

**DECEMBER 1, 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 & Doug Akin
Borough Clerk – Terry Shannon

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mayor Wolk asked for a motion to approve the minutes October 25, 2016, caucus meeting and the November 3, 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 \$889,137.67 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.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPOINTING A NEW POLICE OFFICER

Resolution 87-16, Appointing Tyler Covely as a Patrolman to the Mount Ephraim Police Department. On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, this resolution was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes, Tovinsky-yes; Wolk-yes. Officer Covely was sworn-into office by Mayor Wolk. Commissioner Gilmore stated that Tyler has deep roots in the Borough of Mount Ephraim and wished him well in his new role.

RESOLUTIONS

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

- 88-16 Appointing Sean Gartland as a Special Officer, Class II, to the MEPD
- 89-16 Setting the Dates for 2017 Meetings
- 90-16 Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with Gloucester City for Brine
- 91-16 Authorizing Refund of a Tax Overpayment
- 92-16 Canceling Stale Dated Check Drawn on the Court Bail Account

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 for the month of November. They had a total of 598 calls and issued 355 case numbers. He read highlights of some of the offenses and reported they had 29 adult arrests. Gilmore then read highlights from the Mount Ephraim Fire Department monthly report reporting they had 35 calls for service and he read highlights of the calls. They had a total of 201.8 volunteer man-hours. We welcomed Tyler Covely to the MEPD and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Commissioner Tovinsky read highlights from the November monthly report from Public Works reporting they had single stream recycling of 62,400 pounds and trash tonnage 167 tons for a disposal cost of \$11,176.00. They handled leaf pickup, removed a fallen tree, hung the holiday banners, winterized the buildings at the ballfields. We had a problem with the heat at the senior center and Charlie Blaylock donated his time and replaced the thermostat there.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that the Grant Avenue project will be done in the spring. In addition we did receive approval from DOT for the Lowell, Harding and Winthrop projects and will be bidding those projects. We will be submitting projects for Year 2017 NJDOT funding for Northmont and Baird Avenues.

Mayor Wolk read the Tax Collector's report for the month of November reporting that total receipts were 2,454,750.65 and lien redemptions were \$62,474.32. He stated the next caucus meeting will be December 27 and the commission meeting will be January 5. Mayor Wolk reminded everyone the fire truck parade will be December 10 at 7pm and wished everyone Happy Holidays. We are working on our 2017 Budget.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Wolk opened the meeting to the public and asked that residents state their name and address for the record. Present was Christine Veach from Emergency Management who reported the Teen Cert program collected 1448 pounds of during their food drive which was delivered to area schools and Philabundance. Mayor Wolk thanked them for their great work on the food drive.

Seeing no other public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public portion was closed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Shannon
Municipal Clerk