

**JUNE 2, 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 April 27, 2016, caucus meeting and the May 5, 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 \$1,898,377.25 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 public hearing on three ordinances and asked the Clerk to read the ordinances which she did as follows:

- Ord. 05-16 Establishing the 2016 Salaries of Certain Employees of the Borough of Mount Ephraim Covered by Collective Bargaining or Personal Service Agreements
- Ord. 06-16 Establishing the 2016 Salaries of Non-union Employees and Officers of the Borough of Mount Ephraim
- Ord. 07-16 Amending Chapter 29 in the Borough Code Entitled "Alcoholic Beverages"

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 ordinances were adopted with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Tovinsky-yes; Wolk-yes. The ordinances were adopted.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING

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

Ord. 08-16 Repealing Ordinance 09-07 and Adopting a New Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

Ord. 09-16 Amending Chapter 94, Vehicles and Traffic, to add Article XIV, Traffic Controls for Street and Highway Construction and Maintenance Operations

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 resolutions would be approved as a Consent Agenda and asked the Clerk to read the resolutions which she read as follows:

- 42-16 Designating Professional Appointments
- 43-16 Appropriating Items of Revenue and Expense for Clean Communities Grant
- 44-16 Authorizing Renewal of Liquor Licenses
- 45-16 Refunding a Tax Payment
- 46-16 Awarding a Contract to Landberg Construction for the Grant Avenue Project

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 May, 2016, and read highlights of some of the calls. He reported that they had 38 adult arrests and read highlights of the offenses. Commissioner Gilmore then read highlights from the Mount Ephraim Fire Department for the month of May reporting that they responded to a total of 34 calls and he read highlights of the calls. He also reported that they had two drills. Commissioner Gilmore then stated that school will be out soon and asked drivers to be courteous and safe as the kids will be out playing. He then wished all a happy 4th of July.

Commissioner Tovinsky reported that for the month of May the Construction Office issued four permits for a total of \$1178.00 in fees. Public Works single stream recycling was 76,680 pounds and total trash tonnage was 163 tons which were taken to Camden at a cost of \$10, 880. He read highlights of Public Works activities including trash and recycling and removal of graffiti at both parks, finished the floor in the attic and fixed the flag pole at Norcross and replaced mulch at various locations. Pure Electric finished installing the lights at the borough garage.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that the Grant Avenue project has been awarded and we will prepare the contracts. NJDOT has informed us our application for drainage improvements to Winthrop is in for final review.

Mayor Wolk read the Tax Collector's report for the month of May reporting that total receipts were \$2,195.790.05. He wished everyone a happy 4th of July and the parade will be at noon starting at the West Center. He thanked the Fire Company for the Memorial Day tribute. He also wished everyone a happy Father's Day.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Several residents were present to discuss problems with traffic movement. Present were Liz and Al Hoopes of 104 3rd Avenue and Carl and Theresa Ingram of 15 2nd Avenue. The Hoopes reported that no one stops at the stop sign at New Jersey Avenue and there are a lot of kids on the street. Also Mount Ephraim Dodge is driving car carriers down their streets and parking the trucks so close to the curb that you can't see to pull out on the Pike. Ms. Hoopes also reported she witnessed a drug deal on the corner. She added that when there is an accident on the Black Horse Pike, traffic is diverted down the side streets. Chief Conte said it is temporary and we try to control the traffic flow as best we can. He added he will speak with Mount Ephraim Dodge to come up with a solution regarding the car carriers and delivery of cars.

The Ingrams reported that Mount Ephraim Dodge the other day a car carrier had their neighbor blocked in. Then the other day there was a car carrier in the middle of Black Horse Pike unloading vehicles. Chief Conte said when they see that they address it. Ingram said Mount Ephraim Dodge has really been pushing the issue lately with parking on our streets and it seems they don't have enough room to handle deliveries. Commissioner Gilmore added that Mount Ephraim Dodge needs to let their drivers know where they are permitted to make deliveries. Chief Conte reiterated that he will meet with Mount Ephraim Dodge to discuss these issues and come up with a solution. Commissioner Gilmore added that he would be available to meet to discuss as well. Solicitor Riso added that we should check to see what was approved by the Planning Board regarding deliveries.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Shannon
Municipal Clerk