

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020, MOUNT EPHRAIM COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
IN-PERSON MEETING HELD IN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MEETING ROOM AND VIRTUAL
MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM AT 7:00PM**

MEETING CALL TO ORDER/OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

Mayor Tovinsky called the meeting to order with the “Pledge of Allegiance” and the “Open Public Meetings Act” statement in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” and pursuant to recent Executive Orders issued by the State of New Jersey due to the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll with Commissioner Gies, Commissioner Wolk and Mayor Tovinsky present. Also participating via Zoom for the Borough were Solicitor Eric Riso and Engineer Greg Fusco.

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL

Mayor Tovinsky announced that we have a resolution for approval, Resolution 66-20, Appointing William Jeffries as a Patrolman to the Mount Ephraim Police Department. On a motion by Commissioner Gies, second by Commissioner Wolk, the resolution was approved with the following poll vote: Gies-yes; Wolk-yes; Tovinsky-yes. The Governing Body stepped off the dais and Mayor Tovinsky administered the Oath of Office to Officer Jeffries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Mayor Tovinsky announced that the minutes from the September 3, 2020, Zoom commission meeting and the September 23, 2020, caucus meeting were distributed and asked for any corrections. Seeing none, on a motion by Commissioner Gies, second by Commissioner Wolk, the minutes were approved with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Mayor Tovinsky announced that vouchers in the amount of \$726,051.83 were submitted for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Gies second by Commissioner Wolk, the vouchers as submitted were approved with the following poll vote: Gies-yes; Wolk-yes; Tovinsky-yes.

RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Tovinsky read the following resolutions by title for approval by consent agenda:

- 67-20 Setting the Hours for Halloween Curfew and Trick or Treating
- 68-20 Certifying Property Maintenance Liens against Certain Properties in Accordance with the Property Maintenance Code

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

REPORTS AND COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Gies announced that the Fire Company is having their hoagie sale on October 10. They are also taking part in the “National Fallen Firefighters Light the Night” honoring fallen firefighters. They have red lights all over the firehouse and they will remain on until the 4th. He then read highlights of the calls from the September monthly report submitted by the Mount Police Department. He reported that the police had 39 adult arrests and he read highlights of the charges.

Commissioner Wolk read the details from the Tax Collector’s report for September 2020, reporting total receipts of \$190,952.59 and lien redemptions of \$64,358.50. The tax sale is scheduled for

October 14 at 10am. We have 88 properties in the sale now and 67 are for CCMUA. Our budget workshop is scheduled for October 27. The Clerk advised that the budget workshop has been moved to November. She will confirm and will get back to the Governing Body.

Borough Engineer Greg Fusco reported he met with Barrett and they will start on James Street with the concrete work by the end of next week.

Mayor Tovinsky reported Public Works collected 65,900 pounds of single stream recycling. We lost a full time employee and just hired a female with a Class B license who will be starting on October 19. Public Works cut abandoned properties, set up the meeting room for social distancing and are looking at used trash trucks for a new truck for the department. The Construction Office issued 21 permits for a total of \$14,315 and resale CO's were 7 for a total of \$840.00 He also reported that trick or treating will be on Halloween from noon until 4pm. Curfew will be 9pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Halloween. He reported he attended a statewide meeting today with the health commissioner about the roll out of the vaccine. They are recommending that people get a flu shot this year. The vaccine won't be out until the first quarter. First responders, healthcare workers and those over 65 will be the first ones who get the vaccine.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Tovinsky 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 Gies, second by Commissioner Wolk, the public portion was closed.

Mayor Tovinsky wished everyone a happy Halloween. Don't forget to buy firehouse hoagies. Seeing no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Commissioner Gies, second by Commissioner Wolk, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Approved: Terry Shannon
Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk