BOROUGH OF HADDON HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY ORDINANCE 2024:1540

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION AND IMPROVEMENTS OF VAROUS SIDEWALKS IN THE BOROUGH OF HADDON HEIGHTS, COUNTY CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$2,248,100 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF **OBLIGATION GENERAL BONDS** OR ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF HADDON HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$2,135,695; **MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS** COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Haddon Heights, County of Camden, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law"), as follows:

<u>Section 1.</u> The purposes described in Section 7 hereof are hereby authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by the Borough of Haddon Heights, County of Camden, New Jersey ("Borough").

Section 2. It is hereby found, determined and declared as follows:

- (a) the estimated amount to be raised by the Borough from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$2,248,100;
- (b) the estimated amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$2,135,695; and
- (c) a down payment in the amount of \$112,405 for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is currently available in accordance with the requirements of Section 11 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:2-11.
- <u>Section 3.</u> The sum of \$2,135,695, to be raised by the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes, together with the sum of \$112,405, which amount represents the required down payment, are hereby appropriated for the purposes stated in this bond ordinance ("Bond Ordinance").
- Section 4. The issuance of negotiable bonds of the Borough in an amount not to exceed \$2,135,695 to finance the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 hereof is hereby authorized. Said bonds shall be sold in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law.
- Section 5. In order to temporarily finance the purposes described in Section 7 hereof, the issuance of bond anticipation notes of the Borough in an amount not to exceed \$2,135,695 is hereby authorized. Pursuant to the Local Bond Law, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized

to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver the same to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their date to delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this Bond Ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 6. The amount of the proceeds of the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance which may be used for the payment of interest on such obligations, accounting, engineering, legal fees and other items as provided in Section 20 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:2-20, shall not exceed the sum of \$612,000.

Section 7. The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which said obligations are to be issued; the estimated costs of each said purpose; the amount of down payment for each said purpose; the maximum amount obligations to be issued for each said purpose and the period of usefulness of each said purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law are as follows:

	Purpose/Improvement	<u>T</u>
A.	Installation and Improvements of Various Sidewalks throughout the Borough, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto, all as more particularly described in the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Borough Clerk	\$2

Estimated Down Amount of Period of Obligations Usefulness
\$2,248,100 \$112,405 \$2,135,695 10 years

Section 8. Grants or other monies received from any governmental entity, including, but not limited to, a Safe Routes to School Program Grant heretofore approved from the New Jersey Department of Transportation in the amount of \$1,200,000, will be applied to the payment of, or repayment of obligations issued to finance, the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 above.

Section 9. The supplemental debt statement provided for in Section 10 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:2-10, was duly filed in the office of the Clerk prior to the passage of this Bond Ordinance on first reading and a complete executed duplicate original thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. The supplemental debt statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:2-43, is increased by this Bond Ordinance by \$2,135,695 and that the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Borough are irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance, and to the extent payment is not otherwise provided, the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable real property without limitation as to rate or amount for the payment thereof.

Section 11. The applicable Capital Budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this Bond Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith, and the resolution promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended applicable

Capital Budget and Capital Program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

Section 12. The Borough hereby declares its intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance pursuant to Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(e), promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), for "original expenditures", as defined in Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(c)(2), made by the Borough prior to the issuance of such bonds or bond anticipation notes.

Section 13. The Borough hereby covenants as follows:

- (a) it shall take all actions necessary to ensure that the interest paid on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by the Bond Ordinance is exempt from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income taxation purposes, and will not become a specific item of tax preference pursuant to Section 57(a)(5) of the Code;
- (b) it will not make any use of the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes or do or suffer any other action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "arbitrage bonds" as such term is defined in Section 148(a) of the Code and the Regulations promulgated thereunder;
- (c) it shall calculate or cause to be calculated and pay, when due, the rebatable arbitrage with respect to the "gross proceeds" (as such term is used in Section 148(f) of the Code) of the bonds or bond anticipation notes;
- (d) it shall timely file with the Internal Revenue Service, such information report or reports as may be required by Sections 148(f) and 149(e) of the Code; and
- (e) it shall take no action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code.
- <u>Section 14.</u> The improvements authorized hereby are not current expenses and are improvements that the Borough may lawfully make. No part of the cost of the improvements authorized hereby has been or shall be specially assessed on any property specially benefited thereby.
- <u>Section 15.</u> All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
- **Section 16.** In accordance with the Local Bond Law, this Bond Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Introduced: FRBRUARY b, 2024
Public Hearing: FRBRUARY 20, 2024
Final Adoption: FRBRUARY 20, 2024

CERTIFIC AMON Zachary Houck

I, Kelly Santosusso, Clerk of the Borough of Haddon Heights, do hereby certify the foregoing Bond Ordinance to be a true and correct copy of a Bond Ordinance introduced at a regularly scheduled Council meeting held February 6, 2024 and was duly adopted following a Public Hearing during a regularly scheduled meeting of Borough Council held February 20, 2024.

Kelly Santosusso, RMC, Borough Clerk

State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

Supplemental Debt Statement

Local Gov	ernment: 1	Haddon Heights Borough	Prepared As Of:	2/6/2024	
Budget Ye	ear Ending	December 31	(Month D-D)	2024	(Year)
Name: Title: Address:	Chief Fina 237 PAVII RIVERSII	ansdoerfer ncial Officer LION AVENUE DE, NJ 08075	Email: mm N-1 CFO Cert #:	6-461-1460 nansdoerfer@riversidetwp.org 1590	
the stateme	ent hereinafter	ing duly sworn, deposes and says: Dep mentioned called the local unit. The S bt condition of the local unit as of the o	upplemental Debt Statemer	it annexed hereto and hereby ma	de a part hereof is
		Net Debt as per Annual	Decrease	Increase	Net Debt
	Notes for Scho	Debt Statement ool \$0.00	(Since Decembe	er 51, tast past)	\$0.00
Liquidating	Notes for Self- g Purposes ds and Notes		\$ \$ \$	\$2,135,695.00	\$0.00 \$6,185,990.14
2 Net Debt	at the time of th	is statement is			\$6,185,990.14
The amounts	and purposes sep	arately itemized of the obligations about to be	authorized, and any deductions v	vhich may be made on account of each	such item are: (see
Note "C" belo	rdinance	Purposes Installation & Improvements	Amount	Deduction	Net
2024	:1540	Various Sidewalks	\$2,135,695.00 \$2,135,695.00	\$0.00	\$2,135,695.00 \$2,135,695.00
4 The	net debt of the	local unit determined by the addition of t		items 2 and 3 above is:	\$8,321,685.14
5 Equa	alized valuation ation of class Il	basis (the average of the equalized value railroad property of the local unit for the vision thereof last filed.	tions of real estate, including	improvements and the assessed	
	Year	Equalized Valuation Real Property	with Improvements plus asse	ssed valuation of Class	
(1)	2021	II RR Property Equalized Valuation Real Property	with Improvements plus asse	ssed valuation of Class	\$882,301,263.00
(2)	2022	II RR Property Equalized Valuation Real Property II RR Property	with Improvements plus asses	ssed valuation of Class	\$910,106,399.00 \$958,490,377.00
6 E	qualized Valua	ion Basis – Average of (1), (2) and (3)			\$916,966,013.00
7 N	et Debt (Line 4	Above) expressed as a percentage of suc	h equalized valuation basis (I	Line 6 above) is:	0.908%
A		on of bonds or notes is permitted by an excepti such exception.	Notes on to the debt limit, specify the p	articular paragraph of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-	7 or other section of

- naw provious guice exception.

 This form is also to be used in the bonding of separate (not Type I) school districts as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:24-16, and filed before the school district election. In such case pages 3 and 4 should be completed to set forth the computation supporting any deduction in line 3 above.

 Only the account of bonds or notes about to be authorized should be entered. The amount of the "down payment" provided in the bond ordinance should not be included nor shown as a deduction.

COMPUTATION AS TO INDEBTEDNESS FOR IMPROVEMENT OR EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING MUNICIPAL PUBLIC UTILITY, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(h); NJSA 40A:2-47(a)

1. Annual Debt Statement, excess in revenues of utility
2. Less Interest and principal computed as provided in N.J.S.A. 40A:2-47(a) for all obligations authorized but not issued to the extent not already charged to income in the annual debt

3. Excess revenue prior to authorizing proposed obligations = (column 1 minus column 2)
4. Interest and principal calculated for proposed obligations N.J.S.A. 40A:2-47(a)
(a) Interest for one year at 4 1/2%
(b) First installment of serial bonds legally issuable
(c) Total charges (Items (a) and (b))

	Ţ	2	3	4(a)	4(b)	4(c)
Municipal Public Utility	ADS Excess in Revenues of Utility	Less Interest and Principal	Excess Revenue	Interest for One Year	1st Installment of Serial Bonds Legally Issuable	Total Charges

Note: If line 3 equals or exceeds line 4, obligations may be authorized under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A.2-7(h) as limited by N.J.S.A. 40A.2-47(a).

COMPUTATION OF SCHOOL INDEBTEDNESS AND DEDUCTIONS UNDER PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 18A: 24-17

	N T C A 10 A 24 10 (T imag 1 to	. 7)		
1	N.J.S.A. 18A:24-19 (Lines 1 to Average of equalized valuations (p			\$916,966,013.00
2	Gross School District Debt outstand	ding and authorized but not issued (not including		
2	proposed issue)	and authorized out not too and (not moraling		\$
3		ent of School Debt, by Sinking Fund Commission		\$
4	Net debt for school purposes (line 2			\$0.00
5	Debt deduction for school purposes		%	\$
		or Grade 1 through Grade 6		
	(b) 3 % Kindergarten o	r Grade 1 through Grade 8		
	(c) 31/2% Kindergarten	or Grade 1 through Grade 9		
	(d) 4 % Kindergarten o	r Grade 1 through Grade 12		
6	Available debt deduction (excess, i	f any, of line 5 over line 4)		\$0.00
7	School Bonds about to be authorize	ed		\$
	Note: Omit lines 8 to 13, if line 6	equals or exceeds line 7. or if shown on line 17		
8 9 10 11 12 13	Use of Municipal Borrowing Margin Remaining Municipal Borrowing Mar 11 minus line 12)	above) gin (excess, if any, of line 9 over line 10)		\$0.00 \$32,093,810.46 \$6,185,990.14 \$25,907,820.32 \$0.00 \$25,907,820.32
	N.J.S.A. 18A:24-24 (lines 14 to 1	<u>6)</u>		
14	Amount of line 7			\$
15	Amount of Deduction:	(a) Amount of line 6		\$0.00
		(b) Amount of line 11		\$25,907,820.32
		Total		\$25,907,820.32
16	Excess of line 14 over line 15			\$0.00
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Computation of Regional School Indebtedness

	1	2	3	4	5
	Average Equalized	nalized Valuations 40A:2-43			Total Apportionment of
Municipality	Amount	Percentage	Apportionment of Previous Bonds Issued or Authorized	Amount Apportionment of Proposed Bond Issue	Previous Bonds Issued or Authorized plus Apportionment Proposed Bond Issue (Column 3 plus 4)
		%			
Totals		%			

SPECIAL DEBT STATEMENT

BORROWING POWER AVAILABLE UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(f)

1	on the latest Annual Debt Statement.		\$
2	Obligations heretofore authorized in excess of debt limitation and pursuant to: (a) N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(d) (b) N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(f) (c) N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(g) Total	\$ \$ \$	\$0.00
3	Available debt incurring capacity (N.J.S.A, 40A:2-7(f))	-	\$
4	Obligations about to be authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(f) (If item 3 equals or exceeds item 4, obligations may be authorized)		\$
	BORROWING POWER AVAILABLE UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(g)		
1	Total appropriations made in local unit budget for current fiscal year for payment of obligations of local unit included in Annual Debt Statement or revision thereof last filed as of preceding December 31, 2023		\$
2	Less the amount of such obligations which constitute utility and assessment obligations:		\$
3	Excess of item 1 over item 2:		\$0.00
4	Amount raised in the tax levy of the current fiscal year by the local unit for the payment of bonds or notes of any school district		\$
5	Amount equal to 2/3 of the sum of item 3 and item 4		\$0.00
6	(a) Amount of obligations heretofore authorized under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(g) in current fiscal year		
	(b) Amount of authorizations included in 6(a) which were heretofore repealed	\$	
	(c) Excess of item 6(a) over item 6(b)	_	\$0.00
7	Excess of item 5 over item 6(c)		\$0.00
8	Obligations about to be authorized		\$
9	Borrowing capacity still remaining after proposed authorization		\$0.00

(item 7 less item 8) (If item 7 equals or exceeds item 8, obligations may be authorized)



BOROUGH OF HADDON HEIGHTS COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 7:00 pm

Mayor Houck called the meeting to Order at 7:00 pm. and then read the following statement:

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT:

"In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, 1975, notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board designed for that purpose and notice was transmitted to the official newspapers provided by Resolution adopted January 6, 2024." *Notice has also been posted on the Borough website.*

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Houck asked the Clerk for roll call.

Under roll call, Council President Morgan, Councilmembers Ottoson, Philipps, Russo and Pagan were present as well as Borough Solicitor Howard Long and Clerk Kelly Santosusso. Councilmember Harron was absent but excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Houck asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Mayor Houck opened Public Comment on Caucus and Agenda items only.

Seeing no movement, Mayor Houck closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

CAUCUS WORK SESSION:

Animal Census

Clerk Santosusso advised Mayor and Council that our CFO has suggested the Borough conduct an animal census in the interest of public health and to increase animal licensing in the Borough which is required by state statute. Current education efforts a Free Rabies Clinic has not yielded the results we had hoped over the years. The Borough has engaged a new animal control company, New Jersey Animal Control who will conduct the census during the summer months. Uniformed animal control officers will go door to door, have I.D. as well as Borough issued I.D. Councilwoman Philipps inquired as to notification to residents. Santosusso responded that we will make notification in as many ways possible but definitely through the Borough website, the HEIGHTS REPORT, posting at the Library, Post Office, John's Friendly Market and at Borough Hall. We will also announce on Caucus Agendas as we approach the start date.

Election Polling Locations

Clerk Santosusso addressed Council regarding two Polling Districts 6 & 7 which are currently at Glenview School. She mentioned she proposed several changes to come out of the schools on the East side of town several years back but were challenged on the West side of a town with ADA accessible locations or

options. Santosusso said after consulting with the Mayor and John Schmidt of the Camden County County Clerk's office, she is proposing the following: Move District 3, currently in the Community Center to the Cabin (directly across the street from the Community Center) and moving Districts 6 & 7 currently in Glenview School to the Community Center. The two districts would fit comfortably in the Community Center. She advised that this proposal would need to be approved by representatives of the Board of Elections. She further noted a meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 22nd for the locations to be assessed. Should the proposal be accepted, the decision would then go to the Board of Elections who meet monthly to officially approve. Councilman Pagan inquired as to why the proposal was being made. Santosusso said primarily for school safety and noted that several years back there was a push from the Camden County Board of Elections to do all possible to relocate polling locations out of the schools. Solicitor Howard Long reiterated that the Board of Elections seems to be in favor of coming out of the schools completely.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the January 6, 2024 Reorganization Meeting.

Mayor Houck asked for a motion to adopt the Minutes of the January 16, 2024 Business Meeting. Motion was moved by Councilmember Pagan, seconded by Councilmember Philipps. All members present were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the January 16, 2024 Business Meeting

Mayor Houck asked for a motion to adopt the Minutes of the January 16, 2024 Business Meeting. Motion was moved by Councilmember Pagan, seconded by Councilmember Ottoson. All members present were in favor.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES of the January 16, 2024 Business Meeting

Mayor Houck asked for a motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of the January 16, 2024 Business Meeting. Motion was moved by Councilmember Philipps, seconded by Councilmember Russo. All members present were in favor.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Steve Bach, 304 White Horse Pike – submitted written report but will highlight the following: He noted we recently had a couple of very good successful Engineering meeting where much progress has been made. He thanked Councilmembers Russo and Morgan.

Local Recreation Improvement Grant – applications are due February 27th. We will be discussing the application later this meeting.

We have been successful in receiving a NJDOT \$260,000.00 grant for the continuation of St. Martins & Bryn Mawr Avenue to Prospect Ridge Blvd.

Camden County Open Space Grant for girls major and minor softball fields. Recreation meeting will be held to discuss exactly what the improvements are over the next week or so.

Devon Avenue sodding project will be taken off of subsequent reports as it has been completed.

Received 76,000 grant for all accessible equipment for Hoff's Park. Working with state contractors to try and maximize the grant and make it attractive – working with state contractors to maximize the grant.

Kings Highway Paving Project. Design complete looking for spring bid and award. Utility work will be completed. Camden County is looking to award this spring. Council President Morgan asked how long roads might be shut down. Bach said detour plans have not yet been established. He expects there will be detours as there will be significant excavations.

NJDOT project for St. Martins – we are expecting a spring bid on this project.

Community Development Block Grant – we are working with CFO for 2021 grant. ADA accessible improvements seem to be limited to additional handicapped ramps as we do not have qualified census tracts. Mayor asked can we use the grant for paving the cabin lot. Bach responded, no, handicapped parking spaces would be all that could be paid for, for such a small amount of paving, it would not be a good application to the County. Our best application will be for handicapped ramps.

Pedestrian improvements at Station and Atlantics will be removed for subsequent reports as project is substantially complete. County will be finishing up road markings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION of Ordinance 2024:1538 – An Ordinance of the Borough of Haddon Heights, County of Camden, Adopting A Redevelopment Plan for Certain Property Within the Borough of Haddon Heights That Has Been Designated an Area In Need of Redevelopment – St. Mary's

Mayor Houck asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2024:1538. Motion was moved by Councilmember Philipps, seconded by Councilmember Pagan. Seeing no movement or comment, motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilmember Pagan and seconded by Councilmember Ottoson. All members present were in favor.

Councilmember Russo asked for the process following adoption of the Redevelopment Plan.

Mayor updated Council - after the Borough's plan for the site for a potential developer would enter into a redevelopment agreement for the site. Contract will mirror the redevelopment plan. Mayor advised we can negotiate certain terms in the Agreement. Redevelopment Agreement is like negotiating a contract. They must enter into an agreement. Without that, they cannot take advantage of the existing zoning.

Discussion ensued amongst Mayor Houck, Solicitor Long and Councilmembers Russo and Morgan. Council President Morgan asked for further clarification. Mayor explained that the current Memorandum of Understanding simply says we are negotiating in good faith with the current developer. He said any developer can take advantage of this. Morgan asked if the Planning Board, Historic Preservation Commission are restricted from making any requirement of the developer. Mayor responded no but that this governing body approves the plan and then they go through all regular processes of Planning Board or HPC. Engineer Steve Bach offered further insight.

Mayor Houck asked for motion to adopt <u>Ordinance 2024:1538</u>. Motion was moved by Councilmember Philipps, seconded by Councilmember Pagan. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes with the exception of Councilmember Russo who abstained.

NEW BUSINESS:

INTRODUCTION of Ordinance 2024:1539 – An Ordinance Establishing a Sewer Department Within the Borough of Haddon Heights, County of Camden and State of New Jersey and Authorizing the Adoptions of Certain Connection Fees and Sewer Service Charges

Mayor Houck asked for a motion to Introduce <u>Ordinance 2024:1539</u>. Motion was moved by Councilmember Russo, seconded by Councilmember Pagan. All members present were in favor.

Public Hearing and Final Adoption of <u>Ordinance 2024:1539</u> is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at approximately 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building located at 625 Station Avenue, Haddon Heights, New Jersey.

INTRODUCTION of BOND ORDINANCE 2024:1540 – BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION AND IMPROVEMENTS OF VARIOUS SIDEWALKS IN THE BOROUGH OF HADDON HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$2,248,100 THERFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF HADDON HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$2,135,695; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Public Hearing and Final Adoption of <u>BOND ORDINANCE 2024:1540</u> is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at approximately 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building located at 625 Station Avenue, Haddon Heights, New Jersey.

Mayor Houck asked for a motion to Introduce <u>BOND ORDINANCE 2024:1540</u>. Motion was moved by Councilmember Pagan, seconded by Councilmember Morgan. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

INTRODUCTION of Ordinance 2024:1541 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 125-2 of the Code of the Borough of Haddon Heights Entitled Animal License Fee: Exemptions

Mayor Houck asked for a motion to Introduce <u>Ordinance 2024:1541</u>. Motion was moved by Councilmember Philipps, seconded by Councilmember Pagan. Under a roll call vote, all members present were in favor.

Public Hearing and Final Adoption of <u>Ordinance 2024:1541</u> is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at approximately 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building located at 625 Station Avenue, Haddon Heights, New Jersey

Mayor Houck read aloud Resolutions 2024:61 through 2024:65.

<u>Resolution 2024:61</u> – Resolution Appointing Charles Garrity of New Jersey Animal Control As Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer for the Borough of Haddon Heights

<u>Resolution 2024:62</u> – Resolution Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application for Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse – *DEDR Grant*

<u>Resolution 2024:63</u> – Resolution the Haddon Heights Municipal Alliance Submission of a Grant Application to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and the Division on Mental Health and Addiction Services – *DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant*

Resolution 2024:64 - Resolution Authorizing Payment of Bills and Claims for the First Half of February

Resolution 2024:65 – A Resolution Providing For A Meeting Not Open to the Public In Accordance With The Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12. 1.) Matter related to potential implementation of a K-9 Program in the Haddon Heights Police Department. 2.) Matter related

to application for the NJ Department of Community Affairs Local Recreation Improvement Grant. Discussions are expected to be $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. in duration. Formal action may be taken on the foregoing items following Executive Session.

Mayor Houck asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions 2024:61 through 2024:65. Motion was moved by Councilmember Pagan, seconded by Councilmember Ottoson. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Houck opened Public Comment on any matter.

Seeing no movement and hearing no comment, Mayor Houck closed the public comment portion.

Mayor Houck announced Council will recess into Executive Session and asked all to exit Council Chambers until Council returns to open session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:39 pm

Following Executive Session, Mayor and Council rejoined the open public meeting at 8:23 pm. Mayor Houck asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session. Motion was moved by Councilmember Pagan, seconded by Council President Morgan. All members present were in favor.

Mayor Houck announced that one based on Executive Session, Council has one resolution to act upon. He asked Solicitor Long read aloud the following resolution by title only.

Solicitor Long read Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition based on presentation by the Police Department to institute a K9 Officer Program and indicate the upfront costs to initiate the program is approximately \$18,500 however, it should be noted that there is approximately \$30,000 in Asset Forfeiture Account for the acquisition and initiation for the start-up of this program. As funds are being expended, it is appropriate to authorize such action by resolution.

<u>Resolution 2024:66</u> – Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Haddon Heights Police Department to Initiate a K9 Program on Behalf of the Borough of Haddon Heights

Mayor Houck asked for a motion to adopt <u>Resolution 2024:66</u>. Motion was moved by Councilmember Pagan, seconded by Councilmember Philipps. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Mayor Houck asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was moved by Councilmember Pagan, seconded by Council President Morgan. All members present were in favor.

8:23 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATION:

The Minutes of the February 6, 2024 Council Work Session Meeting are a true and correct copy of Minutes approved by Council at the February 20, 2024 Council Business Meeting.

Kelly Santosusso, RMC, Borough Clerk



BOROUGH OF HADDON HEIGHTS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Mayor Houck called the meeting to Order at 7:00 pm. He then read the following statement:

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT:

"In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, 1975, notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board designed for that purpose and notice was transmitted to the official newspapers provided by Resolution adopted January 6, 2024." *Notice has also been posted on the Borough website.*

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Houck asked the Clerk for roll call.

Under roll call: Council President Morgan, Councilmembers Ottoson, Philipps, Russo, Pagan and Harron were present as well as Borough Solicitor Howard Long and Borough Clerk Kelly Santosusso.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Mayor Houck asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CAUCUS AND AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Mayor Houck opened Public Comment on Caucus and agenda items only.

Seeing and hearing no movement or comment, Mayor Houck closed the Public Comment portion.

CAUCUS SESSION:

No topics.

RECESS OF CAUCUS SESSION AND COMMENCEMENT OF BUSINESS SESSION:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the February 6, 2024 Work Session Minutes

Mayor Houck asked for a motion to approve the February 6, 2024 Work Session Minutes. Motion was moved by Councilmember Pagan, seconded by Councilmember Russo. All members were in favor with the exception of Councilwoman Harron who abstained.

APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES of the February 6, 2024 Work Session.

Mayor Houck asked for a motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of the February 6, 2024 Work Session Meeting. Motion was moved by Councilmember Russo, seconded by Councilmember Philipps. All members were in favor with the exception of Councilwoman Harron who abstained.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

Councilmember Pagan had no report.

Councilmember Philipps gave the Fire Department report, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes. She added that Chief Hales has provided a detailed breakdown of the report which has been very helpful. The Shared Services Agreement with Barrington for Firefighting Services is on this evening's Agenda for approval to extend the SSA for another four (4) years. She noted the Agreement has been very successful and thanked Chief Hales and Captain Zwaska for all of their efforts.

Philipps reported that Council approved the K9 Program in the Police Department at the last meeting and said we are all looking forward to what is anticipated to be a success for the Department.

Lastly, Philipps reported both she and Mayor Houck attended an EMS meeting – the first meeting after approving the Shared Services Agreement with Boroughs of Barrington and Runnemede for EMS Services. Things are going well and it was a productive meeting.

Council President Morgan had no report.

Councilmember Ottoson gave the Police Department report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He went on to give the Construction Office report.

Councilman Ottoson reported on a meeting with members of the Shade Tree Commission, Mike Mansdoerfer, Kelly Santosusso and Assistant Superintendent RJ Callaway. Discussion included the removal of trees and tree maintenance working better with a new active log that we all will have access to for tracking and updating trees of concern. Also addressed were tree work on County roads and the need to update our Community Forestry Management Plan.

Councilmember Russo said Public Works has been quite busy over the past month with filling pot holes, planting trees. Russo went on to report the Engineering Committee met a couple of weeks ago to address the many projects coming up. Considerable paving work will be underway with our roads program. She gave a huge thanks to Mike Mansdoerfer and Bach Associates for all of their help in getting these projects lined up.

Russo concluded her report with offering congratulations to Cabana on their remodel saying that she had a chance to check it out with her son yesterday – a very nice job.

Councilwoman Harron reported on the Parks and Rec side - a meeting is scheduled for next week with representatives from HHYA, Softball the Mayor and Engineer on getting the baseball and softball fields ready for the season and for Opening Day.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Houck thanked Council for all of their efforts and work in the short two months of the year. He noted Public Safety has been a huge focus with the Shared Services Agreements with the Fire Department and EMS Services.

He is proud to report that we will have a new K9 Officer Program and is grateful for all of the engineering work regarding sidewalks, storm water and road projects. He concluded his comments by saying he is excited for a good jump start on the year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION of Ordinance 2024:1539 – An Ordinance Establishing a Sewer Department Within the Borough of Haddon Heights, County of Camden and State of New Jersey and Authorizing the Adoptions of Certain Connection Fees and Sewer Service Charges

Mayor Houck asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing on <u>Ordinance 2024:1539</u>. Motion was moved by Councilmember Philipps, seconded by Councilmember Pagan. All members were in favor.

Seeing and hearing no movement or comment, Mayor Houck asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Motion was made by Councilmember Pagan, seconded by Council President Morgan. All members were in favor

Mayor Houck asked for a motion to adopt <u>Ordinance 2024:1539</u>. Motion was moved by Council President Morgan, seconded by Councilwoman Russo. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted yes.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION of <u>BOND ORDINANCE</u> 2024:1540 – BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION AND IMPROVEMENTS OF VARIOUS SIDEWALKS IN THE BOROUGH OF HADDON HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$2,248,100 THERFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF HADDON HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$2,135,695; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Mayor Houck asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing on <u>BOND ORDINANCE 2024:1540</u>. Motion to open the Public Hearing was made by Councilmember Pagan, seconded by Councilmember Ottoson. All members were in favor.

Seeing and hearing no movement or comment, Mayor Houck asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Motion was moved by Councilwoman Russo, seconded by Councilmember Pagan. All members were in favor.

Mayor Houck asked for a motion to adopt <u>BOND ORDINANCE 2024:1540</u>. Motion was moved by Councilwoman Russo, seconded by Council President Morgan. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted yes.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION of <u>Ordinance 2024:1541</u> – Ordinance Amending Chapter 125-2 of the Code of the Borough of Haddon Heights Entitled Animal License Fee: Exemptions

Mayor Houck asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing on <u>Ordinance 2024:51</u>. Motion was moved by Councilmember Pagan, seconded by Councilmember Harron. All members were in favor.

Seeing no movement or comment, Mayor Houck asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Motion was moved by Councilwoman Philipps, seconded by Councilmember Pagan. All members were in favor.

Mayor Houck asked for a motion to adopt <u>Ordinance 2024:1541</u>. Motion was moved by Councilmember Philipps, seconded by Councilmember Morgan. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

INTRODUCTION of Ordinance 2024:1542 – An Ordinance Authorizing Salaries, Wages And Reimbursements To Be Paid To Non-Contractual Employees of the Borough of Haddon Heights

Mayor Houck asked for a motion to Introduce <u>Ordinance 2024:1542</u>. Motion was moved by Councilwoman Philipps, seconded by Councilmember Pagan. Upon a roll call vote, all members were in favor.

Public Hearing and Final Adoption of <u>Ordinance 2024:1542</u> is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at approximately 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building located at 625 Station Avenue, Haddon Heights, New Jersey.

Resolution 2024:67 – RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF HADDON HEIGHTS, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20

Solicitor Long explains the Resolution is a condition proceeding the introduction of the Bond Ordinance.

Mayor Houck asked for a motion to adopt <u>Resolution 2024:67</u>. Motion was moved by Councilwoman Russo, seconded by Council President Morgan. Under a roll call vote, all members voted yes.

INTRODUCTION of <u>BOND ORDINANCE 2024:1543</u> - "BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF HADDON HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$2,151,233 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF HADDON HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,795,787; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING"

Mayor Houck asked for motion to Introduce <u>BOND ORDINANCE 2024:1543</u>. Motion was moved by Councilwoman Russo, seconded by Council President Morgan. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted yes.

Public Hearing and Final Adoption of <u>BOND ORDINANCE 2024:1543</u> is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at approximately 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building located at 625 Station Avenue, Haddon Heights, New Jersey.

Mayor Houck read aloud Resolutions 2024:68 through 2024:76.

<u>Resolution 2024:68</u> – Resolution Approving Certified List of Fire Department Volunteers Eligible for Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) for the Year 2023

<u>Resolution 2024:69</u> – Resolution Authorizing A Shared Services Agreement By and Between the Borough of Haddon Heights and the Borough of Barrington For The Provision of Fire Fighting Services and In Accordance With N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 Et Seq.

Resolution 2024:70 – Resolution Authorizing Transfers of Appropriation Reserves

Resolution 2024:71 – Resolution Authorizing North Star Vets Animal Hospital to Provide Services to Stray Animals

Resolution 2024:72 - Resolution Authorizing Payment of Bills and Claims for the Second Half of February

Resolution 2024:73 – Resolution Amending Resolution 2024:31 Resolution Concerning Appointments

Resolution 2024:74 – A Resolution of the Borough of Haddon Heights Authorizing Application By the Borough Engineer to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the Paving of Existing Parking Lot and Playground Equipment at Barr Recreation Complex

Resolution 2024:75 – A Resolution Providing For A Meeting Not Open to the Public In Accordance With The Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12. *I.) Discussion related to attorney-client privileged matter regarding local business. 2.) Attorney-client privileged matter - Topic: A legal discussion by the Borough Solicitor and discussion on various matters involving potential litigation. Discussions are expected to be ½ hr. in duration. Formal action may be taken on the foregoing item(s) following Executive Session.*

<u>Resolution 2024:76</u> – Resolution of the Borough of Haddon Heights Authorizing the Borough Engineer To Design And Publicly Bid the Camden County Recreation Facility Enhancement - Infield Improvements At Fitzgerald Memorial Park Project

Mayor Houck asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions 2024:68 through 2024:76. Motion was moved by Councilmember Pagan, seconded by Councilmember Harron. Under a roll call vote, all members voted ves.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Houck opened Public Comment on any matter.

Seeing no movement or comment, Mayor Houck closed the Public Comment portion.

He then announced that Council will now move into Executive Session asking all to exit Council Chambers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:21 pm

Following Executive Session, Mayor and Council returned to open session. Mayor Houck asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session. Motion was moved by Councilmember Pagan, seconded by Councilmember Ottoson. All members were in favor. 8:25 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

With no business to act upon, Mayor Houck asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was moved by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Harron. All members were in favor.

Time: 8:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Santosusso, RMC, CMR

Borough Clerk

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Borough of Haddon Heights

Bond Ordinance Statements and Summary BOND ORDINANCE 2024:1540

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Mayor and Borot Council of the Borough of Haddon Heights, County of Camden, State of New Jersey on February 20, 2024 and the twenty (20) day per of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available no cost and during regular business hours, at the Borough Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. I summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION AND IMPROVEMENTS OF VAROUS SIDEWALKS IN THE BOROUGH HADDON HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$2,248,100 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUAN OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF HADDON HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, N JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$2,135,695; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; A AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

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