

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3, 2008 GENERAL MEETING OF THE
HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF MT.
EPHRAIM**

MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Wolk called the meeting to order.

SALUTE TO FLAG:

All present pledged their allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Mayor Wolk requested a moment of silence in honor of the memory of Philadelphia Police Officer Charles Cassidy killed in the line of duty.

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Commissioner Gilmore	___x___	_____
Commissioner Greenwald	___x___	_____
Mayor Wolk	___x___	_____

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

None

“OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW” ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor Wolk announced this Meeting has been advertised and notices posted in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Minutes from the December 6, 2007 General Meeting of the Board of Commissioners were distributed and are now subject to approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to approve the aforementioned minutes. The motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Vouchers were submitted for approval and are available for review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to approve the aforementioned vouchers. The motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

SECOND READING AND HEARING OF ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

- RESOLUTION NO. 01-08 INTRODUCTION OF THE 2008 TEMPORARY MUNICIPAL BUDGET
- A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to adopt the aforementioned resolution. The motion carried.
- RESOLUTION NO. 02-08 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX INTEREST RATE
- A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to adopt the aforementioned resolution. The motion carried.
- RESOLUTION NO. 03-08 RESOLUTION APPOINTING JONATHAN REICHELDERFER A POLICE OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM POLICE DEPARTMENT
- A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to adopt the aforementioned resolution. The motion carried.
- RESOLUTION NO. 04-08 RESOLUTION APPOINTING DANIEL SCHEETS A POLICE OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM POLICE DEPARTMENT
- A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to adopt the aforementioned resolution. The motion carried.
- RESOLUTION NO. 05-08 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MATTHEW B. FRANKOWSKI A POLICE OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM POLICE DEPARTMENT
- A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to adopt the aforementioned resolution. The motion carried.
- RESOLUTION NO. 06-08 TAX RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to adopt the aforementioned resolution. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-08

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A HOUSING CODE INSPECTION FEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to adopt the aforementioned resolution. The motion carried.

SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICERS:

Mayor Wolk swore in the new Police Officers; Jonathan Reichelderfer, Daniel Scheets, and Matthew Frankowski and congratulated them on joining our Police Department. Commissioners Gilmore and Greenwald also congratulated the officers.

COMMENDATION:

Commissioner Gilmore read a commendation for Officer Michael Beach and Officer Jonathan Reichelderfer for an excellent arrest in an armed robbery which occurred at the Country Farm Convenience Store on Kings Highway. He then congratulated the officers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

MERCANTILE LICENSE APPLICATIONS / RENEWALS:

1. Hess Express #30525, Black Horse Pike & Kings Highway
2. John's Sign Shop, 289 S. Black Horse Pike
3. D & J Auto Service, 107 S. Black Horse Pike
4. Auto Shine Car Wash, 300 N. Black Horse Pike
5. AAA Rush Signs, Inc., 300 N. Black Horse Pike
6. P.C. Construction & Mgmt., Inc., 505 W. Kings Highway
7. Redmer Plastics Co., Inc., 19 Thompson Avenue
8. Dave' One Hour Cleaners, 10 E. Kings Highway
9. MCA Travel Inc., 115 N. Black Horse Pike
10. S.A. Conte, Inc., 605 N. Black Horse Pike
11. 7-Eleven, 521 W. Kings Highway
12. FM Digital Sales, Inc., 159 S. Black Horse Pike
13. Nancy Mulford Studio of Dance, 245 S. Black Horse Pike
14. Wawa #972, 602 Black Horse Pike
15. Cabinet Works Corporation, 511 W. Kings Highway

16. Mt. Ephraim Democrat Assoc. Inc., 206 W. Kings Highway
17. Grease "N" Go, 237 S. Black Horse Pike
18. Country Farm Convenience, 10 E. Kings Highway
19. MEPRI, 120 W. Kings Highway
20. Bert's Auto Body, 601 Kings Highway
21. Sacred Heart Church, 11 North Black Horse Pike
22. Cold Star Sales & Leasing, 27 Davis Avenue
23. America's Gym, 61 W. Kings Highway
24. Mt. Ephraim Chrysler, 701 N. Black Horse Pike
25. Mt. Ephraim Chrysler, 620 N. Black Horse Pike
26. Mt. Ephraim Chrysler, 705 N. Black Horse Pike
27. Mt. Ephraim Chrysler, 801 N. Black Horse Pike

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to approve the aforementioned Mercantile License Applications. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Commissioner Gilmore's Report – Commissioner Gilmore read the Police Department Report for the month of December which included 435 calls, 6060 calls YTD, 21 alarms, 33 adult arrests, 6 juvenile arrests and 18 MVA's. He also reported that two police officers retired and have been replaced with three officers. Commissioner Gilmore indicated there is no Fire Department Report at this time due to their computers being down, thereby rendering them unable to retrieve and print the report.
2. Commissioner Greenwald's Report – Commissioner Greenwald gave a report for the Department of Public Works, indicating the single stream recycling is going well, they are currently picking up Christmas trees. DPW is also in talks with Bellmawr for local street repairs. He then stated NJAW is offering water line insurance coverage, and encouraged the residents to look into it for their protection. Commissioner Greenwald reported there had been a Town Watch meeting on December 19th and that there are plans to have another on some time this month. He attended the Fire Memorial services and indicated they were very nice. He then reminded the residents of the upcoming Presidential Primary and encouraged everyone to come out and vote.
3. Engineers Report – Joe Federici reported that they are working on the design for 5th Avenue and they hope to have the work done this summer. Phase I of the Kings Highway Streetscape is complete, and Phase II has been forwarded to the state for approval. The concrete work for Green Avenue will be done as soon as weather permits and 3rd Avenue should begin in the spring. He further indicated they are preparing the specifications for the collapsed inlets on Thompson Avenue, and the Year 28 CDBG will have more handicapped ramps.

4. Mayor's Report – Mayor Wolk read the Tax Collectors report which was received and filed. He then reported the Borough received \$150,000 from the state for 5th Avenue. He has reports from the Post Office that our Postal Facility should be opening this month. He further indicated he has spoken to the owners of the old Haddonfield Lumber site, and they indicated it should be selling soon hopefully. Mayor Wolk then announced there would be a Freeholders Meeting on January 17th at the Kershaw School.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mayor Wolk opened the floor to the public for the public portion.

Lil Eggers – Questioned what is going to be built on the old lumberyard site. She also questioned what could be done about getting a left turn arrow on the BHP & Kings Highway intersection going southbound.

Karen Herman – Questioned what is happening with the Black Horse Pike redevelopment.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Wolk closed the Public Portion.

COMMENTS BY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Wolk responded to Ms. Eggers that there would be townhouses built on the old lumberyard site. Mayor Wolk stated the intersection of BHP & Kings Highway is under NJDOT jurisdiction, and that the intersection is undergoing reconfiguration that may hopefully be completed in 2009. He then responded to Mrs. Herman indicated the Borough is working to pay the balance left by the former Commissioners to the former engineers. They had done the work, but have not been paid in full, therefore, we don't have the plans in our possession. Mayor Wolk further indicated he hoped there would be some businesses sold on the Pike.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.