

**MAY 7, 2015, GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF MT. EPHRAIM**

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wolk called the meeting to order at 8:02pm and led all present in the Pledge of 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 Engineer – Joseph Federici
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 March 23, 2015, caucus meeting and the April 2, 2015, 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 \$443,471.66 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 asked the Clerk to read the ordinances as follows:

Ord. 02-15 Calendar Year 2015 Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (NJSA 40A:4-45.14)

On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the second reading of the ordinances was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes. Mayor Wolk then opened the public hearing on these ordinances. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public hearing on these ordinances was closed. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, ordinance 02-15 was adopted with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes. The ordinances were adopted.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING:

Mayor Wolk announced that the following ordinances are being introduced on first reading tonight:

- Ord. 05-15 Establishing the 2015 Salaries of Certain Employees Covered by Collective Bargaining or Personal Service Agreements; and

- Ord. 06-15 Establishing the 2015 Salaries of Non-union Employees and Officers of the Borough

On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the first reading on these ordinances was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes. Mayor Wolk then announced that these ordinances would be considered for adoption following a public hearing to be held during the June 4 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:

- 27-15 Authorizing Use and Occupancy Agreement between Mount Ephraim and the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness
- 28-15 Resolution Authorizing Payment and Settlement for Vehicle Damage
- 29-15 Designating Recipient for the Camden County Housing Rehabilitation Program
- 30-15 Supporting the Use of a “No Passing Zone” on Route 168 as Recommended by NJDOT
- 31-15 Authorizing the 2015 Budget to be Read by Title Only at Time of Public Hearing
- 32-15 Authorizing Local Review of the 2015 Municipal Budget
- 33-15 Extending the Deadline for Dog Licensing to June 30
- 34-15 Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for the Purchase of a New Ambulance

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.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2015 MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Mayor Wolk opened the public hearing on the 2015 Budget. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public hearing was closed. Then on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the 2015 Municipal Budget was adopted with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes. The Budget was adopted.

REPORTS

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the Mt. Ephraim Fire Department monthly report for April. They had a total of 22 calls and conducted five drills for the month. He read highlights of the calls for service. He then thanked the Chief for helping the American Legion last night with the burning of the flags. Commissioner Gilmore then read highlights of the Mt. Ephraim Police Department report for the month of April and reported there were 470 calls and they issued 255 case numbers. He read highlights of some of the calls and reported there were 26 adult arrests and read highlights of the arrests. There were no juvenile arrests for the month. He also reported that the department served 17 out-of-town warrants. He then said it has been a pleasure working alongside Commissioner Greenwald for the last eight years. He is a hard worker and always wanted the best for the Borough of Mount Ephraim and our residents. He will be missed.

Commissioner Greenwald stated that the Construction Department issued a total of 14 permits totaling \$4460.00 in fees. He then read the highlights of the April Public Works report and reported that single stream recycling was over 100,000 pounds. Other activities for Public Works included two sewer calls, pump work done at Harding Avenue pump station utilizing the shared service with Bellmawr, had Bellco Construction and Advantage Roofing take care of the repairs at the Little League Clubhouse, had the front steps at Borough Hall repaired through another shared service with Bellmawr, maintained the ballfields and public areas along with vacant properties. Commissioner Greenwald then said he has sincerely enjoyed his eight years of service the residents of Mount Ephraim. He is proud of what we have accomplished over the years and ability to maintain superior services for our residents through shared services and keeping taxpayer costs down. We looked for creative ways to bring revenue into the budget through shared services and grants. He knows there is still work to do on the Black Horse Pike. He thanked his wife Janet, his kids Joey and Michelle and his family and friends for all of their support. He also thanked Bruce, Andy, the Borough professionals and staff and volunteers for all of their support and hard work. This will be his last town meeting as an official and feels he may have made a mistake by withdrawing from the election and he hopes he can back into representing the town sometime in the future.

Engineer Joe Federici reported the contractor is scheduled to begin work on Second Avenue on May 18. The Borough received funding from DOT for Grant Avenue in the amount of \$219,000 and we are working on that project.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of April, 2015, reporting that total receipts were \$1,066,561.09 and lien redemptions were \$24,909.91. He added that on May 19 is the Miss Mount Ephraim contest; Memorial Day services are May 25 starting at Norcross Park. He thanked the Celebrations Committee for the Craft Show adding it was one of the best we ever had. He also thanked Police, Fire, Public Works and all the volunteers. Little League opening day was a nice day and we recognized retiring Public Works manager Ken Jones that day. The municipal election is next Tuesday, May 12, and polls will be open from 6am-8pm. The Reorganization meeting will be held on May 19. Mayor Wolk also told Commissioner Greenwald that the last eight years working with him have been a pleasure. He does not know how many commissioners he has worked with over the years but he was certainly a hands-on commissioner and always came through for the employees and residents over the years. We have had good comments from residents regarding snow removal, trash and leaf collection and many other services and these things mean a lot to our residents. He thanked him for being his friend and for doing such a great job representing the town of Mount Ephraim. He will be missed. He then reported the next workshop will be May 26 and the commission meeting will be June 4; Reorganization will be on the 19th.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Wolk opened the meeting to the public and asked that residents state their name and address for the record. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public portion of the meeting was closed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Shannon
Municipal Clerk