

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020, MOUNT EPHRAIM COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
BOROUGH HALL MEETING ROOM**

MEETING CALL TO ORDER/OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

Mayor Wolk called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the "Pledge of Allegiance" and the "Open Public Meetings Act" statement.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll with Commissioner Gies, Commissioner Tovinsky and Mayor Wolk present. Also on the dais were Solicitor Eric Riso, Engineer Erika Vardaxis and Clerk Terry Shannon.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

The Governing Body presented a proclamation to borough resident Keith Cowan for his success in the New Jersey Bass Nation tournament.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Mayor Wolk announced that the minutes from the January 2, 2020, commission meeting were distributed and asked for any corrections. Seeing none, on a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gies, the minutes were approved with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Mayor Wolk announced that vouchers in the amount of \$2,314,525.48 were submitted for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky second by Commissioner Gies, the vouchers as submitted were approved with the following poll vote: Gies-yes; Tovinsky-yes; Wolk-yes.

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Mayor Wolk announced that the following ordinance is being considered for adoption this evening:

Ord. 2020-01 Establishing 2020 Salaries for the Police Department Pursuant to the FOP Contract.

The Mayor then opened the public hearing on this ordinance. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gies, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gies, Ord. 2020-01 was finally adopted with the following poll vote: Tovinsky-yes; Gies-yes; Wolk-yes. Ordinance 2020-01 was adopted.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING

Mayor Wolk announced that the following ordinance is being introduced on first reading this evening and will be considered for adoption after proper notice and a public hearing to be held during the March 5 commission meeting:

Ord. 2020-02 Amending Chapter 165 Entitled "Fees" and Chapter 183 Entitled "Fire Prevention" in the Borough Code.

On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gies, the first reading of Ord. 2020-02 was approved with the following poll vote: Tovinsky-yes; Gies-yes; Wolk-yes.

RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Wolk asked the Clerk to read the resolutions that are to be approved by Consent Agenda. She read them as follows:

- 12-20 Amending the Following Policies in the Standard Operating Procedures of the Mount Ephraim Police Department—Mutual Aid and Firearms
- 13-20 Authorizing Refund of Overpaid Taxes
- 14-20 Approving Renewal of Mercantile Licenses for 2020
- 15-20 Approving a Shared Service Agreement with Brooklawn for Building Sub-code Svcs.
- 16-20 Cancelling Taxes Due to Veterans Exemption

On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gies, the resolution consent agenda was approved with the following poll vote: Gies-yes; Tovinsky-yes; Wolk-yes. Resolution consent agenda was approved.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Gies read highlights from the monthly reports submitted by Municipal Court, the Police Department and the Fire Department. He also reported that Chief Gilmore was notified today by NJAW that the missing caps are all back on the hydrants. Also the Fire Department, Police Department and OEM did a nice job on the apartments by the McDonalds that lost their power on a cold night.

Commissioner Tovinsky read highlights from the reports submitted by the Construction Office and Public Works. We have been getting a lot of dirty recycling—it will be tagged and won't be collected. Prices are going up and recycling is going to be an issue this year. Everyone in Camden County is working on it. Also, Jim Beebe built two brine tanks and saved the borough thousands of dollars. Also the firehouse hoagie sale is Saturday.

The Borough Engineer reported that the pre-con for James was held and the contractor hopes to start mid-March. Bell Road is currently out to bid and we hope to award in March

Mayor Wolk read the details from the Tax Collector's report for January, 2020, reporting total receipts of \$2,298,216.22 and lien redemptions of \$10,564.42. We will be here again on February 25 for our workshop and March 5 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. David Bailey from 270 James Street was present with his wife who is pregnant. They are concerned about being able to get through during the construction if she goes into labor. Chief Conte told them it will certainly be accommodated.

Joyce Levy from 101 Harding Avenue asked about the bids that are out but she was misinformed—there is no work planned for Harding.

Mike Rossano asked about the intersection of Pennsylvania and 8th—he heard from a resident that when it rains, the roadway is slippery. Commissioner Tovinsky explained there is a drainage problem there that we will take a look at when we do our next round of streets.

Seeing no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gies, the public hearing was closed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Approved: Terry Shannon
Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk