

**JANUARY 11, 2018, 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 7:05pm and led all present in the “Pledge of Allegiance”. He then announced that this meeting has been advertised and posted in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act”.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

Mayor Wolk announced that the minutes from the November 28, 2017, caucus meeting and December 7, 2017, commission meeting were distributed and asked for any corrections. Seeing none, 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 \$820,881.17 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.

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Wolk asked the Clerk to read the following resolutions for approval by Consent Agenda which she read as follows:

- 01-18 Authorizing Agreement with Electronics Recycling Int'l., Inc., for E-waste Recycling
- 02-18 Authorizing Participation with the Camden Co. Contract for Solid Waste Disposal
- 03-18 Authorizing Agreement with FJMA for Consulting Services
- 04-18 Authorizing Renewal of the Barrington Shared Service Agreement for Clerk Services
- 05-18 Authorizing Agreement with Main Community Care Services for ACO Services
- 06-18 Renewing the Shared Service Agreement with Bellmawr for Paving Services
- 07-18 Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with Bellmawr for Fleet Repair Services
- 08-18 Appointing Municipal Court Personnel for 2018
- 09-18 Setting the Interest Rate for Delinquent Taxes
- 10-18 Approving the Temporary Budget for 2018
- 11-18 Designating 2018 Annual Appointments

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. Resolutions were approved.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the Mount Ephraim Fire Department report for December 2017 reporting they had a total of 41 calls for service, one drill and they had 214 total volunteer man-hours. He then read highlights of the December monthly report from the Mount Ephraim Police Department reporting they had total calls of 548 and assigned 322 case numbers. He read highlights of the calls and also reported they handled 18 out-of-town warrants and issued 167 motor vehicle summonses. They had 19 adult arrests and he read highlights of the arrests. Commissioner Gilmore then announced that Joe Graham, a former police chief during the 70's, passed away. Also Bill Schimmel, a long-time resident, passed away at the age of 92. Our condolences go out to the families of both men.

Commissioner Tovinsky reported that single stream recycling was 83,700 pounds and trash tonnage to Camden was 163 tons at a cost of \$11,839.00. DPW collected 3,430 pounds of metal, spread salt, handled a plumbing problem at the Dougherty Center and had PSE&G repaid all the street lights on Kings Highway. He then read highlights from the December Construction Office report--they issued 22 permits for a total of \$3,365 continued leaf clean-up, had two vacant property registrations for \$1000 and issued five CO's for a total of \$600.00. He also read highlights of the year-end report from Construction.

Engineer Joe Federici from Federici and Akin reported they have begun design for the Northmont Avenue project and that project will go out to bid in the next month or two for construction spring-summer of 2018.

Mayor Wolk read the details from the Tax Collector's report for December, 2017, reporting total receipts of \$483,024.21 and lien redemptions totaling \$30,811.46. He then thanked all the volunteers who worked on the Fire Department parade and the Lunch with Santa. We are working on our 2018 Budget and we may have introduction by the April meeting. We will be here again on January 23 at 3pm for our workshop and February 1 at 7pm for the general meeting. This is a new meeting time which will hopefully make it easier for residents to attend.

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 7:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Shannon
Municipal Clerk