

**FEBRUARY 1, 2018, COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF MT. EPHRAIM
BOROUGH HALL MEETING ROOM**

MEETING CALL TO ORDER/OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

Mayor Wolk called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led all present in the “Pledge of Allegiance”. He then announced that this meeting has been advertised and posted in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act”.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll with Commissioner Gilmore, Commissioner Tovinsky and Mayor Wolk present. Also on the dais were Solicitor Eric Riso, Engineer Joe Federici and Clerk Terry Shannon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

Mayor Wolk announced that the minutes from the December 27, 2017, caucus meeting and January 4, 2018, commission meeting were distributed and asked for any corrections. Seeing none, on a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the minutes were approved with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Mayor Wolk announced that vouchers in the amount of \$587,408.13 were submitted for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the vouchers as submitted were approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Tovinsky-yes; Wolk-yes.

ORDINANCES

Mayor Wolk announced that Ord. 01-18, Calendar Year 2018 Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and Establish a CAP Bank, is being introduced tonight. On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the first reading of Ordinance 01-18 was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes, Tovinsky-yes, Wolk-yes. Mayor Wolk announced this ordinance will be considered for adoption following proper notice and a public hearing to be held during the March 1 commission meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Wolk asked the Clerk to read the following resolutions for approval by Consent Agenda which she read as follows:

- 12-18 Authorizing Appointment of New Members to the Mt. Ephraim Fire Department
- 13-18 Authorizing Approval of Mercantile Licenses for 2018
- 14-18 Waiving the Bingo License Fee for the MEFD Coach Bag Bingo
- 15-18 Authorizing the Signing of a Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Bellmawr for Sewer Services
- 16-18 Authorizing Submission of an Application for CDBG Supplemental Funds
- 17-18 Approving Renewal of Evergreen Investment Group Inactive Liquor License for 2017-2018 Term

- 18-18 Authorizing the Borough Engineer to Issue the Notice to Bidders for the Project Known as Roadway Improvements to Northmont Avenue
- 19-18 Authorizing Transfer of 2017 Appropriation Reserves
- 20-18 Appointing Brandon Siefert to the Position of Captain of Police for the MEPD

On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the resolution consent agenda was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Tovinsky-yes; Wolk-yes. Resolutions were approved. Captain Siefert was administered the Oath of Office by Mayor Wolk. He was congratulated by Commissioner Gilmore, Commissioner Tovinsky and Mayor Wolk.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the Mount Ephraim Fire Department report for January 2018 reporting they had a total of 45 total incidents including three EMS and police assists, ten calls for mutual aid, nine motor vehicles accidents, eight structure fires, nine incidental fires and they had three drills. He added it is hard to get men out when you have a volunteer force so we are grateful for mutual aid. He then read highlights of the January 2018 monthly report from the Mount Ephraim Police Department reporting they had total calls of 590 and assigned 283 case numbers and he read highlights of the calls. They had 41 adult arrests and he read highlights of the arrests including 15 for CDS, one motor vehicle theft, two for assault, two DWI, one terroristic threat, two disorderly conduct, two hindering apprehension, one for scrapping and others. There were no juvenile arrests and 31 out-of-town warrants were served. They issued 309 motor vehicle summonses. Commissioner Gilmore reported that the police department successfully broke-up an illegal massage parlor that had located on Kings Highway.

Commissioner Tovinsky reported that the Construction office issued 23 permits for a total of \$4562.00 and vacant property registrations were nine for \$13,500. Resale CO's issued were eight for a total of \$960. He then reported single stream recycling was 80,260 pounds and trash tonnage to Camden was 145 tons at a cost of \$9,974. DPW collected 5500 pounds of metal, had all the fire extinguishers in town inspected, had Pioneer Pipe repair the sewer main at 16 Fourth Avenue and had all the cracks in the apron at the firehouse repaired.

Engineer Joe Federici from Federici and Akin reported the Northmont Avenue DOT project is currently under design, will go out for bid this spring for construction this summer.

Mayor Wolk read the details from the Tax Collector's report for January, 2018, reporting total receipts of \$810,329.41. He then again congratulated Captain Siefert and thanked Chief Conte and Commissioner Gilmore for their work during the selection process. He also congratulated President Holmes on the appointment of four new members to the Fire Department and asked the Clerk to read the names of the new members. The Clerk read the names as follows: Mike Minutola, Jason Green, James Boyd and Anthony Vithunas. Good work in getting four new volunteers. Mayor Wolk then stated we will be here again on February 20 for our workshop and March 1 for the public meeting at 7pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Wolk opened the meeting to the public and asked that residents state their name and address for the record.

Mike Kwiatkowski, 801 Market Street spoke about speeding on Northmont Avenue. He has lived there for 25 years and the traffic on Northmont is getting worse. He wanted to know if speed bumps can be included in the project? Also we need more speed limit signs. Mayor Wolk said we can get the signs up. Kwiatkowski also asked if we can do more radar out there. Commissioner Gilmore said the speed humps add \$8000 each to the cost of a project. We will definitely take care of more signage out there.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public portion was closed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm. Go Eagles!

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Shannon
Municipal Clerk