

**OCTOBER 6, 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
Deputy Borough Clerk – Tara Martin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mayor Wolk asked for a motion to approve the minutes August 23, 2016, caucus and closed session meetings and the September 1, 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 \$796,402.02 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.

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL/SWEARING-IN

Mayor Wolk asked for a motion to approve Resolution 71-16, Appointing Jeffrey Kind as a Patrolman to the Mount Ephraim Police Department. The resolution was approved on a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes, Tovinsky-yes, Wolk-yes. Commissioner Gilmore gave background information on Officer Kind and then Mayor Wolk administered the Oath of Office.

Sgt. William Errigo added that he wanted to thank the governing body, Richard Schwab and the solicitor for working with the FOP to come up with a new contract.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING

Mayor Wolk asked the Clerk to read the following ordinances for introduction on first reading:

14-16 Revising, Amending and/or Supplementing Chapter 80 of the Borough Code Entitled "Site Plan Review"

- 15-16 Revising, Amending and/or Supplementing Chapter 99 of the Borough Code Entitled "Zoning"

On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the ordinances were approved on first reading with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Tovinsky-yes; Wolk-yes. Mayor Wolk announced that these ordinances will be considered for adoption following proper notice and a public hearing to be held during the November 3 commission meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

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

- 72-16 Authorizing Release of the Maintenance Bond Posted for the Taco Bell Site
- 73-16 Authorizing Renewal of Membership in the Camden County Joint Insurance Fund
- 74-16 Setting Halloween Curfew and Hours for Trick or Treating
- 75-16 Appointing Gerard P. Compagnoni, Jr., as a Special Police Officer
- 76-16 Authorizing Sale of Vehicles and Equipment No Longer Needed for Public Use by the Borough of Mount Ephraim at Public Auction

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 September. They had a total calls of 675 and assigned 355 case numbers. He read highlights of the offenses and arrests reporting that they had 38 adult arrests. He then read highlights from the Fire Department report for September. They had 28 calls for service and conducted three drills. He then welcomed Jeffrey Kind to the police force and know he will serve the residents well.

Commissioner Tovinsky reported that for the month of September, the Construction Office issued 22 permits for a total of \$2127.00. In Public Works, single stream recycling was 98,960 pounds and trash tonnage collected was 170 tons for a disposal cost of \$11,435.00. He read highlights of other Public Works activities including maintaining vacant properties, metal collection, hanging fall banners, painting in borough hall.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that the Grant Avenue project was awarded but has been on hold because of the freeze on state funding but it looks like those funds will be released soon. The plans for the Lowell/Harding project are up at the state for approval. New Jersey American Water is in the process of replacing the main on Lowell, Harding and Winthrop.

Mayor Wolk read the Tax Collector's report for the month of September reporting that total receipts were \$219,205.97. The Halloween hours are 3pm-8pm on Halloween. Chief Conte reported the curfew hours. We will be turning the clocks back the following weekend so it will be getting dark earlier. He added that our next workshop will be October 24 and the commission meeting will be November 3.

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 8:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Shannon
Municipal Clerk