

# RESOLUTION #2023-080

TOWNSHIP OF HADDON  
COUNTY OF CAMDEN

## RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON AND THE GOVERNMENT OF WORKERS UNION, REPRESENTING DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Haddon ("Township") and the Government Workers Union ("Union" and collectively "Parties") are Parties to a collective negotiations agreement which expired on December 31, 2021;

**WHEREAS**, the Parties met to negotiate a successor agreement;

**WHEREAS**, the Parties reached a tentative agreement on all outstanding issues and prepared a Successor Agreement incorporating those revisions;

**WHEREAS**, the Union has already ratified the tentative agreements reached in this matter and approved the draft Successor Agreement;

**WHEREAS**, the Successor Agreement ("Contract") is attached hereto as "Exhibit A");

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Haddon, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, hereby the Contract between the Township of Haddon and the Government Workers Union is hereby ratified and approved; and

**BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Administration is hereby authorized to effectuate the implementation of the Contract in accordance with this Resolution.

  
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Randall W. Teague, Mayor

  
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James Mulroy, Commissioner

  
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Ryan Linhart, Commissioner

I, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Haddon at a meeting held on the 23rd day of May, 2023.



Dawn M. Penrock, Township Clerk

**CONTRACT BETWEEN  
THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON  
AND  
HADDON TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
AND  
GOVERNMENT WORKERS UNION**

**January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024**

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**PREAMBLE**

This Agreement entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, by and between the Township of Haddon, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the "Township" and the Government Workers Union hereinafter called the "Union" or "GWU"; has as its purpose the promotion of harmonious relations between the Township and the Union; the establishment of equitable and peaceful procedure for the resolution of differences and the establishment of rates of pay, hours of work and other conditions of employment; and represents the complete and final understanding of all bargain able issues between the Township and the Union.

## ARTICLE I - RECOGNITION

The Township recognizes the Government Workers Union as the exclusive collective negotiations representative for issues related to the negotiable terms and conditions of employment for all regularly employed non-supervisory blue collar employees working for Haddon Township.

## ARTICLE II - REFERENCE

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall alter the authority conferred it by Law, Ordinance, Resolution, Administrative Code, and the Township's Departmental Rules and Regulations, upon any Township Official or in any way abridge or reduce such authority.

This Agreement shall be construed as requiring both the Township and the Union to follow the terms contained herein to the extent that they are applicable in the exercise of the responsibilities conferred them by law. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict the employees of any such rights as they may have under any other applicable Laws or Regulations. The rights granted to the employees herein shall be deemed to be in addition to those provided elsewhere.

If any provision of this Agreement is held to be contrary to Law, then such provision or application shall not be deemed valid and subsisting, except to the extent permitted by law, however, all other provisions or applications shall continue in full force and effect

The provisions of this Agreement shall be subject to and subordinate to and shall not

annul or modify existing applicable provisions of State and Local Laws except as such particular provision of this Agreement modify existing Local Laws.

### ARTICLE III - EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

The Township and the Employees agree that employees should have the right to organize, for purposes of collective negotiations and other concerted activities for their mutual aid and protection as well as to freely refrain from such activities.

In addition, both parties also undertake and agree that they shall not directly or indirectly discourage, deprive, or coerce the employee in the enjoyment of rights conferred by the United States Constitution and other Federal and State Laws. The parties further agree that they shall not discriminate against the employee with respect to his/her hours of work, wages, or any other terms or conditions of employment, participation or lack of participation in as a member of the Union.

1. An employee shall have the right to inspect his or her personnel file at reasonable times provided the Personnel Officer, or **his/her** designee, is present at the time of the inspection.
2. The Employer agrees to notify the Union and the individual employee, in writing, if any material derogatory to the employee is placed in his/her personal file, within five (5) days of such placement. Failure to comply with written notification within said five (5) days of such placement would constitute a violation of the contract and would deny the placement of said material into the employee's personnel file.
3. The Township reserves the right to remove records such as, pre-employment inquiries and background investigations, prior to submitting the file to the employee.
4. Employee must notify their Department Head, in advance, when requesting to review their personnel file.

5. The Township shall provide a bulletin board to be placed at each job site.
6. The Union shall have the use of the Union bulletin board for the posting of notices relating to meetings and official business of the Union. Only material authorized by signature of the Local Union President or his designee shall be permitted to be posted on said bulletin board, and said notices shall not contain any political or controversial material
7. Employees who are covered by this Agreement shall perform the duties and responsibilities as outlined in Appendix "A" attached, or as directed by the Superintendent or Supervisor of their respective Departments.

#### **ARTICLE IV - EQUAL TREATMENT**

The Township and the Union agree that there shall be no discrimination or favoritism shown for reasons of sex, age, nationality, race, disability, religion, marital status, political affiliation, union membership or union activities, or other legally protected class.

The Township may establish reasonable and necessary rules of work and conduct for employees. Such rules will be equitably applied and enforced.

Ten (10) working days prior to the implementation of any rules of work and conduct for employees established by the Township pursuant to the aforementioned, the Township agrees to notify the Union of said rules. The Union shall then have the opportunity to review such rules prior to their implementation.

The Township will post new rules five (5) days prior to their implementation. If an emergency arises, time limits shall be waived.



## ARTICLE V - UNION BUSINESS

1. Whenever an Employee of the Township or a Representative of the Union is mutually scheduled to participate, during working hours, in negotiations, grievance proceedings, conferences or meetings, he/she shall suffer no loss in regular pay or be charged for any sick leave or vacation leave.
2. The President or his/her designee shall have time off with pay to attend GWU Executive Board Meetings or Special Meetings; in addition shall receive up to five (5) days to attend conventions, in all cases with not less than one (1) weeks' notice to the Department Head.

## ARTICLE VI - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

The Township hereby retains and reserves unto itself, without limitation, all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it prior to the signing of this Agreement by the Laws and Constitution of the State of New Jersey and of the United States, including, but not without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following rights:

1. The executive management administrative control of the Township Government and its properties and facilities and the activities of its employees by utilizing personnel, methods, and means of the most appropriate and efficient manner possible as may from time to time be determined by the Township.
2. To make rules of procedure and conduct, to use improved methods and equipment, to determine work schedules and shifts, to decide the number of employees needed for any particular time and to be in sole charge of the quality and quantity of the work required.
3. The rights of management to make, maintain, and amend such reasonable rules and regulations as it may from time to time deem best for the purpose of maintaining order,

safety, and/or the effective operation of the Department, after advance notice to the employees, to require compliance by the employees, is recognized.

4. To hire all employees and subject to the provisions of Law, to determine their qualifications and conditions of continued employment or assignment and to promote and transfer employees.
5. To suspend, demote, discharge, or take any other appropriate disciplinary action against any employee for good and just cause according to Law.
6. To lay off employees in the event of lack of work or funds or under conditions where continuation of such work would be inefficient or non-productive.
7. The Township reserves the right with regard to all other conditions of employment, not reserved, to make such changes as it deems desirable and necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the Department.

In the exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities of the Township, the adoption of policies, rules, regulations and practices and the furtherance thereof; and be limited only to the specific and express terms of this agreement and then only to the extent such specific express terms hereof are in conformance with the Constitution and Laws of New Jersey and of the United States.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict the Township of its rights, responsibilities and authority under R. S. 40A, or any other National, State, County or Local Laws or regulations.

ARTICLE VII — CHECK OFF

1. The Township agrees to deduct the monthly union membership dues from the pay of those employees who individually request, on properly dated authorization card, during the month following the filing of such card with the Township. The amounts to be deducted shall be certified to the Township by the Treasurer of the Union, and the aggregate deductions from all participating employees shall be remitted to the Office of GWU, together with a list of names of all employees for whom the deductions were made, by the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of the succeeding month after such deductions were made.
2. Employees covered by this agreement may only request deduction for the payment of dues to the duly certified majority representative named herein.
3. The effective date of a termination of dues deduction to the majority representative shall by July 1, next succeeding the date on which the notice of withdrawal is filed with the employer.
4. The Union shall indemnify, defend and save the Township harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits or other forms of liability that shall arise out of, or by reason of action taken by the Township in reliance upon salary deduction authorization cards as furnished by the Union to the Township, or in reliance upon the official notification on the letterhead of the Union and signed by the President of the Union, advising of such changed deduction.

## ARTICLE VIII - PROBATIONARY PERIODS

Section 1. New employees or promoted employees will serve a probationary period of ninety (90) calendar days. Upon satisfactory completion of the probationary period, an employee will be placed on the seniority list retroactive to his or her permanent full time date of hire. The Township has the sole right to remove a probationary employee for unsatisfactory performance provided the employee was given an opportunity to correct deficiencies.

Section 2. The Township retains the right to utilize temporary employees to supplement the workforce on a seasonal or other short term basis. However, the use of such temporary employees shall not be used to reduce or replace the scheduled hours of work for current permanent full time employees.

Section 3. Provision of Employment - All employees covered under this agreement will be required to possess and maintain a valid New Jersey Driver's License. All employees must have or obtain a Class A Commercial Driver's License ("Class A CDL") within 18 months of employment.

1. New employees that do not have a Class A CDL at the time of hiring must take the licensing exam and road test as soon as is practicable after their hiring. The Township will provide such employees with release time during the work day without loss in pay. The Township will also provide the equipment necessary for each employee to take the CDL Class A road test at a mutually convenient time.
2. Employees that obtain or already possess a Class A CDL shall receive a \$750 increase to base salary. Employees that obtain or already possess a Tanker Endorsement for their Class A CDL shall receive a \$250 annual stipend.
3. New employees that fail to obtain a Class A CDL within eighteen (18) months of their date of hire will be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the

Township. Employees that do not possess the Class A CDL will not be permitted to operate Township equipment that requires such licensing.

4. In the event of a layoff or demotion as referenced in Article XXVII – Seniority, employees with a Class A CDL shall have greater seniority over those employees without a Class A CDL.

#### ARTICLE IX – PROMOTIONS & POSTING OF VACANCIES

The Township shall give preference for promotions and advancement to present employees, when such vacancies exist. The Township shall make every reasonable effort to award the position to the most senior employee who has the ability and qualifications to perform the duties and responsibilities of the position available.

Any vacancies or newly created positions will be posted prominently for Ten (10) calendar days. The posting shall include the classification, the salary, a description of the job, and required qualifications and the procedure to be followed by employees interested in applying.

It is agreed that Township will give preference to an employee applying for any vacancies or newly created position, provided he has the ability to perform the work involved.

## ARTICLE X – PAY PERIODS

The Township's work week begins on Wednesday and ends on Tuesday of the next week. The Township has the right to institute bi-monthly paydays. However, the Township shall provide sixty (60) day notice to the employees before implementation and On-call pay shall be payable in a separate check in accordance with the current practice under the bi-weekly pay schedule, once bi-monthly pay periods are implemented. The Township also agrees to make available to each employee the annual schedule for pay days before each calendar year.

Any payroll error in excess of 10 hours shall be corrected as soon as possible but not later than three (3) working days or in the paycheck of the next pay period, provided the affected employee is in agreement.

The regular hourly rate will be determined by dividing the annual salary by the number of hours (1950) in the employees prescribed workweek.

If pay day falls on a holiday, pay checks will be issued on the preceding workday. Direct deposit will be offered to interested employees when available.

## ARTICLE XI - IDENTIFICATION CARDS

The Township shall supply each employee with an Identification Card. Each employee will be required to carry a valid Identification Card during all working hours. Before the final paycheck is issued to a retiring or separated employee, the Identification Card must be surrendered.

ARTICLE XII -- INSURANCE

The Township agrees to provide insurance to its employees in accordance with State Law. Employees will be required to contribute to their insurance premiums in accordance with Chapter 78 requirements. In addition, the rates of co-pays will remain at the current employees pay during the 2018 calendar year for the duration of this contract.

**HEALTH INSURANCE:** All permanent Full Time Employees of the Township will be provided with the following Health Insurance coverage: Blue Cross, Blue Shield, Rider j, Major Medical Insurance, or equal and comparable coverage, paid in full by the Township.

Employees covered by the Public Employee's Retirement System, upon retirement (Service Retirement, Accidental disability, Ordinary Disability, and Early Retirement, but not Deferred Retirement) with Twenty-Five (25) or more years of service with the Township, the Employee will continue to receive the Health Insurance Benefits, paid for in full by the Township.

A: For those employees hired on or after January 1, 1995, upon retirement with Twenty-Five (25) or more years of service with the Township, the Employee's spouse of ten years prior to employee retirement will continue to receive the Health Insurance Benefits, paid for in full by the Township. The spouse will receive this coverage until age 65 and Medicare becomes primary insurance.

B. When spouse does not meet the requirements of section A., the spouse may continue to purchase insurance at the employer group rate.

C. All other dependents of employees hired on or after January 1, 1995, shall be eligible for continued Health Insurance upon the employee's retirement only for the first thirty-six (36) months after said retirement or upon the employee obtaining other employment health insurance coverage, whichever comes first.

LIFE INSURANCE: The Township shall provide a fully paid life insurance policy for the Employee, said policy paying a minimum death benefit of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to active employees at the time of death.

STATE DISABILITY PLAN: Effective January 1, 1994, the Township will participate in the New Jersey State Disability Insurance Plan.

### **ARTICLE XIII – HOURS OF WORK**

- A. The workweek shall consist of five (5) days. To efficiently serve the needs of the residents of the community, work schedules will be determined by the Superintendent of Public Works and the Superintendent of Water/Sewer respectively:

Routine Work Schedule — Monday thru Friday — 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Water Department Work Schedule - Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

A lunch break of one-half hour will be taken between 12:00 PM and 1:30 PM.

Staggered hours will be scheduled to provide the best possible service to the Township.

- B. All hours in excess of forty (40) hour work week shall be considered overtime and shall be compensated at one and one half (1 1 /2) times the regular hourly rate except as indicated in Section F.

1. For the purpose of determining the regularly hourly rate, the employee's regular bi-weekly pay will be divided by 75 hours.

- C. Time and one half (1 1 /2) the employee's regular rate of pay shall be paid for work under any of the following conditions:



- a) All work performed in excess of forty (40) hours in a week.
- b) All work performed on Saturday except prescheduled hours in the Water and Sewer Departments.

D. Double time the employee's regular rate of pay shall be paid for all work performed under any of the following conditions:

- (1) All work performed on Sunday, except prescheduled hours in the Water and Sewer Departments.
- (2) For holidays, in addition to holiday pay.
- (3) All hours worked in excess of sixteen (16) consecutive hours.

E. All overtime will be paid in accordance with the salary agreed upon for the current year of the contract.

F. The base rate of time and one-half ( $1 \frac{1}{2}$ ) of the hourly schedule for overtime will not be paid for the first half hour at the end of the work day, if the employee has not been released from work. Such additional first half-hour after quitting time will be paid at straight time.

G. Time paid for (whether or not worked, but not including overtime) will be considered as time worked for the purpose of computing overtime pay in accordance with this Article.

H. Overtime shall be distributed in accordance with the following:

- 1. A seniority list by classification shall be developed and updated on a regular basis by the Superintendent.
- 2. Overtime shall first be offered to the senior qualified employee within the classification involving the work, said offer being on a rotating basis. A refusal of overtime shall be counted as an acceptance for purposes of rotation.
- 3. If the overtime work is not covered by a sufficient number of employees in the classification, such work will be offered to senior qualified employees out of the

classification on a rotating basis.

4. If the overtime work remains uncovered, then the least senior qualified employees in the classification may be required to work. If coverage is still insufficient, then the least senior qualified employees in the classification next most related to the work to be performed may be required to work until sufficient coverage is obtained.
5. The Supervisors will establish an Overtime Seniority Log Book showing employees' names, title and date of full time hire. When overtime is offered, the Supervisor will use the log book to offer overtime accordingly.
6. In the case of emergency which endangers the health, welfare or safety of the citizens, an employee may be called from any order in the list; however, the employee's name(s) will then be placed at the bottom of the list.
7. Snowplowing: In the event of a snow emergency, employees will first be taken from the Public Works overtime list, then from the Water/Sewer overtime list, progressing from top to bottom.
- I. Flex work schedule: To meet the needs of individual Departments a Flextime schedule may be established: the schedule must have the agreement of the employer and employee. The individual agreement will include the length of time the project will transpire.
  1. 10 hour shift - 40 hours per week, overtime occurs after 40 hour have been completed: employees will receive Monday or Friday as established days off.
  2. Flex time project schedule will not be used to avoid overtime for the bargaining unit.
- J. Employees, who call out sick on Friday or Monday, will not be eligible for overtime pay for the Saturday or Sunday work unless a doctor's note is provided. Time worked will be paid at straight time for failure to produce the proper documentation.
- K. It is agreed and understood that NO employee will be paid overtime without prior authorization and approval from their respective Superintendent.

ARTICLE XIV - ON CALL COMPENSATION  
UTILITY EMERGENCIES

Employees with a demonstrated knowledge and expertise to handle utility emergencies will be eligible to participate on the Rotating On-Call List for Utility Emergencies. Effective at the ratification of the agreement, employees will be assigned to on-call duty on a weekly basis and shall be compensated a stipend of \$550 per week. The terms and conditions of the assignment are as follows:

1. The stipend amount is the same regardless of the number of calls received during an assignment period.
2. If a member is not available on a day, or misses a call, he will not be paid for that day. Equal dollar amount will be deducted and given to the person who is called in.
3. The member must be available all day when he is "on call." For instance, a member responds to a call in the morning but fails to respond to one in the afternoon, he will not receive that day's pay. The person called in the afternoon will receive that day's pay.
4. If a member is off on a sick, personal, or vacation day, that person cannot be "on call" that day. One day's pay will be deducted. However, if he is on vacation the week he is "on call", or, if he knows he will not be available during his week "on call", he may switch weeks with either the person in front of him or behind him on the "on rail" list. If he is changing weeks, the Superintendent must be notified at least one week prior to the change.
5. If a member fails to respond to any calls for two consecutive "on call" weeks without good reason, he will be removed from the list.
6. If a member "on call" cannot be reached, the next person **on** the list will be called to respond.
7. If a member is not available on a particular day, he should notify the Superintendent of that.

**ARTICLE XV - CALL IN TIME**

Any employee having completed his or her scheduled work day and is dismissed at the end thereof who is recalled to work, shall receive a minimum of two (2) hours pay at the overtime rate of time and one half (1 1/2), even though he or she may work less than two (2) hours.

If an employee is called in to work on an unscheduled Sunday or Holiday, he or she shall be paid at the rate of double time.

**ARTICLE XVI - JURY DUTY**

Any full time employee who is required to perform Jury Duty service will be paid their regular salary, providing that said employee turns over to the Township any compensation received from the Courts, travel expenses excluded.

**ARTICLE XVII - LICENSING FEES AND COURSE COSTS**

1. The Township shall reimburse members for course costs and licensing fees up to \$300.00 to any employee who successfully completes any approved course.
2. The Township shall reimburse employees for Licensing Fees for any employee required to hold a special license or certification to perform their duty.

## ARTICLE XVIII - VACATION

The following annual vacation leave with pay shall be granted each calendar year. All employees must work six (6) months before they are eligible for any vacation time.

- Commencing with the seventh month through the first year, Five (5) working days vacation.
- Commencing with the second year through the fifth year, Ten (10) working days vacation.
- Commencing with the sixth year through the tenth year, Fifteen (15) working days vacation.
- Commencing with the eleventh year through the fifteenth, Twenty (20) working days vacation.
- Commencing with the sixteenth year through the twentieth year, Twenty-three (23) working days vacation.
- Commencing with the twenty-first year and every year thereafter, twenty-five (25) working days vacation.

Wherein any calendar year the vacation leave or any part thereof is not used, such vacation periods shall accumulate and any unused vacation resulting from the pressure of work, may be carried forward into the next succeeding year only and will be mutually scheduled to be taken in that year.

Vacation time can be used for Sick Time when requested, in writing, and approved by the Department Head, after determination that it will not cause a hardship on the Department or in the event that the employee has exhausted all sick leave accrued.

Vacation scheduling will be the responsibility of the Department Head and will be scheduled giving preference to seniority within classification, and to the best interest of the Township services.

ARTICLE XIX - WORK CLOTHES

Full time employees who, as a requisite of their employment, are required by the specific nature of their position to wear work clothes and work boot:

Short-sleeved shirt Coveralls-insulated Vest-quilted T-shirt --- with pocket Work boots Dungarees Windbreaker jacket	Long-sleeved shirt Coveralls Jacket fingertip length Parka -lined Heavy sweat shirt Hooded sweat shirt
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The clothing allowance of \$1000 per year shall continue to be paid into the Employees base salary by the Township. It is understood that the employees shall adhere to the dress code established by the Township, and failure to do so will be cause for disciplinary action.

ARTICLE XX - SAFETY AND HEALTH

The Township shall, at all time, maintain safe and healthful working conditions and will provide employees with any wearing apparel, tools or devices that may be reasonably necessary to ensure their safety and health. Grievances hereunder will be initiated at Step Two the Grievance Procedure.

ARTICLE XXI - LONGEVITY

Longevity pay will be granted annually to all full-time permanent employees with five (5) or more years of full-time continuous service. Longevity pay is included in the employee's biweekly pay, as per the following schedule:

5 to 9 years of service	2% of annual salary - \$1,100.00
10 to 14 years of service	4% of annual salary - \$1,300.00
15 to 19 years of service	6% of annual salary - \$1,500.00
20 years of service and thereafter	8% of annual salary - \$1,700.00

In computing Longevity pay, the effective date shall be January 1st. If an Employee leaves the service of the Township prior to December 1st, longevity will be based on the length of service as of December 1st and pro-rated and paid at the time of separation. Any employee terminated for cause shall not be entitled to Longevity.

The employee must complete the year of service required in each step, in the year Longevity is to be paid.



ARTICLE XXII - HOLIDAYS

The following National Holidays are recognized as paid Holidays:

New Year's Day	Labor Day
Martin Luther King's Birthday	Columbus Day
President's Day	Veteran's Day
Good Friday	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Day after Thanksgiving Day
Juneteenth	Christmas Day
Independence Day	

Employer agrees to change three floating holidays to (3) personal days and one (1) floating holiday to which the date must be mutually agreed upon by the employee and the Department Head, so as not to interfere with the general operation of the Department.

In the event any of these Holidays fall on a Saturday, they will be celebrated on the preceding Friday. If the Holiday falls on a Sunday, it will be celebrated on Monday.

Employees must work the date before and the day after the Holiday, or be approved leave in order to receive payment for the Holiday.

### ARTICLE XXIII - SICK LEAVE WITH PAY

Sick leave is hereby defined to mean the absence of an employee from duty because of personal illness that prevents his/her doing the usual duties of his position, exposure to contagious disease, or a short period of emergency attendance upon a member of his/her immediate family who is critically ill and requires the presence of the employee.

The term "immediate family" is hereby defined to include the following Mother, Father, Spouse, Children, Foster Children of the Employee, Sister, Brother, Mother-in-law, Father-in-law, Grandmother, Grandfather and Members of Employee's Household.

- A. Any employee who is absent for reasons that entitled him/her to sick leave shall notify his supervisor promptly, but not later than Fifteen (15) minutes before the employee's usual starting time, except in cases of extreme emergency, where the employee is unable to do so. Failure to give such notice may be cause for denial of the use of sick leave for that absence and may constitute cause for disciplinary action.
- B. Sick leave shall accrue for regular full time employees at the rate of one (1) day per month during the first year of employment, and one and one-quarter (1 1/4) days per month in every calendar year thereafter and shall accumulate from year to year. It is understood that each employee, after his/her first calendar year, shall be credited 15 days as of the first of the year and shall be charged at the rate of one and one-quarter (1 1/4) days, if he/she leaves the service of the Township.
- C. If an employee is absent for three (3) consecutive work days, the Township may require acceptable evidence on the prescribed form. The nature of the illness and length of time the employee was absent shall be stated on a Doctor's Certificate.
- D. At the discretion of the Department Head, the employee seeking sick leave may be required to submit medical evidence to substantiate his request Failure to provide adequate medical evidence may result in the denial of sick leave benefits for any unauthorized time period. In the event sick leave is not approved or the employee has exhausted his accumulated sick leave, the absence may be charged to the employee's vacation, if any, provided the employee agrees.

- E. Abuse of sick leave will be cause for disciplinary action.
- F. Sick leave claimed by reason of quarantine or exposure to contagious disease may be approved upon certification of the County Department of Health.
- G. Any employee covered by the Public Employees Retirement System, upon retirement, (Service Retirement, Accidental Disability, Ordinary Disability, and Fatly Retirement, but not Deferred Retirement), shall be entitled to one hundred and fifty (150) maximum unused sick days, severance pay upon retirement. Employees hired after January 1, 2007 will be entitled to only 50% of the maximum unused sick days, as severance pay upon retirement.
- H. If where sick days are to be used as severance pay, the employee must give notice of retirement prior to budget preparation and payment will be made by the Township in two equal installments, the first to be made in the final pay immediately subsequent to the date of retirement, and the second to be made on or prior to the anniversary date of retirement in succeeding year. This entitlement shall also apply to employees laid off due to subcontracting, to be paid upon lay-off.
- I. Each employee hired before May 21, 2010 may sell back sick days to the Township
  - 1) up to five (5) sick days if they have fifteen (15) sick days remaining,
  - 2) sell back ten (10) sick days with at least thirty (30) sick days remaining.

**ARTICLE XXIV - BEREAVEMENT LEAVE**

1. In the event of a death in the employee's immediate family, the employee shall be granted time off without loss of pay, not to exceed five (5) consecutive days, one of which shall be the day of death or the day of the funeral.
2. The term "immediate family" shall include Mother, Either, sister, brother, spouse, children, foster children, stepchild or parental guardian, stepmother, stepfather and members of the employee's household.
3. In the event of the death of an employee's brother-in-law, sister-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandmother, grandfather, aunt, uncle, grandchild, niece, or nephew, the employee shall be entitled to three days off without loss of pay, and one being the day of death or the day of the funeral.
4. In the event the employee is named executor of the estate, two (2) additional days shall be granted, providing the employee submits documentation to support same.

**ARTICLE XXV - WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION**

If the Employee is injured or becomes ill during the course of his/her employment, the following procedures shall be followed:

1. The Employee shall notify his or her Department Head of the work related injury or illness immediately.
2. If the Township's Workmen's Compensation Insurance Carrier does not dispute the casual relationship between the employment and the injury or illness, the Employee shall be paid the Township's share of his/her full pay for the first ninety (90) calendar days following the date of the injury or illness and no charge shall be made to his/her sick leave accumulation.

3. After the first Ninety (90) calendar days from the date of the injury or illness as defined above, the employee shall have the option to charge his/her sick leave accumulation for the Township's share of his/her full pay, or to retain his/her Workmen's Compensation checks and not receive any additional moneys from the Township, in such event there shall be no charge to the employee's sick leave accumulation.
4. Any employee claiming injuring or illness on the job, who returns to work prior to qualifying for Workmen's Compensation shall not initially be charged for sick or vacation. If said employee goes out again for the same injury he/she shall have to use sick or vacation time or possibly qualify for Workman's Compensation.

#### ARTICLE XXVI - DISCIPLINARY ACTION

1. It is impossible to outline every aspect of behavior that is or is not appropriate for public employees. All employees are expected to maintain high standards of ethical and other personal conduct and to maintain a respect for the importance of people. The following may be causes for disciplinary action up to removal; all actions shall be based on just cause.
  - a. Neglect of Duty
  - b. Incompetence or inefficiency.
  - c. Insubordination.
  - d. Intoxication on duty.
  - e. Chronic or excessive absenteeism.
  - f. Disorderly or immoral conduct.
  - g. The conviction of any criminal act or offense.
  - h. Negligence of or willful damage to public property or waste of public supplies.
  - i. Punching another employee's time card or attempting to induce another employee to commit this offense.

2. Copies of all disciplinary actions shall be forwarded to the union within forty-eight (48) hours of the employee being served.

3. **Just Cause.**

All disciplinary actions shall be for just cause. Penalties for misconduct may consist of written reprimands, suspensions, fines, demotions, or discharge. It is understood that demotions or discharges resulting from layoffs bumping procedures are not to be considered disciplinary actions. Except in extreme cases of misconduct, discipline shall be intended as corrective and shall be progressive in nature.

4. **Disciplinary Charges.**

Employees are obligated to comply conscientiously with all rules and regulations of the Employer, provided such rules do not conflict with the express provisions of this Agreement and are not otherwise unlawful or improper. Employees may be disciplined for incompetence, inefficiency, or failure to perform assigned duties; insubordination; inability to perform assigned duties; chronic or excessive absenteeism or lateness; conviction of a crime; conduct unbecoming a public employee; neglect of duty; misuse of public property; discrimination in regard to equal employment opportunity, including sexual harassment; and other sufficient cause.

5. **Union Representation at Hearings.**

An employee is entitled to have Union-appointed representation at any disciplinary hearing. Employees, who are required at witnesses at such hearings, as well as the union representative, shall suffer no loss of regular straight-time pay, provided every effort is

made to keep the loss of working time to a minimum.

**6. Weingarten Rights.**

An employee, who reasonably believes that he or she may be subject to disciplinary action in connection with any questioning by the Employer, shall be entitled to have a Union representative present during such questioning. This shall not apply to interviews which are intended only to provide counseling, information, or instruction.

**7. Time Limit for Requesting Departmental Hearings.**

Any employee who receives a notice of disciplinary action shall be allowed ten *working* days in which to request a departmental hearing.

**8. Employees Charged With Crimes.**

When an employee is charged with a criminal offense of third degree or higher, a crime with touches on his/her employment, or a crime which jeopardizes the safety and good order of the Township operations, that employee may be suspended without pay pending the outcome of the criminal charges. In such an instance, the employee will be afforded notice of the suspension and provided an opportunity to be suspended without pay pending the outcome of the criminal charges. In such an instance, the employee will be afforded notice of the suspension and provided an opportunity to be heard on the unpaid suspension only.

## ARTICLE XXVII - SENIORITY

1. Seniority is defined as an employee's total length of permanent, full-time service with the Township in accordance with the following: Seniority of employees who have been rehired after leaving in good standing shall, after no more than a year or call back from a layoff, include credit for the prior period of employment. Otherwise, seniority shall be credited from the date of most recent hire. Reference Article VIII with regard to a one-year credit for the full-time employment of ordinance employees.
2. In the event that the Township determines that it is necessary to lay off employees, the employee with the greatest amount of seniority shall be given preference, provided he/she has the skill, CDL Class A licensing, ability and physical qualifications to perform the work involved.
3. Notification of recall shall be made by the Township sending either a hand-delivered or certified letter to the employee's last known address as set forth on the Township's records. In the event that the employee fails to advise the Township within 72 hours of receiving the notice that he/she intends to return to work, he shall be considered terminated. If the employee has given notice that he/she is returning to work, he/she must be available to report on the job no later than seventeen (17) calendar days following receipt of said recall notification.
4. The Township will notify, in writing, employees who are to be laid off no later than ten (10) working days prior to such action.
5. The Township shall maintain an accurate, up-to-date seniority roster showing date of hire, classification and rate of pay of each employee covered by this Agreement. The Township shall furnish a copy of same to the Union in January of each year as well as notifying the Union of changes as they occur.



6. An employee who is laid off may bump into a lateral or lower grade unit position, if it is occupied by a less senior employee, provided he/she has the skill, CDL Class A licensing, ability and physical qualifications to perform the work.
7. The employee must give written notice to the Department Head, or their designee, of his/her intent to bump within 48 hours after notice of layoff has been received.
8. Only employees who have obtained a CDL Class A licensing prior to submitting a written notice are eligible to make such a request.

## ARTICLE XXVIII - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

1. Purpose. The purpose of this procedure is to secure, at the lowest possible level, equitable solutions to the problems which may arise affecting the terms and conditions of employment, consistent with applicable laws, regulations, contractual obligations, operational requirements, and standards of fairness. Nothing herein shall be construed as preventing an employee with a grievance from discussing the matter informally with any appropriate supervisor.
2. The term "grievance" as used herein shall mean an appeal of the interpretation, application, or violation of applicable written policies, written agreements, or administrative decisions affecting the terms and conditions of employment.
3. General Provisions.
  - (a) Election of remedies. In the event a dispute is appealed to the Division of Civil Rights, court, or other forum provided by law, the appellant (i.e., employee and/or Union) shall not be entitled to pursue the matter to arbitration by means of the grievance procedure set forth herein.
  - (b) Formal grievances shall be presented through the Union, and an aggrieved employee shall be represented at all stages of the grievance procedure by a steward or other designated Union representative. Notwithstanding this provision, if the Union declines to present a grievance on behalf of an employee, the employee may present the grievance himself or herself at the lowest applicable level of the grievance procedure.
  - (c) grievance must be filed within 21 calendar days after the occurrence giving rise to the grievance. Failure to file or advance a grievance within the prescribed time limits shall constitute forfeiture. However, time limits for filing or responding to grievances at any step may be extended by consent of the parties.

(d) Union representatives shall be afforded reasonable opportunity to investigate and process grievances during working hours without loss of regular straight-time pay, provided that permission is obtained in advance from the appropriate department head or his/her designee if this should require the union representative to be absent from the job or to be otherwise relieved of his or her regular responsibilities for a temporary period.

(e) Grievances shall be initiated at the lowest step of the grievance procedure in which the management representative has authority to adjust the matter. Steps may also be waived in appropriate circumstances by agreement of the parties.

(f) Grievances processed through the steps of the grievance procedure as provided herein shall be in writing and signed by the grievant or Union representative. Responses shall also be in writing.

#### 4. Steps.

Step 1. The grievance shall be taken to the appropriate department head or designee, who shall make an effort to resolve the problem and respond within seven (7) calendar days.

Step 2. If not resolved at the previous level, the grievance may be submitted within fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of management's response to the Public Works Director, who shall render a decision in writing within fourteen (14) calendar days thereafter. If requested, an informal conference will be provided prior to the decision of the Public Works Director or his designee.

Step 3. If the Union is not satisfied with the decision of the Public Works Director, the matter may be appealed to the full Township Committee within fourteen (14) calendar days after

receipt by filing the grievance with the Mayor. The Mayor shall consider the matter and render a written decision on behalf of the Township Committee within twenty-one (21) calendar days. If a hearing is requested at this Step, the Mayor may designate himself or other designee to conduct the hearing, which shall be held prior to the Township Committee's decision.

Step 4. If the Union is not satisfied with the response to the grievance at the preceding step, demand for arbitration may be made by the Union to the Public Employment Relations Commission within thirty (30) calendar days thereafter. Unless agree otherwise by the parties, the arbitrator shall be selected pursuant to the procedures of the Public Employment Relations Commission.

- (a) Arbitration shall be limited to grievances based upon the interpretation, application or violation of an express provision of this Agreement A disciplinary grievance involving discharge or suspension, fine or demotion equivalent to three (3) days or more may only be submitted to binding arbitration. if the grievance involves suspension of less than three days, it may also be submitted to non-binding arbitration.
- (b) The arbitrator shall not add to, subtract from, or modify the terms of this Agreement.
- (c) No more than one grievance or issue may be submitted to a single arbitrator unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties.
- (d) It is understood that arbitration is limited to the four corners of the Agreement and the arbitrator is not to consider any past practice precedent.
- (e) The arbitrator shall issue an award in writing to the parties, which shall be final and binding.
- (f) The costs for the services of the arbitrator, including per diem expenses, if any, and actual and necessary travel, subsistence expenses, and the cost of the hearing room shall be borne equally by the Township and the Union. Any other expenses shall be paid by the party incurring them.

ARTICLE XXIX - SALARIES

- A. Salary increases shall be effective on the employee's anniversary date and on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, for those employees employed at the signing of this contract (except as noted in #1 below), in accordance with Appendix B, attached.
1. Any employee covered by the Public Employees Retirement System, upon retirement (Service Retirement, Accidental Disability, Ordinary Disability and Early Retirement, but not Deferred Retirement), shall be entitled to retroactive pay should settlement of the employment contract occur after the retirement date.
  2. An employee required to work in a higher classification for a period of seven (7) consecutive days shall be paid at the higher rate retroactively to the first day.
  3. Employees employed at the signing of this contract.  
  
For 2022 Appendix B will be adjusted by \$500 and then a 2.75% increase. (retroactive)  
  
For 2023 Appendix B will be adjusted by 2.75% increase. (retroactive)  
  
For 2024 Appendix B will be adjusted by 2.75% increase.
- Salary Rates for all job titles and new hires are reflected in Appendix B.  
Notwithstanding the rates listed in Appendix B, current employee salaries are reflected in Appendix C and shall be the basis for the annual increases for the employees listed therein.
4. Newly hired permanent full-time employees shall be compensated at 85% of the salary established for the position hired with the following anniversary date increase: Year One - 90%; Year Two - 95% and Year Three - 100%.
  5. If P.L. 2004, c. 74 is amended, revised or modified to increase the total CAP (or cost of living adjustment) permitted from the current 2.0%, the union retains the right to reopen this contract for further salary negotiations.

B. Licenses

1. Effective January 1, 2023, the Township will pay employees holding a water (W1, W2,

T1, or T2) or Sewer Operator or Repairer (C1 or C2) licenses will receive a \$1000 annual stipend for each license or license level held (a total of \$2000 per series). Such stipends shall be payable on a prorated basis if attained after January 1<sup>st</sup> of any given year or in the event of separation before the end of a calendar year. The stipend shall be payable in December of each year.

#### ARTICLE XXX - AGENCY SHOP

1. The Township agrees to deduct the fair share fee from the earnings of those employees who elect not to become members of the Union but provide written authorization to participate in the fair share fee.
2. The deductions shall commence for each employee who authorize the Township to make such deductions during the month following written authorization and notice from the Union of the amount of the fair share assessment.
3. The for share fee for services rendered by the Union shall be in an amount equal to the regular membership dues, initiation fees and assessments of the Union, less the cost of benefits financed through the dues and available only to members of the Union, but in no event shall the fee exceed eighty-five (85%) percent of the regular membership dues, fees and assessments.

#### ARTICLE XXXI — LAYOFF AND DISCHARGE

If the Employee is laid off or if his/her employment terminates for reasons other than "cause", he or she will be paid for any earned vacation time accumulated and unused floating holidays.

An employee who is being considered for disciplinary action shall be entitled to union representation at each stage of any disciplinary hearing and during investigation concerning said disciplinary action.

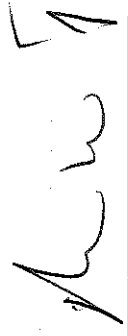
**ARTICLE XXXII - FULLY BARGAINED AGREEMENT**

This agreement represents and incorporates the complete and final understanding and settlement by the parties of all bargain-able issues, which were or could have been subject to negotiations.

During the term of this Agreement, neither party will be required to negotiate with respect to any such matter. Whether or not covered by this Agreement and whether or not within the knowledge of contemplation of either or both parties at the time they negotiated or signed this Agreement.

This Agreement shall be in full force and effect as of January 1, 2022 and shall remain in effect to and including December 31, 2024, without any re-opening date. This Agreement shall continue in full force and effect from year to year thereafter, until one party or the other gives notice, in writing, no sooner than one hundred fifty (150) days, or no later than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of this Agreement, of a desire to change, modify or terminate this Agreement

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals at Haddon Township, New Jersey on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.



Haddon Township

Government Workers Union

Randall W. Teague

Mayor

APPENDIX "A"

POSITIONS COVERED BY THIS CONTRACT

Mechanic  
Sewer Crew Chief  
Articulated/Senior Heavy Equipment Operator  
Tree Mechanic/Driver Laborer  
Electric Mechanic  
Equipment Operator  
Jr. Equipment Operator  
Senior Water Plant Operator  
Collection System Operator - Water Plant Attendant  
Utilities Mechanic  
Assistant Water Plant Operator  
Senior Water Reader  
Water Meter Reader  
Mechanic Helper  
Tree Helper/Driver Laborer  
Street Mechanic/Driver Laborer  
Sewer Mechanic  
Groundskeeper  
Senior Citizen Bus Driver  
PT Bus Driver  
Driver/Laborer  
Building Service Worker  
Dispatcher/Computer Operator  
Laborer



APPENDIX "B"

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Mechanic	67,382.12	68,729.76	70,104.36	71,506.44	72,936.57
Jr. Heavy Equip. Oper.	64,117.14	65,399.48	66,707.47	68,041.62	69,402.45
Tree Crew Chief	64,117.14	65,399.48	66,707.47	68,041.62	69,402.45
Sewer Crew Chief	63,711.47	64,985.70	66,285.41	67,611.12	68,963.34
Electrical Mechanic	65,423.63	66,732.10	68,066.74	69,428.08	70,816.64
Equip. Operator	62,618.34	63,870.71	65,148.12	66,451.08	67,780.11
Sr. Water Plant Oper.	57,067.72	58,209.07	59,373.26	60,560.72	61,771.94
Jr. Equip. Operator	56,702.60	57,836.65	58,993.39	60,173.25	61,376.72
Tree Mechanic/Driver	55,956.72	57,075.85	58,217.37	59,381.72	60,569.35
Collection System Oper.	54,460.44	55,549.65	56,660.64	57,793.85	58,949.73
Water Plant Attendant	54,460.44	55,549.65	56,660.64	57,793.85	58,949.73
Asst. Water Plant Oper	54,460.44	55,549.65	56,660.64	57,793.85	58,949.73
Utilities Mechanic	54,460.44	55,549.65	56,660.64	57,793.85	58,949.73
Sr. Water Meter Reade	54,807.10	55,903.24	57,021.31	58,161.73	59,324.97
Water Meter Mechanic	54,411.66	55,499.89	56,609.89	57,742.09	58,896.93
Mechanic Helper	54,411.66	55,499.89	56,609.89	57,742.09	58,896.93
Tree Helper/Driver Lab.	53,043.41	54,104.28	55,186.36	56,290.09	57,415.89
Street Mech/Driver	53,043.41	54,104.28	55,186.36	56,290.09	57,415.89
Sewer Mechanic	53,043.41	54,104.28	55,186.36	56,290.09	57,415.89
Driver Laborer	53,043.41	54,104.28	55,186.36	56,290.09	57,415.89
Sr. Bus Driver	55,648.26	56,761.23	57,896.45	59,054.38	60,235.47
PT Bus Driver	26,736.08	27,270.80	27,816.22	28,372.54	28,939.99
Dispatcher/Comp. Oper	48,602.61	49,574.66	50,566.16	51,577.48	52,609.03
Laborer	47,522.61	48,473.06	49,442.52	50,431.37	51,440.00
Bldg. Service Worker	44,232.01	45,116.65	46,018.98	46,939.36	47,878.15

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Mechanic	72,936.57	75,456.08	77,531.12	79,663.22
Jr. Heavy Equip. Oper.	69,402.45	71,824.77	73,799.95	75,829.45
Tree Crew Chief	69,402.45	71,824.77	73,799.95	75,829.45
Sewer Crew Chief	68,963.34	71,373.58	73,336.36	75,353.11
Electrical Mechanic	70,816.64	73,277.85	75,292.99	77,363.55
Equip. Operator	67,780.11	70,157.81	72,087.15	74,069.55
Sr. Water Plant Oper.	61,771.94	63,984.42	65,743.99	67,551.95
Jr. Equip. Operator	61,376.72	63,578.33	65,326.73	67,123.22
Tree Mechanic/Driver	60,569.35	62,748.76	64,474.35	66,247.39
Collection System Oper.	58,949.73	61,084.60	62,764.42	64,490.45
Water Plant Attendant	58,949.73	61,084.60	62,764.42	64,490.45
Asst. Water Plant Oper	58,949.73	61,084.60	62,764.42	64,490.45
Utilities Mechanic	58,949.73	61,084.60	62,764.42	64,490.45
Sr. Water Meter Reade	59,324.97	61,470.16	63,160.59	64,897.50
Water Meter Mechanic	58,896.93	61,030.35	62,708.68	64,433.17
Mechanic Helper	58,896.93	61,030.35	62,708.68	64,433.17
Tree Helper/Driver Lab.	57,415.89	59,508.58	61,145.06	62,826.55
Street Mech/Driver	57,415.89	59,508.58	61,145.06	62,826.55
Sewer Mechanic	57,415.89	59,508.58	61,145.06	62,826.55
Driver Laborer	57,415.89	59,508.58	61,145.06	62,826.55
Sr. Bus Driver	60,235.47	62,405.70	64,121.85	65,885.20
PT Bus Driver	28,939.99	30,249.59	31,081.45	31,936.19
Dispatcher/Comp. Oper	52,609.03	54,569.53	56,070.19	57,612.12
Laborer	51,440.00	53,368.35	54,835.98	56,343.97
Bldg. Service Worker	47,878.15	49,708.55	51,075.53	52,480.11

## Appendix C 2021 Salaries

Aaron – Water Plant Attendant	\$61,151.48
DuBois – Sr. Equipment Operator	\$70,742.62
Ford - Utility Mechanic	\$61,683.96
Helms - Driver Laborer	\$60,150.22
Koble – Driver Laborer	\$60,150.22
Leyendecker - Sewer Crew Chief	\$66,515.20
Ricciuti – Water Plant Attendant	\$63,920.74
Ehret - Driver Laborer	\$55,545.10
Kalesse – Jr. Equipment Operator	\$62,376.60
Kavitsky – Driver laborer	\$58,915.74
Mayorga – Driver Laborer	\$59,564.44
Meyrick – Driver Laborer	

## Appendix C 2021 Salaries

\$56,045.08

Muckley – Mechanic

\$74,446.58

Pennock – Water Meter Mechanic

\$60,825.18

Taulane – Driver Laborer

\$56,045.08

Velez – Driver laborer

\$58,926.14

Haigh, Chris – Driver Laborer

\$55,545.10

Smith – Driver Laborer

\$55,545.10

Jarvis – Driver laborer

\$49,803.52

Maguire – Driver Laborer

\$53,074.32