

**REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES, SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024
MOUNT EPHRAIM FIRE HALL ON BELL ROAD**

MEETING CALL TO ORDER/OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

Commissioner Carney called the meeting to order at 3:00pm and asked everyone to rise and remove their hats for the presentation of colors by the Mount Ephraim Fire Department and American Legion honor guard. Following presentation of the colors, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by children Hazel and Dylan Marques and Emerson Marrone and the National Anthem was beautifully performed by Payton Vogt.

INVOCATION

Anthony Stagliano of the Mt. Ephraim Fire Department

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS

Clerk Shannon announced that the Camden County Board of Elections certified that the following three individuals were duly elected at the November, 2023, General Election: Susan M. Carney, Michael Marrone and Joseph E. Wolk.

Richard Schepacarter, Esq., administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Susan M. Carney. Commissioner Carney had her granddaughters with her as she was sworn-in.

Assemblywoman Pamela Lampitt administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Michael Marrone. The Assemblywoman said she has known Michael for years and knows him to be a man of integrity and the town of Mount Ephraim is in great hands.

Christopher Wolk, Esq., administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Joseph E. Wolk.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MAYOR

The Clerk read the following resolution for approval:

Resolution 24-01, Designating the Mayor of the Borough of Mount Ephraim. On a motion by Commissioner Marrone, second by Commissioner Wolk, the resolution was approved with the following poll vote: Carney-yes; Marrone-yes; Wolk-yes.

Richard Schepacarter, Esq., administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Carney. Schepacarter said he has known Sue for years and she did a great job for the postal union and the school board and knows she will do a great job for the Borough. Susan said she wanted to make today about community and is grateful to have Richard here to swear her in. She was joined by her husband Michael and took the Oath of Office as the first female Mayor of Mount Ephraim.

REMARKS BY NEWLY INSTALLED OFFICIALS

Mayor Carney spoke about how grateful she is for this opportunity and for all of those who supported her campaign and are here to support her today. She also thanked her husband, daughters, grandchildren and her sisters. She said she wished her parents were here to see this and is so proud to be Mount Ephraim's first woman mayor. She told all the girls you can be anything you can imagine you can be. Mayor Carney said her term will be about bringing positive change to Mount Ephraim. We are coming up on our 100th year celebration two years from now and she hopes we have some accomplishments to celebrate. Together we can accomplish anything. She then recognized all of the dignitaries present including Mayor Kappatos from Runnemede, Mayor Cowling-Carson from Magnolia, Joe Ciano from Sup't. of Bellmawr, former Mayor Bradford, Mike Hunter, school superintendent, Assemblywoman Pam Lampitt, Joe McMahon from the American Legion, Daylin Hackley from Congressman Norcross' office, former Mayor Reader, Karen Herman from the Celebrations Committee, Gene O'Donnell from MEPRI, the Democrat Club and Mount Ephraim Youth Athletics representatives and she acknowledged members of MEPRI EMS and the Mt. Ephraim Fire Department along with others. She also recognized Holly Marrone as the new school board president and Nancy Schiavo for her 17 years

of service on the board. She recognized Chief Conte, Jim Beebe and Public Works, the office staff and John Saban, Chief of Staff for the 5th District, former Commissioner Andy Gilmore, solicitor Stuart Platt, engineer Greg Fusco, and Clerk Terry Shannon.

Mayor Carney then introduced Commissioner Marrone who said he and his wife moved here almost 18 years ago. They both worked in the city and this was a good location. They loved the small town feel and meeting the people who are willing to put in the effort to provide a good life for their kids and they decided to get involved ourselves. He was previously involved with the school board as they had two kids. Eventually his wife got involved with the school board and is now the president. He ran for commissioner four years ago and was not successful but this time he was. He thanked everyone for having faith in me and also thanked his family for their support. Please contact me with any ideas or suggestions you have—we want to progress and move Mount Ephraim forward.

Commissioner Wolk congratulated Mayor Carney for being the first female mayor in 98 years of Mount Ephraim. He thanked his wife Kathy for her support and also his son Christopher and his wife along with his daughter Debbie and her family. His son Scott is in Delaware and is a mail carrier along with his wife. This will be his 32nd year of public service. He said we always look for the quality of life and he always tried to help with every issue that was brought to him by a resident. He thanked everyone who helped with his campaign. We have developed a lot in town and are still working on the church. We got a Wawa where Degenhardt's was, got the new firehouse, and will try to continue that process. We have Walgreen's where the Harwan was, MedExpress where the Mobil station was and we are working on even more development. Please call me with any problems or concerns and we will do our best to help you. Thank you to everyone.

Mayor Carney recognized Terry Armbruster and her husband who were present along with the Mount Ephraim crossing guards who are out there in all kinds of weather, Tom Whitman from Carmen's who donated rolls and other stuff and Debbie Gardner for her killer Christmas cookies.

RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL BY CONSENT AGENDA

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

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| Resolution No. 24-02 | Designating Departments of the Borough of Mount Ephraim |
| Resolution No. 24-03 | Designating Officers and Employees of the Borough of Mount Ephraim |
| Resolution No. 24-04 | Designating Departmental Appointments |
| Resolution No. 24-05 | Designating Department Directors |
| Resolution No. 24-06 | Appointing the Commissioner and Alt. Commissioner to the Southern NJ Regional Employee Benefits Fund |
| Resolution No. 24-07 | Appointing the Commissioner and Alt. Commissioner to the Camden Co. Joint Insurance Fund |
| Resolution No. 24-08 | Designating Official Newspapers |
| Resolution No. 24-09 | Authorizing a Cash Management Plan |
| Resolution No. 24-10 | Designating Regular Meeting Dates and Times for 2024 |
| Resolution No. 24-11 | Designating Deputy Custodians of Public Records |
| Resolution No. 24-12 | Appointing a Commissioner Michael Marrone as the Class III Member to the Land Use Board |

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| Resolution No. 24-13 | Setting the Interest Rate for Delinquent Taxes |
| Resolution No. 24-14 | Resolution Appointing Animal Control Officer for 2024 |
| Resolution No. 24-15 | Authorizing the Tax Assessor to File, Stipulate, and Settle Tax Appeals and Roll Back Tax Complaints |
| Resolution No. 24-16 | Approving a Temporary Budget for 2024 |
| Resolution No. 24-17 | Appointing Matthew Frankowski as Fire Chief and Brian Cavallaro as Deputy Fire Chief for the Mt. Ephraim Fire Dept. |

On a motion by Mayor Carney, second by Commissioner Marrone, the resolution consent agenda was approved with the following poll vote: Carney-yes; Marrone-yes; Wolk-yes.

Chief Frankowski and Deputy Chief Cavallaro were administered the Oath of Office by Mayor Carney.

Clerk Shannon announced that we have changed our commission meetings so they will now be on the first Wednesday of each month. Mayor Carney added we did that so there was no conflict with other town meetings.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Carney 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 Marrone, second by Commissioner Wolk, the public portion was closed.

On a motion by Commissioner Marrone, second by Commissioner Wolk, the meeting was adjourned at 3:54pm and Mayor Carney announced there is plenty of food so please stick around and enjoy.

Approved: Terry Shannon
Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk