

**MARCH 1, 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 7:00pm 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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Chief Conte and Commissioner Gilmore presented a commendation to police officers for their handling of a dangerous incident on February 6 involving a barricaded and armed individual on Cleveland Avenue who had hostages. Commended were Captain Brandon Siefert, Sgt. William Errigo, Ptl. Jason Dobleman, Ptl, Danielle Frank, Special Officer Patrick Kane, Ptl. Tyler Covely and from the Brooklawn Police Department Det. John Stires, Sgt. Anthony Hirst and Ptl Michael Brewster along with Sgt. John Marrone from the Bellmawr PD. Commissioner Gilmore thanked them all for a job well done.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

Mayor Wolk announced that the minutes from the February 1, 2018, 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 \$1,704,596.82 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.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Mayor Wolk announced that Ord. 01-18, Calendar Year 2018 Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and Establish a CAP Bank, is on for a public hearing this evening. He opened the public hearing on this ordinance. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public hearing was closed. On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, Ord. 01-18 was adopted with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes, Tovinsky-yes, Wolk-yes. The ordinance was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

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

- 23-18 Authorizing a One-Time Payout of Unused Vacation to Joann McGrory
- 24-18 Amending the Personnel Policy Handbook for the New Social Media Policy
- 25-18 Authorizing Transfer of 2017 Appropriation Reserves
- 26-18 Authorizing 2018 Mercantile Licenses
- 27-18 Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application for Camden Co. Open Space Funds
- 28-18 Authorizing a Closed Session to Discuss Attorney/Client Privileged, Personnel or Contractual Matters

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 February 2018 reporting they had a total of 30 total and he read highlights of the incidents. He then read highlights of the February 2018 monthly report from the Mount Ephraim Police Department reporting they assigned 299 case numbers and he read highlights of the calls. They had 29 adult arrests and he read highlights of the arrests. There were no juvenile arrests and 35 out-of-town warrants were served. They issued 179 motor vehicle summonses. Commissioner Gilmore again thanked all the officers for their quick actions and levelheadedness in handling the incident on Cleveland Avenue.

Commissioner Tovinsky reported that the Construction office issued 25 permits for a total of \$3,639.00 and vacant property registrations were five for \$10,500. Resale CO's issued were five for a total of \$600. He then reported single stream recycling was 78,280 pounds and trash tonnage to Camden was 140 tons at a cost of \$9,668. DPW handled eight sewer calls, collected 10,900 pounds of metal, had the boilers cleaned and serviced, installed LED lights on pump station at Shining Star Park and repaired potholes. He added that it was a great job done by the police department in their handling of that incident.

Engineer Joe Federici from Federici and Akin reported they are preparing the plans for the Northmont Avenue DOT which will be paved this spring/summer. We are meeting with Conrail at the 4th Avenue crossing to discuss potential upgrades to the crossing.

Mayor Wolk read the details from the Tax Collector's report for February, 2018, reporting total receipts of \$2,359,584.76 and \$99,322.78 in lien redemptions Mayor Wolk then stated we will be here again on March 20 for our workshop and April 5 for the public meeting at 7pm. Daylight savings time starts in a week so turn your clocks back and check your smoke alarm batteries. He added his thanks for the good job done by the police department.

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 to closed session at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Shannon
Municipal Clerk