

**MAY 4, 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, Engineers Joe Federici and Doug Akin and Clerk Terry Shannon.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Wolk announced that we are recognizing the following individuals who helped out with a house fire: Thomas Crehan, Lavinia Wright, Joann Lynch and Mark Meeser. Chief Conte explained that we had a house fire at 622 Gaskill Avenue and Tom Crehan sprang into action and kept the fire from spreading by using a garden hose and the other individuals named had a small portion in helping out. Because of their actions, the house was saved. Mayor Wolk and Commissioner Gilmore came down from the dais to read proclamations to Tom Crehan and Lavinia Wright. Lavinia was not present so her mother accepted the proclamation. Meeser and Lynch were not present. Many members of the Mt. Ephraim Fire Department were also in attendance to witness the presentation. Chief Gilmore added that it was Lavinia Wright who first saw the fire and called 9-1-1 and then Tom Crehan springing into action that saved this house. Because of their quick actions and stepping up to do the right thing, the neighbor's house was saved. We congratulate them. Commissioner Gilmore presented a toy fire hat to make him an honorary member of the fire department and also presented a hat to Ms. Wright. Tom Crehan said it is a global village and he is glad he was able to help.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Mayor Wolk announced that vouchers in the amount of \$1,077,667.83 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 INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING

Mayor Wolk announced the following ordinances are being introduced on first reading this evening and asked the Clerk to read the ordinances by title. Clerk Shannon read them as follows: Ord. 04-17, Establishing the 2017 Salaries of Police Department Employees Covered by Collective Bargaining Agreements; Ord. 05-17, Establishing the 2017 Salaries of DPW Employees Covered by Collective Bargaining Agreements; Ord. 06-17, Establishing the 2017 Salaries of Non-union Employees and Officials of the Borough. On a motion by Commissioner Gilmore, second by Commissioner Tovinsky, 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 would be considered for adoption following proper notice and a public hearing to be held at the June 1 commission meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

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

- 41-17 Refunding a Tax Overpayment
- 42-17 Awarding a Contract to Trucks and Parts of Pennsylvania for a Used Trash Truck
- 43-17 Awarding a Contract to Eagle Eye Technologies for a Security Camera System
- 44-17 Approving Right-of-Access Agreement with GEI Consultants to Permit Access to the Public Rights-of-Way Located on Glover and Thompson Avenues
- 45-17 Awarding a Contract to R.E. Pierson Construction for Resurfacing and Safety Improvements to Harding and Lowell 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.

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Wolk announced that the following appointments to the Planning Board are hereby made:

- Kim Beebe as Mayor's Designee for the unexpired term ending May, 2019
- Thomas Maxwell as a Class IV Member for the unexpired term ending May, 2018
- Michael Popelak as a Class IV Alternate for a two-year term ending May, 2019.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the Mount Ephraim Police Department report for the month of April. He reported they had 710 calls and assigned 392 case numbers and read highlights of the offenses. He also reported they had 43 adult arrests and read highlights of the arrests. They also had four juvenile arrests. They served 39 out-of-town warrants and issued 390 motor vehicle summonses. The Mount Ephraim Fire Department for the month of April had 33 incidents including two alarms, four EMS assists, four brush fires, one building fire, six incidental fires and four motor vehicle accidents. They conducted three drills and had three community service assignments. Gilmore thanked the Celebrations Committee and Rotary for the Craft Fair and Car Show last Saturday.

Commissioner Tovinsky reported Public Works collected 77,720 pounds of single stream recycling and 155 trash tons for a cost of \$10,514. They collected metal, maintained trees at the County Park, set-up for the Craft Fair, advertised for bids for a used trash truck and we will be getting the new truck tomorrow. The Public Works guys, police and Celebration Committee did a great job on the Craft Fair.

Engineer Joe Federici reported the Grant Avenue project is substantially complete; Winthrop Avenue project will begin in the next few weeks; Lowell and Harding was awarded tonight conditionally upon approval from the Solicitor and DOT. We received the traffic count reports tonight from the Chief regarding the stop signs at Pennsylvania and Sixth and Hartka and Lambert. We will prepare a report and will present at the May caucus meeting. Hopefully the first reading of the ordinance will be at the June meeting with adoption at the July meeting.

Mayor Wolk read the details from the Tax Collector's report for April, 2017, reporting total receipts of \$793,681.16 and \$7502.57 in lien redemptions. He also thanked the Celebration Committee and everyone else including Public Works, the Police and Rotary for the Craft Fair and Car Show.

He wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day and reminded everyone to attend the Memorial Day service starting at 9am. He thanked the engineer for getting the Grant Avenue project done. Each of our projects were funded by the State. Federici responded that of particular interest is the Winthrop Avenue project because that was discretionary funding which is highly competitive. Mayor Wolk said we will be here again on May 23 for our workshop and June 1 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.

Sam Bonavita from Lambert Avenue thanked the governing body for taking the Lambert and Hartka stop sign situation into consideration and moving forward with the traffic study. He spoke about the serious accident that occurred recently and believes the stop signs are sorely needed. He asked about the timing and Solicitor Riso explained that ordinances require two readings so June would be introduction followed by advertising and a public hearing at the July meeting. By August 1 the ordinance would take effect.

Doug Morgan from Bell Road spoke about the halfway house and the missing fence. Is there anything we can do to make them put the fence back up? Solicitor Riso explained that it is not municipal property and we cannot force them to install a fence. Morgan said then his only option is to go to the County. Commissioner Tovinsky said he has spoken to a couple of the County and asked them to look into it. Morgan asked if he can get a report showing how many police calls there have been at the property. Chief Conte said he will have to file an OPRA request. Clerk Shannon said she would give him the information.

Rick March from George Street asked about the Megan Law violations reported by Commissioner Gilmore and asked for more information. Chief Conte responded that they are required to register with the police department and we processed according to the law—they were not violations, just activities. You can see the list of people registered on the State Police website. He then thanked everyone for helping not drive on the rear of his property along the Little League field. The only offenders were parents from Softball. Commissioner Tovinsky said he will speak to the parents about not driving back there.

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 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Shannon
Municipal Clerk