

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2022, MOUNT EPHRAIM COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MEETING HELD IN BOROUGH HALL MEETING ROOM**

MEETING CALL TO ORDER/OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

Mayor Tovinsky called the meeting to order at 7:02pm with the "Pledge of Allegiance". He announced that this meeting was posted in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" and proper notice of this meeting was made.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll with Commissioner Gies, Commissioner Wolk and Mayor Tovinsky present. Also in attendance for the Borough were Clerk Shannon, Solicitor Justin Strausser and Engineer Greg Fusco from KEI Engineers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 26, 2022, Caucus meeting, and August 4, 2022, Commission meeting minutes were submitted for review and approval. On a motion by Commissioner Gies, second by Commissioner Wolk, the minutes were approved with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Mayor Tovinsky announced that vouchers in the amount of \$1,449,909.36 were submitted for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Gies second by Commissioner Wolk, the vouchers as submitted were approved with the following poll vote: Gies-yes; Wolk-yes; Tovinsky-yes.

RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL BY CONSENT AGENDA

The Clerk read the following Resolutions by title for approval by Consent Agenda:

- 22-79 Authorizing a Closed Session for Contractual, Personnel, or Attorney/Client Matters
- 22-80 Renewing Membership in the Camden County Joint Insurance Fund
- 22-81 Authorizing Participation in the Camden County Contract for Sodium Chloride
- 22-82 Authorizing a Refund of Property Tax Overpayment

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

REPORTS AND COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Gies read highlights from the August report from the Police Department stating they had 172 total calls and he read highlights of the calls. They had 165 car stops and issued 142 summonses. They served 32 warrants and had 34 adult arrests for the month and he read highlights of the charges. For Municipal Court for July, they turned over \$5,475.10 in court fines to the borough. The Fire Department report shows they had 40 calls for service and he read highlights of the calls. They also had a PEOSHA inspection and there were no violations.

Commissioner Wolk read the details from the Tax Collector's report for August 2022, reporting total receipts of \$3,435,110.04. We also had lien redemptions for a total of \$21,530.42. He added that we recently learned that Gerry Banmiller, former president of First Colonial Bank, passed away. He was a very good friend to the Borough of Mount Ephraim and was a really good guy. Schools will be opening soon so be careful.

Engineer Greg Fusco reported on the following:

I was getting pressure from PSE&G to issue a permit for replacement of the gas main on Linden Avenue and I told them I could not issue the permit and need to meet with them. That is a brand new street. We will also be meeting with NJAW to discuss the Lake Street project.

We are determining the date to receive bids for the Harding, Winthrop and Lowell drainage project.

Mayor Tovinsky read highlights from the Construction Office department for August. They issued 34 permits totalling \$9,995, they had zero vacants and issued 12 resale CO's for \$1,440. For Public Works, single stream recycling was 57,760 pounds and they collected 171 tons of trash for a cost of \$14,796. They put out all the barricades and trash cans for National Night Out. They also dug up the storm drain at Shining Star Park to find collapsed pipe for the engineer. They also had a reinspection by the Fire Alliance and everything passed. He wished everyone a happy Labor Day.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Tovinsky opened the meeting to the public and asked that residents state their name for the record. Rich Holmes, president of the Fire Company, said they received an email from the individual who manages the insurance claim billing process for them and in the first year, they collected \$2014 on four different incidents so the program has been successful.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Gies, second by Commissioner Wolk, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by Commissioners Gies, second by Commissioner Wolk, the meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:16pm.

Approved: Terry Shannon
Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk