

**FEBRUARY 2, 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 all present.

OTHER OFFICIALS ON THE DAIS

Borough Solicitor – Eric Riso
Borough Engineer – Joe Federici & Doug Akin
Borough Clerk – Terry Shannon

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mayor Wolk asked for a motion to approve the minutes December 27, 2016, caucus meeting and the January 5, 2017, commission meeting. 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 \$754,500.95 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 we will now hold the public hearing on Ordinance 01-17, Amending Chapter 94 of the Borough Code Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" (procedures pertaining to emergency traffic control) which was introduced last month. He asked for any questions or comments on the ordinance and asked that you state your name for the record. 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 01-17 was adopted with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Tovinsky-yes; Wolk-yes. Ordinance is adopted.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING

Mayor Wolk announced that ordinance 02-17, Amending Chapter 94 of the Borough Code Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" is being introduced tonight. This ordinance pertains to the extended striping on Kings Highway. On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the first reading of ordinance 02-17 was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Tovinsky-yes; Wolk-yes. Mayor Wolk announced that this ordinance will be considered for adoption following proper notice and a public hearing to be held at the March 2, 2017, commission meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Wolk asked the Clerk to read the following resolutions for approval by Consent Agenda:

- 15-17 Authorizing an Agreement with Magnum Computer Recycling for E-waste Disposal
- 16-17 Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with Stratford for Electrical Inspector Svcs.
- 17-17 Authorizing Execution of a Contract with the Chief of Police
- 18-17 Authorizing Transfer of 2016 Appropriation Reserves
- 19-17 Approving the 2017 Mercantile Licenses
- 20-17 Authorizing Participation in the LESO Program
- 21-17 Designating Annual Appointments

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.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the Mount Ephraim Police Department report for the month of January. He reported they assigned 383 case numbers and read highlights of the offenses. He also reported they had 33 adult arrests and read highlights of the arrests. They issued 339 motor vehicle summonses. Commissioner Gilmore then read highlights from the 2016 year-end report from the Mount Ephraim Fire Department and reported they responded to 55 dwelling fires, 28 building fires, 16 apartment fires and eight vehicle fires. Total calls for service for 2016 was 401. He also read highlights from the fire department monthly report for January, 2017, reporting they had 37 calls including a gas leak, couple cooking fires, wires down, motor vehicle accidents and others. They started something new this month and had men stay overnight at the firehouse so we had people on standby to respond to fires. For 26 days they had the equivalent of 117 men stayed overnight for 1170 man hours. Yesterday we had a middle of the day call for a house fire. The Mount Ephraim Fire Department responded and was assisted by departments from surrounding towns including Gloucester City, Audubon, Oaklyn, Bellmawr, Haddon Heights, Barrington, Brooklawn, Mt. Ephraim EMO and the Regional Fire Marshal. The fire started in an attached garage and was brought under control before it spread to the house. Good job by all.

Commissioner Tovinsky read highlights from the January, 2017, monthly report from the Construction Office reporting they issued 23 permits for a total of \$2650.00. Ten vacant properties were registered for a total of \$13,000.00 in registration fees. CO's processed were nine for a total \$1088.00. He then read highlights from the January report from Public Works reporting they had single stream recycling of 80,940 pounds and trash tonnage of 139 tons for a disposal cost of \$9416.00. They repaired potholes, responded to seven sewer calls, collected 4720 pounds of metal recycling, installing new street signs and handled an emergency at one of the pump stations.

Engineer Joe Federici reported the Grant Avenue project will resume around April 1. Also the bid opening for Winthrop Avenue improvements will be March 1 at 10am and that project will also start around April 1. The Lowell and Harding project bid date will be April 26 and that project will begin around June 1. The Kings Highway striping will be done when the weather breaks.

Mayor Wolk announced that we have Stuart Platt with us tonight as the Solicitor. He then read the Tax Collector's report for the month of January reporting that total receipts were \$893,996.97 and lien redemptions were \$59,125.41. After hearing Commissioner Gilmore read the annual report from the fire department, he thanked the volunteers in the Fire Department for their service. If we had to pay them we would be broke. Excellent job by all the first responders. We will be here again on February 21 for our workshop and on March 2 for the commission meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public portion was closed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Shannon
Municipal Clerk