

**JULY 6, 2017, 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 8:00pm and announced that this meeting has been advertised and posted in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act". He then led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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 Marty Sander and Clerk Terry Shannon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

Mayor Wolk announced that the minutes from the May 23 caucus meeting and June 1 commission meeting were distributed and asked for any corrections. Seeing none, on a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the minutes from the May 23, 2017, caucus and June 1, 2017, commission meetings were approved with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Mayor Wolk announced that vouchers in the amount of \$1,172,948.03 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 FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Mayor Wolk asked the Clerk to read the ordinances that are being considered for adoption tonight which she read as follows:

07-17 Amending Chapter 94, Vehicles and Traffic, in the Borough Code
(adds stop intersections at Pennsylvania and 6th and Hartka and Lambert)

Mayor Wolk opened the public hearing on these ordinances. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public hearing was closed. On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the ordinances as read were adopted with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Tovinsky-yes; Wolk-yes. Ordinance 07-17 was successfully adopted.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING

Mayor Wolk announced that the following ordinance is being introduced on first reading tonight:

08-17 Authorizing the Installation of Various Capital Improvements in and for the Borough of Mount Ephraim; Appropriating the Sum of \$100,000 Therefor from the Capital Improvement Fund

09-17 Amending Chapter 33 of the Borough Code Entitled Animals (backyard chickens)

Solicitor Riso stated that these ordinances should be voted on individually. Mayor Wolk asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 08-17. On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, Ordinance 08-17 was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Tovinsky-yes, Wolk-yes. Mayor Wolk then asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 09-17. On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, Ordinance 09-17 was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Tovinsky-yes, Wolk-no.

Mayor Wolk stated that these ordinances will be properly advertised and posted for 30 days and will be considered for adoption following a public hearing at the August 3 commission meeting. Mayor Wolk stated if anyone wants to know why he voted no, he would be happy to discuss with them. He disagrees with his fellow commissioners about the chicken ordinance.

RESOLUTIONS

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

- 50-17 Accepting the 2016 Report of Audit and Corrective Action Plan
- 51-17 Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with Gloucester City for Sharing of a FEMA Grant for Firefighter Breathing Apparatus
- 52-17 Appropriating Items of Revenue and Expense for a Grant Received (Clean Communities grant)
- 53-17 Approving Change Order No. 1-Final, for the Grant Avenue Resurfacing Project
- 54-17 Approving Change Order No. 1-Final, for the Resurfacing and Drainage Improvements to Grant and Winthrop Avenues

On a motion by Commissioner Gilmore second by Commissioner Tovinsky, the resolution consent agenda was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Tovinsky-yes; Wolk-yes. Resolutions were approved.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the Mount Ephraim Police Department report for the month of June. He reported year-to-date (through May) they have received 3,868 calls. The call volume information from the County was not yet available for June. He read highlights of the call activity for June including 14 alarms, 51 EMS assists, nine animal complaints, one assault and four burglaries, three criminal mischiefs, seven domestic violence complaints, one DUI, 16 drugs, seven harassment calls, one Megan's Law registration, investigated 16 motor vehicle accidents, 11 motor vehicle complaints, ten shopliftings, 42 calls for suspicious vehicles or persons, seven thefts and three 9-1-1 verifications. Adult arrests were 46 and he read highlights of the arrests. There were seven juvenile arrests and they served 29 warrants. They issued 380 motor vehicles summonses. Gilmore then read highlights from the Mount Ephraim Fire Department report for June reporting they had 31 total incidents, conducted three drills, responded to four motor vehicle accidents, 10 calls for mutual aid, four calls for gas leaks, two incidental fires, five alarm systems, one water rescue and three building fires. He added last Tuesday was July 4 and expressed thanks to the Celebrations Committee and the police department for a great job on the parade.

Commissioner Tovinsky reported that for June, 2017, the Construction Office issued 27 permits for a total of \$2100.00. Vacant property registrations collected \$3500.00 for new and past due registrations. Resale CO's were 17 for a total of \$2040.00. Public Works collected 104,000 pounds of single stream recycling and 178 trash tons for a cost of \$12,097.00. They collected 7980 pounds of metal for a total of \$550.00, handled two sewer leaks—one at 7 Harding Avenue

and the main at Adams and Linwood and Pioneer Pipe handled the repairs. He thanked the Public Works guys for setting up and breaking down for the parade

Engineer Marty Sander from Federici and Akin reported the Grant Avenue and Winthrop Avenue projects are substantially complete and are working on the punch list items. Lowell and Harding is starting on Wednesday. Northmont Avenue will be done in the spring of 2018.

Mayor Wolk read the details from the Tax Collector's report for June, 2017, reporting total receipts of \$192,396.46 and \$13,833.37 in lien redemptions. We just received our new tax rate and the increase for the average assessment is \$42.64 per year for the municipal budget. The school is going up \$124.98 and the County is going up \$31.74 for a total of about \$197.00 on the average assessment of \$144,946. We worked hard to keep our rate down and he is sure the school does too. We collect the money for everybody. He also thanked everyone who participated in the July 4 parade and especially Mount Ephraim Dodge and 1st Colonial Community Bank for their contributions. He also thanked the Celebrations Committee for their work. Our next workshop will be July 25 and commission meeting will be August 3.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Barbara Baumgartner of 245 Baird Avenue asked what is going on with their curbs. Commissioner Tovinsky responded that we are doing some road programs in conjunction with Bellmawr and she will be getting new curbs. Mayor Wolk thanked her for her patience.

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 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Shannon
Municipal Clerk