

**MAY 21, 2019, REORGANIZATION MEETING**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF MT. EPHRAIM**

**REORGANIZATION MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Wolk called the Reorganization meeting to order at 3:30pm and led everyone present in the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. On the dais were the newly elected commissioners, Joseph E. Wolk, Michael "Traz" Tovinsky, George Gies and Clerk Shannon.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COMMISSION ELECTION RESULTS**

The Clerk read the certification of the election results declaring that Joseph E. Wolk, Michael "Traz" Tovinsky and George Gies were duly elected at the municipal election held May 14, 2019, and will now be sworn into office by Assemblywoman Patricia Egan Jones.

Assemblywoman Jones administered the Oath of Office to Joseph E. Wolk, Michael "Traz" Tovinsky and George Gies individually. Each were accompanied by their family members. The commissioners then returned to the dais. Commissioner Wolk thanked Assemblywoman Jones.

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MAYOR**

Commissioner Wolk announced that we now have Resolution No. R-01-19 for approval, Designation the Mayor which shall be Joseph E. Wolk. On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gies, Resolution R-01-19, Designating Joseph E. Wolk as the Mayor, was approved with the following poll vote: Gies-yes; Tovinsky-yes; Wolk-yes. Commissioner Wolk was duly appointed as Mayor

Assemblywoman Pat Jones introduced Assemblyman Bill Spearman who administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Wolk.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Mayor Wolk asked the Clerk to read the Resolutions that will be approved by Consent Agenda. The Clerk read the Resolutions as follows:

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| RESOLUTION R-02-19 | Designating Dates & Times for Borough Meetings  |
| RESOLUTION R-03-19 | Designating Departments                         |
| RESOLUTION R-04-19 | Designating Officers & Employees                |
| RESOLUTION R-05-19 | Designating Appointments (read in full)         |
| RESOLUTION R-06-19 | Designating Official Newspapers                 |
| RESOLUTION R-07-19 | Designating Official Depositories               |
| RESOLUTION R-08-19 | Designating Department Directors (read in full) |

- RESOLUTION R-09-19      Appointing the HIF Fund Commissioner and Alternate
- RESOLUTION R-10-19      Appointing the JIF Fund Commissioner and Alternate
- RESOLUTION R-11-19      Designating Professional Appointments (read in full)

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

Mayor Wolk asked all the professionals who were appointed to rise and he administered the Oath of Office to the group. Solicitor Stuart Platt and Engineer Erika Vardaxis then took their place on the dais.

Clerk Shannon then stated a correction to Resolution R-05-19, the Prosecutor is not Michael Joyce as read previously—it is actually Alison Weinroth.

**MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING BOARD**

Mayor Wolk announced the following appointments to the Planning Board:

- Kim Beebe, Class I as Mayor’s Designee (term coincides with Mayor’s term)
- Kenneth Herman, Class II, for a one year term
- Commissioner Tovinsky, Class III, one year term
- Robert Carter, Class IV, four year term
- Anthony Stagliano, Class IV, four year term
- Michael Popelak, Class IV Alt., two year term

**COMMENTS BY OFFICIALS:**

Mayor Wolk called on Commissioner Gies to speak first. Commissioner Gies stated he will do the best job he possibly can for the residents. He thanked their campaign manager, John Saban, and his wife Dorothy for being the treasurer. We had so much help from friends and he really appreciates everyone who came out to vote. He hopes to do a great job for all and please reach out to him for anything.

Commissioner Tovinsky thanked everyone for voting for him and John Saban for being campaign manager. We had a lot of help from people on the streets. Our departments are really strong—Joe and Jim do a great job with Public Works. I am available 24/7 so if you have any problems please let me know. He looks forward to four more years.

Mayor Wolk started by recognizing the government dignitaries who were present: Freeholder McDonnell, Mayor Spenser from Gloucester City, Assemblyman Bill Spearman, Assemblywoman Pat Jones who will be retiring at the end of this year after 45 years of public service. She is one of the few he admires greatly and thank you for your service. He then thanked his fellow commissioners for selecting him as Mayor. He thanked the voters for the vote of confidence. He also thanked the opponents for a hard-fought campaign. He thanked Dorothy Gies and John Saban for their work on the campaign and all of the volunteers who came out. To his daughter Debbie and her children, thank you for your support and to his son Christopher and his wife along with the grandchildren. And to my wife Kathy, this is my eighth term and I could not have done it without you. On June 6, we will be celebrating 49 years of marriage and I don’t know how she did it. Thank you all who came out today. Thank you to our Clerk, Terry Shannon and to all the girls in the office. If I missed anyone I apologize—it was a group win and a heartfelt thank all.

Mayor Wolk then reported that tonight at 7:30 is the Miss Mount Ephraim contest at MEPRI Hall. We have a Memorial Day celebration starting at 9am at the firehouse then marching down to the memorial. He then recognized Commissioner Gilmore for his years of service to the Borough-- 25 years as a police officer and 12 years as commissioner. Former Commissioner Gilmore added that 45 of his 50 adult years have been spent in public service including four years in the Navy.

Mayor Wolk closed by reporting our next meeting is the workshop on May 28 at 3pm and the commission meeting will be June 6 at 7pm.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mayor Wolk opened the meeting to the public and asked that residents state their name and address for the record.

Det. Sgt. Bill Errigo congratulated them on the election and congratulations to Commissioner Gilmore on his freedom. He helped us build a foundation for an outstanding relationship between the commissioners and the union and they look forward to continuing that relationship with Commissioner Gies. He thanked Commissioner Gilmore personally for his leadership throughout the years.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Commissioners Tovinsky and Gies, the public portion was closed.

On a motion by Commissioners Tovinsky and Gies, the meeting was adjourned at 3:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Terry Shannon*  
Borough Clerk