

**SEPTEMBER 6, 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 with the “Pledge of Allegiance” and the “Open Public Meetings Act” statement.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll with Commissioner Gilmore, Commissioner Tovinsky and Mayor Wolk present. Also on the dais were Solicitor CherylLynn Walters, Engineers Joe Federici and Doug Akin and Clerk Terry Shannon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

Mayor Wolk announced that the minutes from the July 24, 2018, caucus and the August 2, 2018, commission meetings 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 \$1,491,527.21 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.

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Mayor Wolk announced that the following ordinances are on for second reading and public hearing this evening:

09-18 Creating Chapter 270 Entitled “Nuisances, Public Health” in the Code of the Borough of Mount Ephraim.

On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the second reading was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Tovinsky-yes; Wolk-yes. Mayor Wolk then 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, Ordinance 09-18 was adopted with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Tovinsky-yes, Wolk-yes.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING

Mayor Wolk announced the following ordinances are being introduced on first reading this evening:

10-18 Amending Chapter 299, Entitled “Peddling and Soliciting”, in the Borough Code

11-18 Amending Chapter 470, Entitled “Land Use Procedures”; Chapter 495, Entitled “Site Plan Review”; and Chapter 518, Entitled “Subdivision of Land” in the Borough Code

- 12-18 Amending Ordinance 06-18, Establishing the 2018 Salaries of Non-union Employees and Officers of the Borough of Mount Ephraim
- 13-18 Establishing the 2018 Salaries of DPW Employees per the IBEW Contract
- 14-18 Authorizing a Special Emergency Appropriation for Reexamination of the Master Plan

On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the first reading of these ordinances was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Tovinsky-yes; Wolk-yes. Mayor Wolk announced that these ordinances will be considered for adoption after proper notice and a public hearing to be held during the October 4 commission meeting.

RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Wolk asked the Clerk to read the resolutions that are to be approved by Consent Agenda. She read them as follows:

- 76-18 Authorizes the Borough Engineer to Proceed with Re-examination of the Master Plan
- 77-18 Authorizing Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with IBEW Local 102
- 78-18 Authorizing the Borough Engineer to Proceed with Design/Inspection Services for the Bell Road Drainage Project
- 79-18 Authorizing Purchase of a Fuel Dispensing System
- 80-18 Authorizing Purchase of a Ford 350 XL Pickup Truck under NJ State Contract
- 81-18 Authorizing the Lease/Purchase of a Police Vehicle under NJ State Contract
- 82-18 Authorizing the Lease/Purchase of an Air Compressor for the Fire Department
- 83-18 Authorizing Surrender of Weapons No Longer Needed for the Police Department
- 84-18 Appointing Members and Junior Members to the Mt. Ephraim Fire Department
- 85-18 Authorizing Submission of an Application for DOT Municipal Aid Funding
- 86-18 Authorizing Submission of an Application for DOT Discretionary Aid Funding
- 87-18 Authorizing Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
- 88-18 Authorizing an Increase in the Change Fund for the Tax Office

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

REPORTS AND COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the Mount Ephraim Police Department report for August 2018. They assigned 593 case numbers, had 35 adult arrests and one juvenile arrest. He read highlights of the calls and the arrests. They also issued 21 out-of-town warrants and all five crossing guards were trained for the year. Schools are open so please drive carefully especially when the kids are going to and from school. Commissioner Gilmore reported he does not have a report from the Fire Department but they have been very busy. Yesterday they had a house fire in Bellmawr and last night they helped Deptford with their boat to look for a missing elderly gentleman. Unfortunately they found him in Timber Creek. Two weeks ago they had a house fire on Center Avenue and kudos to the Fire Department and the Police Department for their handling of that fire. Two firefighters from other departments sustained minor injuries. Along with the MEFD, we had help from Haddon Heights, Gloucester City, Brooklawn, Runnemede, Bellmawr, Somerdale, Westmont, Cherry Hill, Chews Landing and Lawnside. It was a job well done by all.

Commissioner Tovinsky reported that for Public Works, they had single stream recycling of 90,340 pounds and 186 tons of trash for a cost of \$12,790.00. They repaired potholes, handled three sewer calls, collected metal, spread mulch at the schools, repaired handicapped curbs, painted yellow curbs and the curb on Station Avenue. He did not have the Construction Office report for the month yet so that concluded his report.

Engineer Joe Federici from Federici and Akin reported on the following:

- 2017 Local Aid project, Northmont Ave is substantially complete and NJAW paved the areas where they replaced the water mains;
- 2018 Local Aid, James Street, is in design now and is planned for spring of 2019;
- 2019 Local Aid—projects selected are Idora and Charles Avenues for the first project and the second project is Fourth Avenue. Those applications were approved tonight.
- DOT Discretionary Aid project, Bell Road drainage, we are asking the state to fund the balance of the drainage project. The portion we already received funding for is under design and will be done in the spring of 2019.

Mayor Wolk read the details from the Tax Collector's report for August, 2018, reporting total receipts of \$3,081,243.39 and \$14,892.47 in lien redemptions. We will be here again September 25 at 3pm for the workshop and October 4 at 7pm for the commission meeting. Remember school starts in September so drive carefully. Please keep the newsletter around as it provides lots of information. We will publicize the information session on the sale of the sewer system. Regarding the resolution appointing members to the Fire Company, these are all volunteers and he thanks them for their service. Job well done with the fire on Center Avenue. Regarding the sale of the sewer system, American Water is here this evening. We will be holding six public information meetings. He then introduced Nick Devecchis from NJAW. Nick stood and said there is a ton of information available on their website. They have also set-up six town hall meetings. We want the community to have the opportunity to ask questions. He reported the dates and locations will be finalized very soon and publicized. They will also be attending all of the borough meetings until Election Day.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Linda Anderson, 19 Lincoln Avenue, reported that on September 18 she had to be transported to the hospital for seizures. The ambulance went to the Lincoln Avenue by Remy's. Her sister reported to 9-1-1 that it was the Lincoln Avenue in Mount Ephraim but the ambulance still went to the wrong location. She and her neighbors are getting older and are concerned about this. How can we fix this? Chief Conte said he will look into it with Central but this is a recurring problem. He will explain to them that the dispatcher has to be crystal clear when they relay the call as to the exact location.

Joyce Levy said in all the information that New Jersey American has sent out, it does not say how much they will start charging. Will it be billed monthly, quarterly or annually? Commissioner Tovinsky responded it will be \$100 for the first two years. Then it will only go up 3% for the next three years. They will also be doing four million dollars of improvements to the system. The \$100 will be divided by twelve and will be charged monthly along with your water bill. He added that we will have them add that information to their website. Nick Devecchis from NJAW added that anytime she has a question, she can email him.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public portion was closed.

On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.

Approved:

Terry Shannon

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Municipal Clerk