

**AUGUST 4, 2016, 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
Borough Clerk – Terry Shannon

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mayor Wolk asked for a motion to approve the minutes June 28, 2016, caucus and closed session meetings and the July 7, 2016, 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 \$734,347.41 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 announced the following ordinances are for public hearing and adoption:

- Ord. 10-16 Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Completion of Various Capital Improvements and the Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment in the Borough of Mount Ephraim; Appropriating the Sum of \$908,750 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Borough of Mount Ephraim in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$483,313 and Making Certain Determinations and Covenants and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing

Mayor Wolk then opened the public hearing and asked for public comment. 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 ordinance was adopted with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Tovinsky-yes; Wolk-yes. The ordinance was adopted.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING

Mayor Wolk announced the following ordinance for introduction on first reading:

- 11-16 Enacting Chapter 109 of the Borough Code Entitled "Buildings, Public"
12-16 Revising, Amending and/or Supplementing Chapter 87 of the Borough Code Entitled "Swimming Pools" and Chapter 99 of the Borough Code Entitled "Zoning"

13-16 Establishing the 2016 Salaries of Police Department Employees Covered by Collective Bargaining Agreements

Mayor Wolk announced that these ordinances will be posted for 30 days and we will have a public hearing at the next commission meeting.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Wolk announced that the following resolutions would be approved as a Consent Agenda:

- 57-16 Refunding a Tax Overpayment
- 58-16 Cancelling Taxes Due to 100% Exempt Veteran Status
- 59-16 Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application for Drug Alliance Funding
- 60-16 Appropriating Items of Revenue and Expense for Grants Received
- 61-16 Approving Second Amendment to Lease Agreement with Clear Channel Outdoor
- 62-16 Authorizing a Lease Agreement with Virtua West Jersey Health System, Inc.
- 63-16 Authorizing an Amendment to the Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Bellmawr for Ambulance Fleet Service
- 64-16 Approving 2016 Mercantile Licenses
- 65-16 Approving New Members to the Mt. Ephraim Fire Department

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 Fire Department for the month of July. They had a total of 30 incidental calls and he read highlights of the calls. The Mount Ephraim Police Department did not have the call total yet but the Chief said it was between 600 and 700 calls and they assigned 363 case numbers for the month of July. Commissioner Gilmore read highlights of the calls and reported they had 42 adult arrests for the month. He thanked all the emergency departments and the Celebrations Committee for their participation in National Night Out. Also thanks to Cabana Water Ice. It was a very nice event. He then reported that Camden County does have a Mosquito Control Commission and residents can contact them if they are having a problem. School will be back soon so please be careful driving.

Commissioner Tovinsky reported that Public Works single stream recycling was 79,260 pounds and total trash tonnage was 159 tons for a total cost of \$10,604 which all went to Camden. He read highlights of Public Works activities reporting on their monthly activities and that they did a great job setting-up and cleaning-up after the July 4 parade. A pole came down at Shining Star Park and we had to close the park. We are waiting for PSE&G to come out and repair and evaluate the poles and this is posted on Facebook and the website. We had recent Fire Marshal inspections and are waiting for the results.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that we did receive bids and awarded to the low bidder for the Grant Avenue project but the project is on hold until the funding for the DOT trust fund is resolved. The freezing of the DOT trust funds has also impacted the Lowell/Harding project and Winthrop Avenue drainage.

Mayor Wolk expressed frustration with the freezing of the Transportation Trust Funds and the hold-up in Trenton because they can't see eye-to-eye. He then read the Tax Collector's report for the month of July reporting that total receipts were \$676,233.00 and lien redemptions were \$7,327.54. He thanked everyone for their participation in National Night Out and added it was great to see the community come out for this event. Mayor Wolk then reported the next caucus meeting will be August 23 and the commission meeting will be September 1.

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 meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Shannon
Municipal Clerk