

RESOLUTION NO. 23-56

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:

Bobby Ray's Black Horse Tavern – 13 S Black Horse Pike
Mt. Ephraim Exxon – 403-415 S Black Horse Pike

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM
May 1, 2024**

Approved:

Attest:

Susan M. Carney, Mayor

Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-57

AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SERVICES

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners solicited for quotes to Mount Ephraim vendors for vehicles maintenance services and quotes were received on April 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS two quotes were received from the following vendors:

S. A. Conte, Inc., d//b/a Conte's Auto Repairs, and Robert A. Carpenter, LLC, d/b/a Rob's Auto Repair; and

WHEREAS the quotes submitted by these vendors were very similar, both in services provided and pricing for said services; and

WHEREAS the reputation of both vendors is that they both provide excellent vehicle maintenance services; and

WHEREAS in an effort to be completely transparent and to be fair and equitable to both vendors, the Governing Body has determined that it would be in the best interest of the taxpayers to award agreements to both vendors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Mount Ephraim, County of Camden and State of New Jersey, that agreements are hereby awarded to both S.A. Conte, Inc., d/b/a Conte's Auto Repairs and to Robert A. Carpenter, LLC, d/b/a Rob's Auto Repair; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the police chief is hereby authorized and required to send police vehicles for service to both vendors on a fair and equitable basis.

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM
MAY 1, 2024**

By: _____
Susan M. Carney, Mayor

Attest: _____
Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the forgoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Mt. Ephraim on May 1, 2024.

Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-58

DESIGNATING PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

WHEREAS the Borough of Mount Ephraim utilizes a “Fair and Open” process for the selection of professionals and Proposals were received on April 3, 2024, and have been reviewed by the Governing Body;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Mount Ephraim, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the following appointments be and are hereby authorized for the eight-month period of May 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024;

REGISTERED MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTANT:

Robert P. Inverso of Inverso & Stewart, 12000 Lincoln Drive West, Suite 402, Marlton, NJ

BOND COUNSEL:

Philip A. Norcross of Parker McCay, 7001 Lincoln Drive West, Marlton, NJ

PLANNING BOARD SOLICITOR:

Joseph M. Nardi, III, of Brown & Connery LLP, 360 Haddon Avenue, Westmont, NJ

INSURANCE RISK MANAGER:

Thomas Merchel/Jaclyn Lindsey, Conner, Strong & Buckelew, 2 Cooper Street, Camden, NJ,

FINANCIAL ADVISOR:

Acacia Financial Group, Inc., 6000 Midlantic Drive, Suite 410 North, Mt. Laurel, NJ

CONSULTING ENGINEER AND LAND USE BOARD ENGINEER:

Greg Fusco, KEI Engineers, 80 S. White Horse Pike, Berlin, NJ

Said individuals are entitled to receive such compensation as may be reasonable for said services. Said appointees are persons authorized by law to practice their respective professions and said professional services are necessary and required by this municipality.

**Borough of Mount Ephraim
May 1, 2024**

By: _____
Mayor Susan M. Carney

Attest: _____
Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the forgoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Mt. Ephraim on May 1, 2024.

Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-59

AUTHORIZING SELF-EXAMINATION OF THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5 the Borough of Mount Ephraim has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Borough of Mount Ephraim meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2024 budget year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Commissioners of the Borough of Mount Ephraim that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & b and based upon the Chief Financial Officers' certification the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq. are fully met (Complies with the "CAP" law.)
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate, and correctly stated.
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth.
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement, and content the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced, publicly advertised, and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Vote: Carney _____ Marrone _____ Wolk _____

Approved: _____
Susan M. Carney, Mayor

Attest: _____
Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I certify that this is a true and correct copy of a resolution approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mount Ephraim at a meeting held on May 1, 2024.

Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk

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**BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM
CAMDEN COUNTY**

CERTIFICATION OF APPROVED BUDGET

It is hereby certified that the Approved Budget complies with the requirements of law and approval is given pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78(b) and N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.

It is further certified that the Borough of Mount Ephraim has met the eligibility requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.4 and 7.5 and that I, as Chief Financial Officer, have completed the local examination in compliance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6.

Dated: May 2, 2024

By: _____
Paul Thomas
Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 24-60

AUTHORIZING THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY AT TIME OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS NJSA 40A:4-8, as amended by P.L. 1995, Chapter 259, provides that the budget may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing, if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, and providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing, a complete copy of the budget has been made available for public inspection, been properly advertised and the full budget, budget message and comparisons to prior year's budgets have been posted to the borough website; and

WHEREAS a certification has been forwarded to the governing body by the public officer responsible for dissemination of the budget information that such postings were made and that copies have been made available by the Borough Clerk to persons requesting them; and

WHEREAS all of these conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Mount Ephraim that the 2024 Municipal Budget shall be read by title only at the time of public hearing thereon.

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM
May 1, 2024**

By: _____
Mayor Susan M. Carney

Attest: _____
Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the forgoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Mt. Ephraim on May 1, 2024.

Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk