

**JUNE 5, 2014, GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF MT. EPHRAIM**

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wolk called the meeting to order at 8:04pm.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll with Commissioner Gilmore, Commissioner Greenwald and Mayor Wolk all present.

OTHER OFFICIALS ON THE DAIS

Borough Solicitor – Eric Riso
Borough Engineers – Joe Federici and Doug Akin
Borough Clerk – Terry Shannon

“OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW” ANNOUNCEMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mayor Wolk asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2014, caucus meeting and the May 1, 2014, commission meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, seconded by Commissioner Gilmore, the minutes were approved with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Mayor Wolk announced that vouchers in the amount of \$599,025.88 were submitted for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the vouchers as submitted were approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Mayor Wolk read the following ordinances that will be considered for adoption following a public hearing:

- 04-14 An Ordinance Establishing the 2014 Salaries for Certain Employees of the Borough of Mount Ephraim Covered by Collective Bargaining Agreements and/or Personal Service Agreements

- 05-14 Establishing the 2014 Salaries for Non-union Employees and Officers of the Borough of Mount Ephraim

On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the second reading of the ordinance was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes, Wolk-yes. Mayor Wolk then opened the public hearing on these ordinances and asked if there were any questions or comments on these ordinances.

Seeing none, on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public hearing was closed and the ordinance was adopted with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING

Mayor Wolk announced that the following ordinance is being introduced on first reading:

- 06-14 Authorizing Execution and Delivery of an Amendment I to Beneficiary Certificate as Part of the Camden County Improvement Authority 2014 Governmental Lease Revenue Refunding Program

On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the first reading of the ordinances was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes. Mayor Wolk stated that these ordinances will be considered for adoption following proper advertising and a public hearing to be held during the July 3 commission meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Wolk announced that the resolutions would be approved as a Consent Agenda and asked the Clerk to read the resolutions as follows:

- 35-14 Accepting the 2013 Audit Report and Corrective Action Plan
- 36-14 Appointing Dorothea Jones as Tax Collector/Treasurer Effective June 15, 2014
- 37-14 Adopting the 3-Year Cooperation Agreement with Camden County Relative to the Community Development Block Grant Program
- 38-14 Authorizing the Engineer to Perform Design Work Relative to the Resurfacing of Second Avenue (NJDOT Municipal Aid funded project)
- 39-14 Amending the 2014 Budget for Items of Revenue and Expense for Grants Received (Chapter 159 for Clean Communities and Body Armor Grants)
- 40-14 Authorizing an Agreement with Peterson Service Company for Maintenance of the HVAC System at the Bell Road Firehouse

On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, seconded by Commissioner Gilmore, the consent agenda was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes.

At this time, Mayor Wolk announced that we have one more proclamation recognizing Marie Darlington on the occasion of her retirement. He asked Marie to come forward and presented her with flowers and then read the proclamation honoring her service to the community and her professionalism. Marie said that for last 22 years she has had a job that she enjoyed and looked forward to coming to each morning. Everyone here and the residents have been great. Mayor Wolk also recognized Marie's husband Ed, who was in the audience and said he knows Ed will be happy to have Marie home as she always worked long hours.

REPORTS

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the May report for the Mt. Ephraim Fire Department. Some of the highlights included four alarm systems, one public assist, two training/drill sessions, four calls for gas leaks, eleven calls for mutual aid, five motor vehicle accidents. Total calls for service were 30; total volunteer manhours for all assignments including drills were 191 for the month. He then read highlights from the Mt. Ephraim Police Department report for the month of

May which included the following: 487 calls, 291 case numbers assigned, 15 alarms, 29 ambulance assists, 13 animal complaints, one assault, two burglaries, 13 harassment, 27 calls for information, two Megan's Law violations, 19 motor vehicle accidents, seven shopliftings, 16 warrants served. 34 adult arrests for the month and they issued 268 motor vehicle summonses. He then read a press release from the Police Chief from Friday pertaining to a stabbing at the Exxon gas station during a robbery. The attendant had been stabbed three times during the robbery but his injuries were not life threatening. Investigation lead to the identification of an actor who was arrested Friday morning during a traffic stop. He was a white male from Bellmawr. Additional charges will be filed by Brooklawn for a similar robbery. Chief Beppel said they had a partial tag number and using Bellmawr's license plate reader they got information on the vehicle which helped them identify the actor.

Commissioner Gilmore then reminded everyone that school is almost out and kids will be on the streets so please drive carefully. He also reminded everyone that fireworks are illegal.

Commissioner Greenwald reported that single stream recycling was over 105,000 pounds, metal collections of 3720 pounds and over 207 tons of trash, two third of which went to Salem resulting in a nice savings for the Borough. Public Works cleaned up the parks and monuments, painted speed humps and yellow curbs, maintained vacant properties, purchased a used trash truck that will be in use by the end of the week, removed three trees and sumps in preparation for the Roosevelt Avenue project, handled eight sewer calls. That concluded his report.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that the Roosevelt Avenue project will be milling and paving next week weather permitting. The Borough also received a \$200,000 grant from 2014 Municipal Aid for Improvements to Second Avenue. We hope to be able to get that work done late summer or fall.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of April, 2014, and reported that total receipts were \$1,269,630.38. That report will be spread in the minutes. He then thanked everyone involved in the Miss Mount Ephraim contest and announced that the winner was Erica Gilmore. He also thanked everyone who was involved in the Memorial Day services. We will meet again on June 24 for our workshop and on July 3 for the commission meeting. He reminded everyone about the July 4 activities and hopes to see everyone at the parade.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Wolk opened the meeting to the public and asked that residents state their name and address for the record.

Several residents from James Street were present to discuss speeding on their street: Tom Messick, 235 James, Nicole Salamone, 214 James, Frank Repas, 233 James and Joe Malan, 222 James. They all spoke about the ongoing problem with speeding on their street and are requesting that speed humps be installed. The police have been monitoring but they cannot be there all the time. They all spoke about near misses and kids nearly being hit and stressed that they need speed humps. Mayor Wolk explained that we are putting funds into our capital program to include speed humps on James. He said he wanted each to give their contact information to the Clerk so we can contact them regarding locations for the speed humps. Commissioner Greenwald said some residents may not be happy having them in front of their driveways. Tom Messick said all the residents are in favor so it should not be a problem. The Clerk said we expect to introduce the bond ordinance at the next meeting.

Mayor Wolk added that it takes a little while to get capital funding in place and it may not happen this month or next but it will happen.

Diane Vilardo, 11 Lincoln Avenue, spoke about the library building and said there is a water problem in the basement of the school and they wanted to know what our plans were for the library. Mayor Wolk responded that it belongs to the school district so it is yours to use. The Clerk stated that we are clearing out the books and the original agreement was that once it no longer is used as a library, it reverts back to the school district. Commissioner Gilmore said the former business administrator was aware it belongs to the district.

Diane added that her house had been broken into and she wanted to thank Chief Beppel and Captain Conte for their work on this and that they do a great job.

Randall Spencer of Gloucester City spoke on behalf of the Mt. Ephraim Democrat Club amount a memorial benefit they are holding for Dave McFarlane on July 12, Saturday, and it is a motorcycle run. Meeting at Democrat Club and 8-10am is registration then the run takes off at 10:30. Then there will be a live band and food around 5pm for everyone and the proceeds are for prostate cancer. Cold Star is providing a parking lot just for bikes. Commissioner Greenwald said that may not be enough and Chief Beppel said we can put overflow on Station. Commissioner Greenwald asked Randall to come to the meeting to explain the event and talk with everyone to iron out any potential problems. Spencer added that the rain date is the following day on Sunday. Mayor Wolk asked if they will be notifying the neighbors in the area since there may be a lot of bikes. Spencer said he notified the immediate neighbors and would be happy to notify the others as well.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public portion was closed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Shannon
Borough Clerk