

JULY 5, 2012, GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF MT. EPHRAIM

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wolk called the meeting to order at 8:00pm.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

All present pledged their allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

ABSENT

Commissioner Gilmore	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Commissioner Greenwald	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Mayor Wolk	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

- Borough Solicitor – Eric Riso
- Borough Engineers – Joe Federici & Doug Akin
- Borough Clerk – Terry Shannon
- Tax Collector/Dep. Clerk – Marie Darlington
- Police Captain—Brian Beppel

“OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW” ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Wolk read the following statement: This Meeting has been advertised and notices posted in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act.”

PRESENTATION OF MERIT AWARD

Commissioner Gilmore presented a Merit Award to Officer Douglas Zee. Officer Zee observed a suspicious person on Sunday, June 3, while on patrol who was lingering in the area of Domino’s Pizza. Officer watched as the suspect approached the delivery driver who was returning to the store. When Officer Zee, the suspect fled and was apprehended by Officer Zee and was found to be armed. He secured the weapon and overcame the suspect. His quick thinking and good instincts prevented an armed robbery and may have saved lives. The Mount Ephraim Police Department, along with the entire Borough, commend Officer on a job well done.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mayor Wolk asked if there are any corrections to the minutes as presented. Seeing none, he asked for a motion to approve the following minutes:

1. May 22, 2012, Caucus Meeting
2. June 7, 2012, General Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to approve the aforementioned minutes. All were in favor.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Mayor Wolk read the voucher list total for the month as \$727,772.80. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, seconded by Commissioner Gilmore, the bill list was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes.

PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Wolk asked the Clerk to read the following ordinance for public hearing and adoption: Ord. 02-12, Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Completion of Various Capital Improvements and the Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment in the Borough of Mount Ephraim; Appropriating the Sum of \$200,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Borough of Mount Ephraim in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$190,000 and Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the second reading of the bond ordinance was approved. Mayor Wolk then opened the public hearing and asked if there were any questions or comments on this ordinance. Seeing none, on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public hearing was closed. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, bond Ordinance 02-12 was adopted with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes, Wolk-yes. The ordinance is adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

The Clerk announced that the following resolutions would be approved as a Consent Agenda: 65-12, Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application for Drug Alliance Funding; 66-12, Resolution to Adopt the Year 34 CDBG Agreement; 67-12, Accepting the 2011 Audit and Corrective Action Plan. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the consent agenda was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes.

MERCANTILE LICENSES

Mayor Wolk read the following mercantile license on for approval: Mid-Atlantic Lubes, LLC (Valvoline Instant Oil Change). On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the mercantile license was approved with all in favor.

REPORTS

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights and statistics from the June monthly report from the police department as submitted by Acting Chief Brian Beppel. Total calls for the month were 427 and 219 case numbers were assigned. Some of the highlights included two assaults, three burglaries, 19 alarm calls, 48 ambulance assists, five domestic violence, 13 harassments, four juvenile complaints, 20 motor vehicle accidents, 19 warrant services and there 43 adult arrests. They issued 253 motor vehicle summonses. The fire department report for June included 27 calls, two drills and one administrative meeting. He again commended Officer Zee on his outstanding police work. We wish condolences to long-time resident James Wiest who served the Camden County Park Police for more than 30 years. He then thanked everyone involved in the July 4 parade and especially the Celebrations Committee. He also thanked Acting Chief Beppel and Sgt. Conte on the recent rest of the child pornography offender.

Commissioner Greenwald commended Officer Zee of his merit award and thanked everyone for their work on the July 4 parade including Amin for helping out with the signs. Due to the holiday we don't have a construction report. For the month of June in DPW, there were no safety violations or incidents. Recycling was over 90,000 pounds which is a record. Trash collected

was 176 tons. DPD continued work on lawn services, handled five sewer calls, hung the banners, and did a great job preparing for the July 4 parade. June 30 we had a shredding event courtesy of Terry Shannon and it was a big success. Thank you to everyone involved in the parade.

Engineer Joe Federici reported we received notice from NJAWC that they are doing improvements this fall to the water system on Second Avenue replacing the main, the services and hydrants. Application is being processed for NJDOT for continued Streetscape Improvements.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of May, 2012. Total receipts were \$1,887,497.62. He then thanked everyone for another great July 4 parade. He also thanked the parade sponsors, Mt. Ephraim Dodge, 1st Colonial Bank Domino's Pizza and others. He asked Marie Darlington to get a list to the Gloucester City News so everyone can be thanked. We will be here on July 24 for the next workshop and August 2 for the public meeting. He echoed congratulations to Officer Zee on a job well done.

Mayor Wolk then opened the meeting to public comment.

Cheryl Huckabee and John Myers from Center Avenue said there was another accident on their street. It is a two-way street but there is so much traffic it is dangerous. Commissioner Gilmore said we have looked at this before but the hope is that cars parked on both sides of the street should slow people down. Perhaps the police can provide more enforcement. Acting Chief Beppel said on Fridays it is a volume problem. John Myers asked if a speed hump could be considered. Commissioner Gilmore said it has been very effective on Fourth Avenue. Unfortunately it comes down to costs. Humps are around \$10,000 each. There are also temporary humps but it has to be added to the budget. We are looking at adding humps when we repave a street. Cheryl added that something really needs to be done—the cars turn off Kings Highway so fast and there are kids on the street. Commissioner Gilmore said police presence does work. We will explore options including increased enforcement and possible traffic restrictions. Chief Beppel said he will take a look at signage as well. Mayor Wolk said if we get any money available to do speed humps we will look at moving Center Avenue to the top of the list. Engineer Joe Federici added we can also look at rumble strips. Mayor Wolk thanked the residents for coming out.

Fire Chief Brian Gilmore wanted to thank the Gloucester City Fire Department, the residents of Gloucester and Mount Ephraim, for taking the time to remember the firefighters we lost in the July 4 fire ten years ago. Many residents gave us extra waves, said prayers and just generally remembered the sacrifice. We also want to thank the Waterford Fire Department for providing back-up for us that day. Commissioner Gilmore said we will get a letter of thanks out to them. He asked Brian to get the contact information to the Borough Clerk.

Seeing no further public comment, Mayor Wolk asked for a motion to close the public portion. On a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the public portion was closed.

On a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Shannon,
Borough Clerk