THURSDAY AUGUST 4, 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 7:00pm 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, Jr., from KEI Engineers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 28, 2022, Caucus meeting, and July 7, 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 $805,342.83 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.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Clerk Shannon read the following ordinances by title:

2022-07	Amending Chapter 354, Solid Waste, in the Borough Code (establishes a maximum size for trash receptacles)
2022-08	Amending Chapter 165, Fees, in the Borough Code (raises the minimum fee for a construction permit to $75)

Mayor Tovinsky opened the public hearing on these ordinances and asked that you give your name and comments are limited to five minutes. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Gies, second by Commissioner Wolk, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by Commissioner Gies, second by Commissioner Wolk, ordinances 2022-07 and 2022-08 were adopted 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:

22-72 Appointing Acting Chief and Deputy Chief for the Mt. Ephraim Fire Department
22-73 Extending the Grace Period for Third Quarter Tax Payments
22-74 Approving the Renewal of the Inactive Liquor License Held by McStones, LLC
22-75 Authorizing the Borough of Mount Ephraim to Enter into a Second Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding with Mt. Ephraim Urban Renewal, LLC ("Conditional Redeveloper")

22-76 Authorizing Submission of an Application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for an American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant
22-77 Refund of Fee Received for Resale CO Certificate
22-78 Terminating the Agreement with Mulderig Fastpitch for use of Girls Softball Fields

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 Fire Department report for July reporting they had 29 calls for service and he read highlights of the calls. They thanked the governing body for securing the funds for a new fire truck and for the washer/dryer grant. Also, thanks for letting us be part of Cops and Bobbers. He added that Mr. Frankowski (Matt's father) had a heart attack over the weekend and had two stents put in but is doing well. He then read the Court report for June reporting they turned over $4,844.53 to the borough. Commissioner Gies then read highlights from the July report from the Police Department. They had 750 calls for service, and he read highlights of the calls. They made 143 car stops and issued 126 summonses, and they had 27 adult arrests for the month and he read highlights of the charges. He also congratulated them on a great Cops and Bobbers event. There were a lot of kids there with smiles on their faces.

Commissioner Wolk read the details from the Tax Collector's report for July 2022, reporting total receipts of $101,529.81 and two lien redemptions totaling $3,612.70. He thanked the Chief and the department for the great Cops and Bobbers event.

Engineer Greg Fusco reported on the following:
We issued the contracts to Pioneer General Contracting, the contractor for Lake Street, Phase 1 and 2. He would like to start at the end of September if he gets all the materials delivered. Also, we sent the plans for the Harding Avenue DOT funded project up to the DOT for their review. Hopefully we will hear back from them soon.

Mayor Tovinsky read the Construction Office report for July reporting they issued 31 permits for $6,685 and six CO's for $720. He then highlights from the Public Works report for July. Single stream recycling was 59,000 pounds and trash tonnage was 172 tons for a disposal cost of $14,892. They collected trash in Runnemede and they have the same rules regarding the size of the cans. They issued 60 stickers letting residents know they have to play by the rules. They collected metal, took care of the set-up for July 4, had a Fire Alliance inspection and they had a few violations that will be corrected. The radioactive compass that was in the trash truck is being transported to Tennessee for disposal. July 4 was great—thanks to all. Cops and Bobbers was a lot of fun and the kids had a blast.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Mayor Tovinsky opened the meeting to the public and asked that residents state their name for the record. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Gies, second by Commissioner Wolk, the public portion was closed.

Seeing no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Commissioners Gies, second by Commissioner Wolk, the meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

Approved: *Terry Shannon*
Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk