



3RD & 4TH QUARTER 2021/2022

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Greetings to you all the Readers.

Welcome to the third and fourth edition of our newsletter for the year 2021/2022 financial year.

This year 2022 we have seen observed the Russian-Ukraine war that is taking place in Ukraine. This war has impacted negatively on our lives and livelihoods.

We have seen the sky rocketing prices of commodities such as cooking oil and fuel.

Same this year we have seen heavy down pours that eventually led to disasters that devastated the district of eThekweni Kwazulu-Natal province. More than 443 people are known to have lost their lives in Kwazulu-Natal. Approximately 48 people are missing or unaccounted for.

The rains have also caused extensive damage to houses, businesses, roads, bridges and water, electricity, rail and telecommunications infrastructure.

This flooding has disrupted fuel and food supply.

We are presenting to you all the activities that happened during the two last quarters of our financial year. Let's start by acknowledging here we are 28 years since the dawn of democracy in South Africa. Since then, our communities have witnessed massive service delivery in their respective villages. The government has provided them with housing, electricity, and road infrastructure to better their lives.

We also acknowledge the fact that our people are also not satisfied with some of the services we have provided, and we are on course to



MR. PERCY KAPUDI MOAGI

ensure that we reach out to every corner of the Municipality to provide services.

The mayor in his state of the municipal address, mentioned that all the outstanding projects need to be given a poignant look into to ensure that they are all complete.

We also want to take this colossal moment to applaud the Municipality for attaining an Unqualified Audit opinion from the Auditor general for the year 2020/2021. This is a good story to tell, and we should pride ourselves for that as the municipality.

Once more the newsletter presents intriguing news updates with regard to service delivery and events that unfolded this financial year. We have staged a beautiful SOMA at Moganyaka village in May 2022. That's where the mayor was unleashing the programme for the incoming financial year and some of the achievements made since the beginning of this financial year.

We should also acknowledge the good work that our political principals are doing to Fast-track service delivery and this endorses that we are in capable hands and we are truly led by visionary leadership.

Enjoy reading our last Newsletter for this financial year and hope you will enjoy it.

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MAYOR'S CORNER

INAUGURATION OF THE MAYOR

On the 08 February 2022 Cllr Given Moimana was given responsibility to lead the Ephraim Mogale Municipality as a Mayor.

He was elected alongside Cllr Rebecca Lentsoane as a Speaker and Cllr Itumeleng Magana as a Chief Whip of Council.

In his acceptance speech the Mayor thanked everyone and in particular his political party. He thanked them because they showed trust in him. He also thanks everyone who came to witness the event. He also encourages all political parties in the Municipality to join hands to deliver on the Mandate given to them. He acknowledges all Mayors who came before him, former Mayor Cllr Tshehla, Cllr Lekola, Cllr Maphanga, Cllr Mmakola, Cllr Kupa, Cllr Mothogwane and Cllr Lentsoane.

ABOUT THE MAYOR

Ephraim Mogale Municipality Mayor Cllr Given Moimana was born at Ga-Matlala Ramoshebo in Moutse West in 1976.

He joined the ANCYL after the unbanning in 1993, to later

lead the ANCYL at branch up to the regional level. He then led the ANC at branch level as the Secretary for two terms. He was then appointed as the Subregional Convenor of ANC in Ephraim Mogale and later elected as ANC Subregional Chair. He is currently serving as the Deputy Regional Secretary of the ANC in Sekhukhune.



CLLR GIVEN MOIMANA

EPHRAIM MOGALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY MAYOR

He holds the following qualifications:

Cllr Given Moimana matriculated at Mahlakodishe High School in 1994 where he was also the SRC leader.

He has a BCOM in Law,
BTech: Public Management,
BTech: Labour Relations,
He is completing LLB this semester.

He worked at the Dept of Health as Labour Relations Officer.

He joined Rustenburg Local Municipality as a Labour Relations Manager and later employed by LEDA as Group Manager: Labour Relations for 14 years before deployed by the ANC as Speaker and currently the Mayor of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality.



AN EXTRA SPECIAL COUNCIL AT MANAPYANE VILLAGE



This Fifth term Administration took its extra special council to Manapyane -Mshongoville sport ground on the 27th May 2022. The State of the Municipal Address is an extra special council where the Mayor addresses the constituency on matters of progress made on service delivery and other future projects.

In attendance was MEC for Public works roads and Infrastructure Dr Namane Masemola, Member of Parliament Legislature Jerry Maseko, Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi, Cllr Magetlane Tladi, Chief whips and Speakers from local Municipalities.

On the day, sector departments such as Sassa, Home affairs, LEDA, Agriculture, Eskom and Local Economic development product owners gave services to the public. The community of Manapyane were on a jovial mood to host the event of such magnitude and to interact with their political leadership.

The Mayor of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality has set the tone that this fifth term of administration would not tolerate malfeasance and any form of corruption. They are going to work tirelessly to ensure that our people receive services and no one would stand in their way when delivering services to the people.

"I want to be very clear on this one. We will not tolerate corruption, fraud, and maladministration. These criminalities are the biggest enemies of our people. It is stealing from the poor. Corruption and Fraud deny our people services which the democratic government seeks to provide them with. This fifth term Administration would not tolerate any form of corruption and it will be addressed as and when it rears its ugly head" said the Mayor Cllr Given Moimana.

Good news is that the Municipality of Ephraim Mogale got Unqualified audit opinion for the financial year 2020/2021 and it should be retained or move one step ahead to get

Clean Audit opinion.

"Today we are also delivering a budget of R376 million for the year 2022/2023 financial year which is an average increase of 7% from the 2021/2022 to enable the Municipality to fund its Operating and capital expenditure. This budget is coming from the Equitable shares, Grants and our own revenue from electricity, property rates and Licensing" said the Mayor Cllr Given Moimana.

The following projects are funded through Municipal infrastructure Grant in the following financial year starting on the 1st July 2022.

- Regae bus routes is budgeted for R6,754,514.72
- The following are funded through Municipal infrastructure Grant
- Mabitsi internal road is budgeted for R17,563,313.92
- Morarela Internal Road is budgeted for R2,996,060.68
- Rathoke internal street is budgeted for R2,996,060.68
- Dichoeung Internal Road R5,620,000.00

For the new financial year, Eskom is planning to electrify 90 households at the extension sections of Manapyane, Moganyaka and Mooihoek Villages.

Separately, Eskom is also planning to connect 365 households in at the Ephraim Mogale Infills.

Our municipality continues to provide free electricity services to families that do not afford this basic service.

In line with our Indigent Policy, we are currently providing over 2061 beneficiaries with Free Basic Electricity. These are our fellow residents who ordinarily would not afford to purchase electricity.

Honorable speaker, safety in our communities is also one of our priorities.

Public lighting helps to decrease possible night-time accidents on our roads. They also play a role in our anti-crime efforts, by increasing visibility at night. Currently, the municipality provides 23 areas with public lighting services. The high mast lights were constructed in Manapyane and Uitvlucht in the previous financial year and Eskom plans are at an advanced stage to complete connection of these lights to the grit.

In the new financial year, We are also going to erect high mast lights at

- Matseding village and Mafisheng at an amount of R3,500,000.00
- And another high mast lights at Doornlagte (Ga-Klopper) at the same amount of R3,500,00

These projects will uplift the life of our people and empower the local Small Micro Medium enterprises as part of boosting our economy as Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality.

The Municipality has set aside R10 Million for the maintenance of Municipal buildings, roads and storm water. The licensing services will be extended to all our satellite offices so that our communities are no longer travelling long distances to access such services.

The Municipality is planning to establish another satellite office around Moomane, Disenyane and Mogaladi areas during the 2022/23 financial year.

IDP/BUDGET 2021/2022 CONSULTATIONS



The 2022/23 IDP/Budget consultations started in earnest at Ga Ragopola. People came in numbers to listen to the leadership of the Municipality led by the Mayor Cllr Given Moimana. The consultations were divided into sections to accommodate all Wards in the Municipality. Ward 11,12 and 13 were accommodated at Garagopola sports ground. Ward 14,15 and 16 were accommodated at Reggae Community Hall. Ward 8,9,10 were accommodated at Leeuwfontein sports ground. Ward 1,2,3,4,5,6

were taken through the process at Keerom Sports ground. Community members were allowed ask questions and to commend during the process.



DRAFT IDP/BUDGET PROGRAM 2021/22

WARDS/ STAKEHOLDER	VENUE	DATE	TIME	PRESENTERS
11,12 & 13	GA-RAGOPOLA SPORTS GROUND	07/04/2022	10:00	EXCO & ALL CLLRS
14,15 & 16	REGAE COMMUNITY HALL	08/04/2022	10:00	EXCO & ALL CLLRS
SPECIAL PROGRAMMES	TOWN HALL	11/04/2022	10:00	EXCO & ALL CLLRS
8,9 & 10	RDP LEEUFONTEIN SPORTS GROUND	12/04/2022	10:00	EXCO & ALL CLLRS
RATE PAYERS - Ward 07	COUNCIL CHAMBER	20/04/2022	18:00	EXCO & ALL CLLRS
1,2,3,4,5,6	KEEROM MOSHATE	21/04/2022	10:00	EXCO & ALL CLLRS
STAFF	TOWN HALL	22/04/2022	09:00	EXCO & ALL CLLRS
MAGOSHI	CHAMBER	22/04/2022	11:00	EXCO & ALL CLLRS

THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP VISIT FARMERS

The Mayor of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality, Cllr Given Moimana embarked on a programme to meet the Farm workers within the Local Municipality. He was accompanied by the Speaker of the Local Municipality Cllr Rebeca Lentsoane and Acting Director of Planning and economic Development, Mr Sam Uwane. They visited two farms of Goede Hoop and Piet Engelbrecht citrus.

The primary objective of the visit was to build a strategic partnership with the farmers and to share good experiences on how to better the lives of the communities in and around Ephraim Mogale Municipality.

The Farm managers gave the Political Leadership a warm welcome and appreciated the visit. They are willing to plough back in the community by creating more job opportunities in a quest to curb the unemployment as one of the triple challenges facing our country to date as enshrined in the National Development Plan, vision 2030.

Our farm has already made wonders in terms of employing local people. We have two categories of employees here in our farm, that is the four hundred (400) seasonal workers and the fifty (50) permanent workers, and we are employing them for more than five to six month depending on the product we are harvesting on that time. In this farm we have employed many local people than foreigners, said Mr Kobus Beukes.



Mr Piet Engelbrecht echoed the same sentiments and indicated that Piet Citrus Farm, has employed Three hundred (300) permanent staff and more than One thousand and two (1200) casual workers who are employed as



and when there is a shortage of Labourers.

"As part of our social corporate responsibility we are also repairing the SwartKop road that connects from N11 to Leufontein road as and when there are potholes.

We have also incubated Kopanong Black farmers through skills transfer and Knowledge so that the emerging farmers can be able to stand on their own.

The mayor appealed to the two farm managers to look at the Agro-processing as a way to alleviate poverty and unemployment among our people.

He indicated that farm owners should be aware that Unemployment is high, more especially among the young people and it is a forty percent (40%) and this is a ticking time bomb. We should heed to the call of the President of this country Cyril Ramaphosa when he indicated that Government should create a conducive environment that would allow the private sector to invest in it and create employment.

EPHRAIM MOGALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY YOUTH INFORMATION SHARING DAY



training for cellphone repairs." said Mr Alpheus Mosoma.

The Mayor of Ephraim blessed the event and called upon all young people from the length and breadth of the Municipality to grab any opportunities that are available.

"Our Municipality is wholly agricultural and there is a big Agro-Processing plant here in Marblehall, that processes lemons, naartjies and oranges.

This plant will employ more than 40 permanent employees and youth unemployment will be reduced. These are the opportunities that are available for you as the youth of today and are up for grab" said the Mayor Cllr Given Moimana.

Today, young people of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality gathered in Marblehall Town Hall to receive information from different stakeholders.

The stakeholders who gave presentations came from different institutions of higher learning such as University Mpumalanga, Tshwane University of Technology, Sekhukhune Tvet College, Tompi Selekla College of Agriculture and also National Youth Development Agency.

The purpose was to empower young people of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality with information regarding facilities, bursaries and funding for the youth programs.

"As NYDA We offer grant funding to young people to create business and from the 1st July to 31st August 2022 the NYDA will be here in Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality to assist young people with applications for grant funding. We also offer

Young people you must find your mission like the class of 1976. This is the class that fought for the liberation and emancipation of academic freedom of this country.





MISS EPHRAIM MOGALE

sanitary towels at schools at least once a month would be very helpful.

Having sports tournaments would give our youth a chance to do something. Yes, we already have tournaments, but they are mostly dominated by males. We need to encourage even females to join in so the teenage pregnancy can reduce in our communities

EDUCATION

I started my studies at Mohlahlane primary school, where I left after completing my grade 5 and later, I went to do my grade 6 and the rest of my learning at St Gregories College. I'm currently doing my 3rd year at the university of Johannesburg. I'm pursuing a degree in Bcom in Business Management. I went into this field of study as I want to be an entrepreneur and be job creator rather than a job seeker.

SKILLS

Leadership skills: Leadership is one other thing I'm passionate about. I became a prefect when I was doing grade 11 later, I became a head girl at St Gregories College. I acquired my leadership skills through various leadership camps I attended. I believe in inspiring those around me and also getting inspiration from them.

HOBBIES

I believe in sports as it keeps us as human beings healthy, active and entertained. My hobby is tennis. It is a sport that keeps you on your guard and needs your attention. I believe it teaches discipline and that's why I like it

ACHIEVEMENTS

After six losses I finally won my first pageant which was Miss Fabulous SA, and Face of Groblersdal Mall.

My name is Waborena Harmony Madisha, 19 years of age and I am from Marble Hall. I started doing modelling at the age of 17 years reason being that I got inspired to lend a helping hand where one is need. I pride myself with being a go getter and a game changer. I believe the universe listens to a stubborn. That is why I kept going even after I lost 6 pageants before I won my first one.

I have an unregistered NPO that is based around Regae community (Tsantsabela) as it has one of the biggest socioeconomic issues. My NPO is Helping Pros which focuses on tutoring and mentoring matric learners, providing sanitary towels to young girls who need them and shoes clothes drives. I also joined the B&B educational centre as it has a vision that aligns with my vision and mission.

OBJECTIVES/ VISION AND OBJECTIVES

Most Ephraim Mogale rural areas are dominated my teenage pregnancy, drugs and alcohol abuse. I believe that if our youth had something productive to focus their energy on something positive then our communities are going to be better.

Raising over 200 sanitary towels last month for girls, I saw it would be a very beneficial thing if it is something we do monthly. Donating





POLITICAL MANAGEMENT TEAM PAY COURTESY VISIT TO TRADITIONAL LEADERS

On the 09th May 2022 the Political management team of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality visited the traditional leaders. This fifth term of council took a decision to pay courtesy visit to the traditional leaders and introduce the Mayor, Cllr Given Moimana, The Speaker Cllr Rebecca Lentsoane and the Chiefwhip Cllr Itumeleng Magane to Magoshi.

They were accompanied by the ward Councillor of (ward 13) Mr Nkoana Pillemon. It was the first visit after this new council was elected on the 01st November 2021. The Mayor of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality indicated that "We came here as the PMT to visit you in order to promote good working

relations with you (our traditional leaders)."

"Let's work together as government and traditional leaders to ensure that development in our municipality run smoothly without interruptions. We are bringing new projects to your localities, and we are urging you to help us in delivering those projects to your communities without hinderances." said the Mayor, Cllr Given Moimana.

The traditional authorities welcomed the Political Management Team and promised to work together and strengthening a good working relationship.



EPHRAIM MOGALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY ECONOMIC SUMMIT 2022



Today, on the 30th of June 2022, Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality in partnership with stakeholders held economic summit to share information with local businesses.

The stakeholders include among others, Absa Bank, Setsong African Tea Crafter, Old Mutual, SEDA, Dept of Agriculture, Piet Citrus Farm, Baroka Fashion, Centre of Entrepreneurship and Super Oil Company.

This Annual summit will help to unlock opportunities for emerging Small, Micro and Medium enterprises to know where to knock in case they need funding and support. The previous financial year 2020/21, the Municipality has supported 13 local businesses with grants, and among the beneficiaries are Baroka Fashion and Setsong African Tea Crafter.

Ms Retang Phaahla the Manager of Setsong Tea, a company that processes tea using the indigenous plants is situated at GaMatala Ramoshebo. They use trees such as Sefapa Badia and Tepane to produce different

flavoured teas. They are working together with research institutions to ensure that they produce teas that meet national standards for marketing. They got support from the Local Municipality and Department of Science and Innovation.



They are going to build a factory here in the village of GaMatala to produce more of their products and also to hire many unemployed youth from the village.

The other beneficiary is Baroka Fashion and it is located here in Marblehall town and they do sewing and textile work.

This financial year that ends today the 30th June 2022, the Municipality has funded twenty-three Small businesses and Co-Operatives.

The Mayor of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality Cllr Given Moimana, informs the summit that as the Municipality they are prepared to work together with all the stakeholders who are bringing investments into the area, and he appealed to big businesses to allow new entrants into the market and help them to grow.

"Our challenges today are economic challenges and we need to confront them head on. Time for talk shows are over during our term of office. We need actions and results."

"We need Agro processing of products through the value chain from start to finish. We will not stand in your way for economic development. This administration need economic freedom now," said the Mayor Cllr Given Moimana.

He also indicated that big businesses should decentralize economy to the seventy-eight villages of our Municipality.





PARTNERSHIP WITH BUSINESS COMMUNITY FIXING THE POTHOLES

The Mayor of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality Cllr Give Moimana joined hands with the business community of Marblehall town to fix the potholes in and around town.

The heavy rains that poured during the beginning of this year caused a very serious damage on our roads and motorists were no longer taking it very light.

One of the Business Community member, Mr Phasha alluded that they felt that they should work closely with the municipality to remedy our roads that are full of potholes. This might cause accidents if not fixed. He also said that motorists and pedestrians were complaining about the state of our Municipal roads which might cause harm or damage the cars.

The Mayor encouraged the communities to heed to the call of the President Cyril Ramaphosa of the Letšema Campaign by doing community work such as the fixing of roads and the general cleaning of the environment.

The Institution has a road master plan that help to improve the access to available roads and to facilitate provision of storm water drainage for all the municipal roads.



THIRD QUARTER PERFORMANCE LEKGOTLA

On the 12th May 2022, Our institution held its third Lekgotla to assess progress made in terms of the Service delivery Budget implementation plan. In attendance was the Speaker Cllr Rebecca Lentsoane, Chief Whip Itumeleng Magane, Exco members, Municipal Manager, Acting Directors and Managers of divisional heads.

The Local Mayor Cllr Given Moimana chaired the lekgotla and encouraged officials to move from using old way of doing things and

comply with the current technological developments of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR).

Different departments did well during the third quarter but they were some that are still lacking behind and the resolution was taken that all those that did not do well during the fourth quarter should go back and improve all their challenges they got during the 3rd Quarter.

SCENE AROUND



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