman Wuillermin, seconded by Councilman Gribbin, ordinance 17 is taken up for second reading and public hearing. Motion carried.

No one desired to be heard.

Motion by Councilman Wuillermin, seconded by Councilman Gribbin, the hearing is closed, the ordinance is 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.

ORDINANCE #20-2015

An Ordinance Adopting the Redevelopment Plan (Dated August 12, 2015)
For a Portion of the Gateway Area/White Horse Pike
(Block 3502, Lots 1 and 2 and Block 3607, Lots 2 and 3) (GW-3 Zone)

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council on February 23, 2015 adopted Resolution R42A-2015 authorizing the Planning Board to investigate whether the premises known as Block 3502, Lots 1 and 2 and Block 3607, Lots 2 & 3 (hereinafter "the Premises") constitute an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council on June 22, 2015 adopted Resolution 079-2015 accepting the Planning Board's recommendation designating the Premises as a redevelopment area; and

WHEREAS, the municipal clerk, per Resolution 79-2015, notified the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) of that action; and

WHEREAS, the DCA Commissioner by letter dated July 30, 2015 acknowledged receipt of the Resolution No. 079-2015 and endorsed the redevelopment area designation; and

WHEREAS, the Town Planner, Kevin J. Dixon, PE, PP, CME of Dixon Associates Engineering, LLC prepared a Redevelopment Plan dated August 12, 2015 to which Mayor and Council have given their careful consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ON THIS 28th DAY OF September, 2015 ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, that:

1. the Redevelopment Plan dated August 12, 2015 prepared by the Town Planner, Kevin Dixon, be and hereby is adopted by Mayor and Council;
2. it is further Ordered that Mayor and Council are authorized to take further action consistent with said Plan including, but not limited to, designating Bellevue Properties Associates, LLC as the redeveloper; and
3. the Municipal Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Ordinance and the Redevelopment Plan to the Pinelands Commission for their review and approval.

Motion by Councilman Wuillermin, seconded by Councilman Furgione, ordinance 20 is taken up for second reading and public hearing. Motion carried.

No one desired to be heard.

Motion by Councilman Pullia, seconded by Councilman Wuillermin, the hearing is closed, the ordinance is 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 action item "direct deposit"

Report on Committee Meeting Hammonton Family Success Center

20th Annual United Nations Day Event

Congratulate Chamber on Golf Outing

Congratulate Steve Webber on Chili Challenge which benefits homeless veterans

Reminder 3rd Thursday and Small Business Saturday Mainstreet Events

Congratulate Downtown Trick or Treat was a success

Business & Industry- Councilman Furgione

Update on DMO joint venture Eagle Theatre

Report on November regular meeting of council presentation

Richard Rehmann of ARH and PJ Pullia of Chamber working on economic development project

Education - Councilman Torrissi

Report on Board of Education Matters (read letter from Dr. Bachalis)

Quality of Life - Councilman Pullia

November 10 Joint Meeting Lake Water, Parks, Environmental deferred to Councilman Furgione

Halloween Parade Scheduled for Wednesday may be cancelled

Trick or Treat Saturday October 31 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Public Works & Transportation- Councilman Rodio

Defer Action Item to Engineer Report

Chew Road Drainage Project Update deferred to Mr. Vettese who advised on same

Defer Public Works Item to Mr. Barberio

Water & Sewer – Councilman Wuillermin

Defer Action Item to Engineer Report

Update on Lincoln Avenue Project

Update Boyer Avenue Project

ENGINEER REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS ACTION ITEMS:

1. Boyer Avenue Dog Park and 2-Bay Water Department Garage Replacement Drainage Calculations (ARH #15-0591):

As requested, ARH has prepared a proposal to complete a drainage report, calculations, etc. to the Pinelands Commission associated with the following two areas at the Boyer Avenue site:

- Two (2) bay Water Department Garage Replacement/Storage Building
- Dog Park address Pinelands Commission review comments

We have attached the ARH proposal (#15-0591) dated October 13, 2015 totaling \$6,900.00 for Council's consideration. We would estimate that the cost to complete the report could be divided between the two (2) projects as follows:

- Garage /Storage Project = \$5,000.00
- Dog Park Project = \$1,900.00

Motion by Councilman Wuillermin, seconded by Councilman Rodio, approve ARH proposal totaling \$6,900.00 and issuance of a Purchase Order subject to the certification of funds from the CFO.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

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

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

SEWER AND WATER ACTION ITEMS:

2. Byrnes-Frankel Sanitary Sewer Grinder Pump/Force Main Installation First Road/9th Street (ARH #11-13046.02):

We have provided a report to the PWTC related to a request to install grinder pumps and force main for the four (4) lot subdivision approval granted by the Planning Board earlier this year for the following parcels. The net result was the creation of two (2) new lots:

- Block 1403, Lots 10, 11 12 & 13

After review by the PWTC, we will provide a recommendation to Mayor and Council for consideration at Monday night's meeting. We have included a sketch of the area for reference purposes.

Motion by Councilman Wuillermin, seconded by Councilman Rodio, accept recommendation as discussed with the PWTC including the conditions noted within the Engineer's Report dated 10/19/15 for the proposed grinder pump and force main installation.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

SOLICITOR REPORT

14th Street Land Rental
Closing on Medi-Vac Hangar Acquisition
Tax Abatement

Motion by Councilman Gribbin, seconded by Councilman Torrissi, refer to Councilmen Furgione, Torrissi and Gribbin.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Town Roads/Truck Route

Motion by Councilman Rodio, seconded by Councilman Gribbin, refer to Law and Order Committee.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Distillery

Motion by Councilman Gribbin, seconded by Councilman Pullia, approve Mayor DiDonato to sign Distillery Lease.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Airport Restaurant

Pulte/Traditions at Blueberry Ridge

Update on Fire Company Complaint Investigation

PWM/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

1. Natural Gas Reverse Auction savings \$541,000 by February 2017 on gas/electric combined
2. Leaf Season – October 19 to December 31
3. Will continue Bulky 1st full week and Brush 2nd full week pickup November
4. NJDEP Aquatics Applicator Test
5. Landfill Open Saturdays 10 am – 3 pm (residential permit only)

6. Request Approval Grant Application CFMP \$3,000

Motion by Councilman Pullia, seconded by Councilman Furgione, approve grant application CFMP.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

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

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

1. Authorize Clerk to prepare disciplinary paperwork for termination for Highway CDL Truck Driver effective 11/6/15, Steven Taylor (unpaid 6 month sick leave of absence expired, did not pass CDL Medical exam)
2. From Planning Board recommend adoption of Municipal Wide Program of Rehabilitation. (resolution action under New Business)

Motion by Councilman Gribbin, seconded by Councilman Torrissi, Town Clerk Report Item 1 is 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 Councilman Gribbin, seconded by Councilman Torrissi, approve October bill list and purchase orders.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

#R123-2015 Request Atlantic County Place No Passing Zone Pleasant Mills Road

RESOLUTION # 123 -2015

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING ATLANTIC COUNTY
TO APPROVE A "NO PASSING" ZONE ON PLEASANT MILLS ROAD (Rt. 542)
BETWEEN YORKTOWN BLVD. AND JAMESTOWN BLVD.

WHEREAS, after review of Robert Jones, Police Chief, and the Law & Order Committee of the Town of Hammonton it has been determined to be in the best interest of the Town to place a "No Passing" Zone on Pleasant Mills Road (Rt. 542) between Yorktown Blvd. And Jamestown Blvd; and

WHEREAS, Rt. 542 is owned and maintained by the County of Atlantic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, that the Clerk is authorized to forward a certified copy of this resolution to Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson along with a three year record of accidents in this area.

#R124-2015 Authorize Online Auction Natural Gas Supply

#R124-2015

A RESOLUTION OF TOWN OF HAMMONTON AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NATURAL GAS SUPPLY SERVICES FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

WHEREAS, Town of Hammonton has determined to move forward with the EMEX Reverse Auction in order procure natural gas for Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c. 30) (the "Act") authorizes the purchase of natural gas supply service for public use through the use of an online auction service; and

WHEREAS, Town of Hammonton will utilize the online auction services of EMEX, LLC, an approved vendor pursuant to the Act, waiver number EMEX LLC-1, located at www.energymarketexchange.com; and

WHEREAS, EMEX, LLC is compensated for all services rendered through the participating supplier that a contract is awarded to; and

WHEREAS, the auction will be conducted pursuant to the Act; and be it

WHEREAS, if the auction achieves a price of \$0.575/therm or less for a 12 month term, or a price of \$0.58/therm or less for a 24 month term; Town of Hammonton may award a contract to the winning supplier for the selected term.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Town of Hammonton be and hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Hammonton any natural gas contract proffered by the participating supplier that submits the winning bid in the EMEX Reverse Auction if the auction achieves a price of \$0.575/therm or less for a 12 month term, or a price of \$0.58/therm or less for a 24 month term; Town of Hammonton may award a contract to the winning supplier for the selected term.

#R125-2015 Authorize Drug Alliance Grant

#R125-2015

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE
FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 2014-JUNE 2019

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Atlantic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey here by recognizes the following:

1. The Mayor and Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Hammonton Municipal Alliance Grant for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$17,113
Cash Match	4,278
In-Kind	12,835

2. The Mayor and Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance Grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

#R126-2015 Award State Contract Police Vehicles

#R 126-2015

A RESOLUTION AMENDING #R68-15
APPROVING THE CONTRACT FOR THE AWARD
OF LEASE/PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES AND COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR VEHICLES

WHEREAS, there exists a need for lease/purchase of police vehicle(s), computer equipment, and Emergency Lights and fixtures for the Vehicles for the Hammonton Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police, Robert Jones, has recommended, after comparing the price and particular suitability, that a contract be awarded to **Day Chevrolet Inc. (Tahoese)** to purchase the cars under **state contract #89938 and T-2776**, and to obtain financing for the lease through **BBT Bank formerly Susquehanna Bank**, in the amount **not to exceed \$ 95,000.00** for said vehicle(s), computer equipment and emergency lights and fixtures; and

WHEREAS, funds are available under the Police Operating budget appropriation; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1-et seq. requires that the resolution authorizing the awarding of 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 **Day Chevrolet Inc. (Tahoese)** , for the purchase of the police vehicle(s) and financing from **BBT Bank formerly Susquehanna Bank**, in the amount **not to exceed \$ 95,000.00**, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law as a State Approved Contractor **#89938 and T-2776**, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract is subject to the mutual acceptance of the appropriate contact documentation between the **Day Chevrolet Inc. (Tahoos)** and the Town of Hammonton.

#R127-2015 Approve Municipal Wide Program of Rehabilitation

Resolution #127-2015

RESOLUTION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
CONFIRMING NEED FOR MUNICIPAL WIDE PROGRAM OF REHABILITATION

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton have determined that there exists in the Town of Hammonton the need for adoption of a program of rehabilitation as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3;

WHEREAS, adoption of such a program may be expected to prevent further deterioration and promote the overall development of the community;

WHEREAS, there exists within the Town of Hammonton conditions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 as specified in detail in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ON THIS 26th day of October, 2015, RESOLVED that the Town of Hammonton, in its entirety, constitutes an area in need of rehabilitation based upon the following conditions in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14 having been established:

1. (1) a significant portion of structures therein are in a deteriorated or substandard condition; (2) more than half of the housing stock in the delineated area is at least 50 years old; (3) there is a pattern of vacancy, abandonment or underutilization of properties in the area; (4) there is a persistent arrearage of property tax payments on properties in the area; (6) a majority of the water and sewer infrastructure in the delineated area is at least 50 years old and is in need of repair or substantial maintenance.
2. Upon adoption, this Resolution shall become effective upon review of same by the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs as mandated in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14.

#R128-2015 Transferring Funds

Motion by Councilman Gribbin, seconded by Councilman Rodio, resolutions 123-128 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

Bill Tomasello – Pine Road

Mr. Tomasello advised of settlement in roadway at approximately 155 Pine Road.

Mr. Vettese advised he will investigate same.

Intersection Lakeview Drive and Moss Mill Road

Councilman Furgione questioned the stop sign located on Moss Mill Road at intersection of Lakeview Drive and Moss Mill Road. A discussion of council was held concerning the possibility of a stop sign being placed at Lakeview Drive as well. This was referred to Law & Order Committee.

Veterans Day

Councilman Gribbin reminded everyone of the upcoming Veteran Day Event.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Councilman Wuillermin, seconded by Councilman Rodio, the meeting is adjourned. Motion carried.

April Boyer Maimone, Clerk