

NOVEMBER 3, 2011, 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.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

ABSENT

Commissioner Gilmore	_____X_____	_____
Commissioner Greenwald	_____X_____	_____
Mayor Wolk	_____X_____	_____

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Borough Solicitor – Eric Riso
Borough Engineers – absent
Borough Clerk – Terry Shannon
Tax Collector/Dep. Clerk – Marie Darlington
Police Chief—Ed Dobleman

“OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW” ANNOUNCEMENT

This Meeting has been advertised and notices posted in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act.”

PROCLAMATIONS None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. September 27, 2011, Caucus Meeting
2. October 6, 2011, 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 is \$102,073.99. 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 read the following ordinances by title for public hearing and adoption:

Ord. 16-11, Amending Chapter 99, Zoning, Article VIII, Fees, in the Borough Code

On a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the second reading was approved. Mayor Wolk then opened the public hearing. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the public hearing was closed with all in favor.

On a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the ordinances were adopted with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes. The ordinances were duly adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Wolk read the following ordinance for introduction by title:

Ord. 17-11 Repealing Chapter 43-10, Vicious Dogs, from the Code of the Borough of Mount Ephraim

On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, seconded by Commissioner Gilmore, the introduction of the ordinance was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes. Mayor Wolk announced that these ordinances would be considered for adoption following a public hearing at the December 1 regular meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

The Clerk and Mayor Wolk announced that the following resolutions would be approved as a Consent Agenda:

- 93-11 Refund of 2011 Tax Overpayment
- 94-11 Authorizing 2011 Budget Transfers
- 95-11 Authorizing Travel Advances for Attendance at the 2011 NJSLOM Convention
- 96-11 Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Letter of Intent for the Purchase of Brine from Gloucester City
- 97-11 Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with Camden County Relative to Snow Removal Services
- 98-11 Authorizing Participation in the Contract Negotiated By and Between Camden County and International Salt Co., LLC

- 99-11 Authorizing Appropriation of Item of Revenue and Expense for Body Armor Grant Received
- 100-11 Authorizing the Solicitor to Take Legal Action to Collect Taxes Owed
- 101-11 Authorizing Payment of 2010 Delinquent Charges Collected on Behalf of CCMUA

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 announced the following mercantile license is on for approval: Kings Highway Supply, 401 W. Kings Highway. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the mercantile license was approved with all in favor.

BINGO/RAFFLE LICENSES:

Mayor Wolk read the following raffle license to be approved:
Emmaus Catholic Community 2011 Calendar Raffle

On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the raffle license was approved with all in favor.

REPORTS:

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights and statistics from the October monthly report from the fire department as submitted by Chief Brian Gilmore. He then read highlights from the October monthly report from the police department as submitted by Chief Ed Dobleman. He extended kudos to the Celebrations Committee for the job well done on the Halloween parade. Best turnout he has seen. Commissioner Gilmore then wished all of our residents a Happy Thanksgiving and on a personal note wished his wife a happy 26th anniversary.

Commissioner Greenwald reported that the construction department report was not available but reported that for the month of October there were again no safety violations or injuries in public works. Single stream recycling was over 74,000 pounds. There were five sewer calls; a new manhole was installed on Hartka Avenue; new mulch was installed at Norcross Park and also at Shining Star Park. Leaf collection will begin shortly and we also approved a shared service agreement with Bellmawr and Gloucester for a brine machine. We took delivery of the new trash purchased through a joint effort with Bellmawr and it was the first purchase of its kind in the state. Snow is coming and he reminded everyone to park on the odd side of the street and to maintain your sidewalks. Celebrations Committee did a great job on the Halloween parade and they have a casino bus trip on Sunday, November 20 and they will have boxes throughout for Toys for Tots collections. Locations will be in the Messenger.

Commissioner Gilmore added that the fire truck parade will be Saturday, December 10.

Engineer Joe Federici reported the Hartka Avenue project construction is ongoing. We are installing new handicap ramps, curb and sidewalk and when that is complete they will come in and mill and pave, weather permitting.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of September, 2011. Total receipts were \$139,129.13. He added his thanks to the Celebrations Committee and other departments for a fine Halloween parade. He wished the residents a Happy Thanksgiving. Our next meeting will be November 22 at 3pm for the workshop meeting. Turn your clocks back on Saturday.

Mayor Wolk then opened the meeting to public comment.

Paul Bibik from MEPRI announced that Lunch with Santa is December 4 at MEPRI Hall.

Jamie Remchuk, 37 W. Buckingham, spoke about impatient cars during rush hour that are speeding down their street. They are doing 40-50 miles per hour. 18 children live on the block who play outside. They would like to see a speed bump, signage, four-way stop sign, something to slow drivers down. One of the kids will get hit. It almost happened last week. Parents have to stand outside to watch their children play. They have one resident who parks three commercial trucks on the bend and you cannot see going around the bend. She believes you can only have one commercial truck. Commissioner Gilmore said you can't have any of they are over a certain weight. They have complained to the police department and they suggested we bring the problem to the governing body. They use our roads for a cut-through from 3pm until dark. We scream at the drivers to slow down. Commissioner Gilmore said this is nothing new-it has been an ongoing problem. We tried to restrict turns off the Pike during certain hours and the Chief has been trying to get that approved by the DOT but it has been difficult.

Tina Snyder, 48 W. Buckingham said Center is just as bad. She is three houses up from Center. They turn off of Kings Highway and really get moving going down Center. She said that when the townhouses were being built, there were two stop signs and they worked well. She can see Center from her couch and she saw two cars this morning between 7 and 7:03 who flew down the street and it was still dark. High school kids are leaving for school. Drivers don't hit a stop sign until 4th. Can't we at least hinder drivers to slow them down? Perhaps a speed bump on W. Buckingham?

Commissioner Gilmore said unfortunately funds are scarce for speed bumps but we will look at this for our capital budget. He will ask the police to have a big presence in the area. Police presence helps out a lot. Chief Dobleman added that he has increased marked units in the area.

Lisa George, 1 Lumber Lane asked if we can install more speed limit signs and Commissioner Gilmore said we will look into that.

Jessica Fakorede, 1 Center Avenue, said people turning off the highway onto Center are really speeding.

Ashley Messick, 235 James, said they have the same problems on James. It was worse during the summer. Also a lot of kids on the street. During the summer you also have the problem with cars being backed up at Cabana's. She wondered if "Do Not Enter" during certain times would help.

Mayor Wolk summarized by saying we will explore speed limit signs and possibly more stop signs. He asked about the commercial vehicles and Chief Dobleman said they are pickup trucks and are not overweight. Commissioner Gilmore asked the Chief to reach out to the individual who owns the commercial vehicles to see if he can put them in the driveway. We will take a look at the whole situation including police presence. Mayor Wolk said we will also look into the temporary speed humps. We had success with the speed humps on 4th so we will see what we can do.

Dominic Giacobbe, 56 W. Buckingham, said Colleen Cullen did a great job on the Messenger and he is sorry to see her go. It kept him up to date on everything going on in town.

Commissioner Gilmore said she did a great job and we have what we think will be a great replacement for her.

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 8:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Shannon,
Borough Clerk