

RESOLUTION NO. 23-44

AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF MERCANTILE LICENSES FOR 2024

WHEREAS the below listed businesses have submitted applications to renew mercantile licenses for 2024 and all departments have reviewed and approved these applications; and

WHEREAS each of the below listed businesses have also complied with the new requirement that they provide evidence of liability insurance pursuant to NJ Law S-1368;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Governing Body hereby approves renewal of the following mercantile licenses:

Mr. Tire – 509 N Black Horse Pike

Trusted Transportation Solutions, LLC – 121 N Black Horse Pike

J & J Tire Service – 403 S Black Horse Pike

Mr. Auto Repair – 403 S Black Horse Pike

Kingsway Nails – 31 W Kings Hwy

Midas – 160 N Black Horse Pike

Diaz Business Solutions – 300 W Kings Hwy.

Square One – 19 E Kings Hwy.

Supply Chain Solutions, LLC – 11 James Street

Pete's Pizza – 604 W Kings Hwy.

Giant Fitness – 237 S Black Horse Pike

Phillip 66 – 305 S Black Horse Pike

Cabana Water Ice – 102 W Kings Hwy.

Valvoline – 237 S Black Horse Pike

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM
April 3, 2024**

Approved:

Attest:

Susan M. Carney, Mayor

Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-45

RESOLUTION CREATING THE COALITION TO COMBAT COMMUNITY HUNGER

WHEREAS in New Jersey, over 725,000 people face hunger every day and more than 175,000 of them are children; and

WHEREAS food insecurity exists in every county across the state, from the poorest neighborhoods to the most affluent and parents skip meals so they can feed their children, seniors choose between buying medicine and food, and students decide between their education and food; and

WHEREAS hunger is a solvable problem if we all work together and the Governing Body of the Borough of Mount Ephraim wants to work with local food banks, community churches, schools and organizations and volunteers from the community to help alleviate hunger in Mount Ephraim;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Mount Ephraim, that the Coalition to Combat Community Hunger is hereby established; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Mount Ephraim will work along with local food banks, churches, organizations, schools and volunteers from the community to help to develop strategies and implement programs to help alleviate hunger in Mount Ephraim.

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM
April 3, 2024**

Approved: _____
Mayor Susan M. Carney

Attest: _____
Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this to be a true copy of a resolution approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mount Ephraim at the commission meeting held April 3, 2024.

Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-46

RESOLUTION CREATING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS the Borough of Mount Ephraim is already a desirable place to live, work, play and raise a family; and

WHEREAS the Governing Body wants to expand the image of Mount Ephraim as a great place to establish and operate a business and encourage economic growth in the Borough; and

WHEREAS to that end, the Governing Body wants to establish an Economic Development Advisory Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Mount Ephraim hereby establishes the Economic Development Advisory Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the goals of the Economic Development Advisory Committee shall be as follows:

1. To create and foster a business-friendly environment that attracts and retains appropriate retail, professional and service businesses; and
2. To develop and promote an image of the Borough of Mount Ephraim as a great place for shopping, dining, recreation and doing business; and
3. To facilitate communication, partnership and collaboration between businesses in retail areas and encourage and support strategies to increase patronage to these areas.

BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM
April 3, 2024

Approved: _____
Mayor Susan M. Carney

Attest: _____
Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk

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Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-47

AWARDING A CONTRACT TO LANDBERG CONSTRUCTION, LLC, FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO ADAMS AVENUE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Mount Ephraim hereby recommends to the New Jersey Department of Transportation that the contract for the "Improvements to Adams Avenue from Linden Avenue to Linwood Avenue (Partially funded by the N.J.D.O.T. Municipal Aid Program, FY2023) in the Borough of Mount Ephraim, County of Camden" be awarded to Landberg Construction, LLC of Dorothy (a.k.a. Mays Landing), New Jersey whose bid is in the amount of \$245,692.66 subject to the approval of the Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Borough of Mount Ephraim, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that a contract in the amount of \$245,692.66 for the "Improvements to Adams Avenue from Linden Avenue to Linwood Avenue (Partially funded by the N.J.D.O.T. Municipal Aid Program, FY2023) in the Borough of Mount Ephraim, County of Camden" is hereby awarded to Landberg Construction, LLC of Dorothy (a.k.a. Mays Landing), New Jersey, conditional upon the following:

1. That a certificate has been received from the Municipal Treasurer stating that funds are available for this Contract.
2. That all funds expended for this Contract shall be charged to Capital Ordinance 2024-01.
3. That the bid documents and bidding procedures have been reviewed and approved by the Municipal Solicitor.
4. That the bid documents and bidding procedures have been reviewed and approved by the New Jersey Department of Transportation; the New Jersey Department of Transportation confirms the funding and concurs with the contract award.
5. That the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and seal said Contract.
6. All other conditions determined to be necessary by the Governing Body.

BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM

April 3, 2024

By: _____
Mayor Susan M. Carney

Attest: _____
Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mount Ephraim at the commission meeting held April 3, 2024.

Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 22-48

CANCELING STALE CHECKS DRAWN ON THE COURT GENERAL ACCOUNT

WHEREAS, the Court Administrator has recommended to the Governing Body of the Borough of Mount Ephraim that the following outstanding checks drawn on the Court General Account are stale and should be cancelled as follows:

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

<u>Check date</u>	<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
08/10/2023	2306	\$ 1.00
11/07/2023	2321	\$ 1.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mount Ephraim that the above outstanding checks are hereby authorized to be cancelled.

BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM
April 3, 2024

BY: _____
Mayor Susan M. Carney

ATTEST: _____
Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of a Resolution approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mount Ephraim at the Commission Meeting held on April 3, 2024.

Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-49

AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A CLASS, 5 RETAIL CANNABIS LICENSE TO BROTHERLY BUD, LLC

WHEREAS by Ordinance 2023-06, adopted April 6, 2023, the Borough of Mount Ephraim authorized one Class V, Retail Cannabis dispensary to be located in Mount Ephraim; and

WHEREAS Brotherly Bud, LLC, came before the Mount Ephraim Land Use Board and received conditional approval to locate a retail cannabis business at 500 N. Black Horse Pike in Mt. Ephraim; and

WHEREAS subsequent to that approval, Brotherly Bud submitted an application to the Borough for a Class V, Retail Cannabis License and paid the required application fee; and

WHEREAS the Mount Ephraim Police Department did an extensive background check on the principals of Brotherly Bud including a source of funds examination; and

WHEREAS the Chief of Police has submitted a letter to the Borough Clerk confirming that the background investigation was completed and there were no issues and they have cleared Brotherly Bud, LLC, to operate a Class V, Retail Cannabis business in Mount Ephraim;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Mount Ephraim hereby authorizes the issuance of a Class V, Retail Cannabis License to Brotherly Bud, LLC, conditional upon payment being received for the license; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk is hereby authorized to issue said license once the required payment has been received.

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM
April 3, 2024**

Approved: _____
Mayor Susan M. Carney

Attest: _____
Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this to be a true copy of a resolution approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mount Ephraim at the commission meeting held April 3, 2024.

Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-50

RESOLUTION REVISING TERMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT LAND USE BOARD

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners for the Borough of Mount Ephraim ("Borough") by Ordinance 2023-01, adopted February 2, 2023, changed the date of its regular municipal election previously conducted in May every four years, to the date of the New Jersey general election, which is conducted on the Tuesday after the first Monday every four years in November; and

WHEREAS the Mayor of the Borough appoints the members of the Joint Land Use Board and the Mayor and Commissioners (the "Governing Body") appoint the Class III member of the Borough of Mount Ephraim Joint Land Use Board (the "Board"); and

WHEREAS following the election of the Commissioners every four years, the reorganization meeting has been scheduled as reasonably possible following the May election at which time appointments have been made by the Governing Body, including appointments to the Borough Joint Land Use Board; and

WHEREAS even in non-election years, the Governing Body have continued to make appointments to the Joint Land Use Board in May at which time appointments of individuals to the Board are made; and

WHEREAS the current terms of Board members expire in May or June of the years 2025 through 2027; and

WHEREAS the Governing Body desires to amend the terms of the Board members to expire in December of each year to maintain consistency with the new election schedule and the reorganization meeting schedule and allowing a reasonable period of time to consider appointments after the election in November; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Land Use Law encourages the expiration of terms to be distributed evenly so that in any given year there are not a multitude of member terms expiring; and

WHEREAS the current Board will have three Class IV members whose terms expire in 2026 including the unexpired term of Michael Marone, who was recently elected to the Board of Commissioners and has been appointed and sworn in as the Class III Member of the Board and, therefore, the Commissioners desire to revise the expiration date of this unexpired term to end in 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Mt. Ephraim that the current terms of the members of the Joint Land Use Board shall be amended to expire in January of each year as set as follows:

1. Michael Schiavo's term, which would have expired in May of 2025, shall now expire December 31, 2024;
2. Douglas Morgan's term, which would have expired in May of 2025, shall now December 31, 2024;
3. Rocco Vespe's term, which would have expired in May of 2025, shall now expire December 31, 2024;
4. Steven Eggert's term, which would have expired in May of 2026, shall now expire December 31, 2025;

5. The unexpired term of Michael Marrone's term, which would have expired in May of 2026, shall now expire December 31, 2025;
6. Thomas Maxwell's term, which would have expired in May of 2026, shall now expire December 31, 2025;
7. Robert Carter's term, which would have expired in May of 2027, shall now expire December 31, 2026;
8. Anthony Stagliano's term, which would have expired in May of 2027, shall now expire December 31, 2026;
9. John Saban's term, which would have expired May of 2024, shall now expire December 31, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that prior Resolution 24-27, which incorrectly revised the terms of the Land Use Board members, is hereby rescinded.

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM
April 3, 2024**

VOTE: Carney _____ Marrone _____ Wolk _____

Approved: _____
Susan M. Carney, Mayor

Attest: _____
Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Mount Ephraim on April 3, 2024.

Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-51

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A MOUNT EPHRAIM GREEN TEAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS the Mayor and Commissioners of the Borough of Mount Ephraim strive to save tax dollars, assure clean air and water, improve working and living environments to build a community that is sustainable economically, environmentally and socially and will thrive well into the future; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Commissioners wish to build a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future with green community initiatives that are easy to replicate and affordable to implement; and

WHEREAS to facilitate this, the Mayor and Commissioners wish to establish a Green Team Advisory Committee (GTA);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mount Ephraim, that we do hereby establish a Green Team Advisory Committee to consist of eleven members from the community, employees and Borough officials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is authorized to promote this initiative through the borough website, social media and in the town newsletter in order to encourage residents to get involved and become part of the Green Team Advisory Committee so a roster of members can be established and the committee can draft a mission statement and begin to develop plans and programs that work towards securing Mount Ephraim's environmental sustainability for the future.

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM
April 3, 2024**

Approved: _____
Mayor Susan M. Carney

Attest: _____
Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this to be a true copy of a resolution approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mount Ephraim at the commission meeting held April 3, 2024.

Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-52

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LEACH MOBILE REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLE AND A SCHWARZE A4 STORM STREET SWEEPER THROUGH THE SOURCEWELL CONTRACT

WHEREAS the Mount Ephraim Department of Public Works is in need of a new street sweeper and a new trash truck due to the age, unreliability and high repair costs on the current equipment; and

WHEREAS the Assistant Superintendent has researched pricing information for the purchase of a new street sweeper and a new trash truck and recommends that the purchase be through the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative, of which Mount Ephraim is a member; and

WHEREAS pursuant to NJSA 52:34-6.2b.(3) and LFN 2012-10, a New Jersey municipality may purchase goods and services without public bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law through the use of a nationally recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing contract that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding or contracting process by another contracting unit within New Jersey or another state; and

WHEREAS the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative is a cooperative that has been approved by the State of New Jersey and the subject cooperative purchasing contracts were awarded by Sourcewell to the below listed vendors utilizing a competitive contracting process:

Schwarze A4 Storm Street Sweeper, H. A. Dehart & Son of Thorofare, NJ
Leach 25 Cu. Yd. 2R-III Rear Loader, GranTurk Equipment Co., Bridgeport, PA

WHEREAS also pursuant to NJSA 52:34-6.2b.(3) and LFN 2012-10, prior to making purchases under nationally recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing contracts, the municipality must determine that the use of the cooperative purchasing contract shall result in cost savings after all factors, including charges for service, material and delivery have been considered; and

WHEREAS the Public Works Director and the Assistant Superintendent have determined that the Borough's use of the Sourcewell Cooperative purchasing contract to procure the sought-after vehicles will result in cost savings to the Borough; and

WHEREAS consistent with the Sourcewell Cooperative purchasing contract and needs of the Borough, the following proposals have been by the Sourcewell approved vendors:

Schwarze A4 Storm Street Sweeper, H. A. Dehart & Son, Quote dated April 2, 2024
Sourcewell No. 093021-SWZ, Proposal Amount \$235,542.00

Leach 25 Cu. Yd. 2R-III Rear Loader Mounted on 2024 Autocar Chassis, GranTurk Equipment,
Quote dated January 30, 2024, Sourcewell No. 110223-LEG, Proposal Amount \$294,434.56

WHEREAS funds have been provided for these purchases in Capital Ordinance 2024-01, adopted March 15, 2024, by the Borough of Mount Ephraim as certified by the Finance Officer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Borough of Mount Ephraim, that contracts are hereby awarded to the following vendors and for the following amounts:

H. A. Dehart & Son for the purchase of a Schwarze A4 Storm Street Sweeper under the Sourcewell contract No. 093021-SWZ, in the amount of \$235,542.00; and

GranTurk Equipment Co., Inc. for the purchase of a Leach 25 Cu. Yd. 2R-III Rear Loader Mounted on 2024 Autocar Chassis, under the Sourcewell contract No. 110223-LEG, in the amount of \$294,434.56; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents related to the execution of these contracts once the estoppel period for Bond Ordinance 2024-01 has expired.

BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM
April 3, 2024

Approved: _____
Mayor Susan M. Carney

Attest: _____
Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-53

RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statement of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Local Municipal Budget for the year 2024;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said budget be published in the Retrospect edition of April 19, 2024 as follows:

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on May 1, 2024, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., at which time and place objections to said budget and tax resolution of the Borough of Mount Ephraim for the year 2024 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Summary of General Section of Budget
Current Fund

Municipal Purposes within "CAPS"	\$ 5,782,325.00
Municipal Purposes excluded from "CAPS"	\$ 2,273,895.43
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>\$ 363,487.23</u>
Total General Appropriations	\$8,419,707.66
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>\$3,608,494.28</u>
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	<u>\$ 4,811,213.38</u>

BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM

Date: April 3, 2024

RECORDED VOTE: AYES NAYS ABSTAIN ABSENT

Susan M. Carney

Michael Marrone

Joseph Wolk

Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Commissioners of the Borough of Mount Ephraim at a regularly scheduled meeting on April 3, 2024.

Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk