

APRIL 1, 2010, GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF MT. EPHRAIM

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wolk called the meeting to order at 8:05pm.

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 – Joe Marrazzo
Borough Engineers – Doug Akin and Joe Federici
Police Chief – Ed Dobleman
Borough Clerk – Terry Shannon
Tax Collector/Dep. Clerk – Marie Darlington

“OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW” ANNOUNCEMENT

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

PROCLAMATIONS None

RESOLUTION AND SWEARING IN OF SPECIAL OFFICER

The Clerk announced that Resolution 30-10, Appointing Special Police Officer for the Mount Ephraim Police Department, would be pulled from the Consent Agenda and approved at this time. On a motion by Commissioners Gilmore and Greenwald, the Resolution was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes, Wolk-yes.

Commissioner Gilmore administered the Oath of Office to Special Officer John Duus.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. February 23, 2010 Caucus Meeting
2. March 4, 2010, General Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to approve the aforementioned minutes. Mayor Wolk abstained from approving the Caucus minutes as he arrived late to the meeting. The motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Vouchers were submitted and the Bill List total of \$1,137,474.96 was submitted for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the Bill List was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes, Wolk-yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ord. 02-10 Bond Ordinance Authorizing The Completion Of Various Road And Related Improvements In The Borough Of Mount Ephraim, County Of Camden, New Jersey; Appropriating The Sum Of \$125,000 Therefore; Authorizing The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Or Bond Anticipation Notes Of The Borough Of Mount Ephraim, County Of Camden, New Jersey, In The Aggregate Principal Amount Of Up To \$118,750 Making Certain Determinations And Covenants; And Authorizing Certain Related Actions In Connection With The Foregoing

Ord. 03-10 Supplementing Chapter 83, Streets and Sidewalks

Ord. 04-10 Amending Chapter 94, Vehicles and Traffic

Mayor Wolk opened the public hearing on these ordinances.

Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the public hearing was closed.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES Mayor Wolk read the following ordinances.

Ord. 05-10 Amending Chapter 89, Taxation, in the Borough Code

Ord. 06-10 Accepting Dedication of Block 32, Lot 1.31, also Known as the Kingsway Station Clock Lot

On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the ordinances were approved on first reading with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes.

Mayor Wolk explained that this was first reading and second reading and public comment will be at next month's meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

The Clerk announced that the following resolution would be approved separate from the Consent Agenda:

RESOLUTION NO. 28-10 Authorizing Contract with Consulting Engineering Services for Design and Oversight of the Bell Road Drainage Project

On a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the resolution was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-abstain.

The Clerk then announced that the remaining resolutions would be approved as a Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-10 Authorizing the Lease/Purchase of a Police Vehicle Under State Contract

RESOLUTION NO. 23-10 Authorizing the Sale of Police Vehicles No Longer Needed for Public Use

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10 Authorizing the Donation of Police Vehicles No Longer Needed for Public Use

RESOLUTION NO. 25-10 Authorizing Contract with Earth Engineering for Remediation of Contaminated Soil at Bell Road Firehouse

RESOLUTION NO. 26-10 Authorizing Shared Services Agreement with Bellmawr for Asphalt Rehabilitation of Various Roadways

RESOLUTION NO. 27-10 Authorizing Shared Services Agreement with Bellmawr for Maintenance of Ambulance Fleet

RESOLUTION NO. 29-10 Authorizing an Emergency Temporary Budget

- RESOLUTION NO. 31-10 Authorizing an Emergency Contract for Sewer Line Repairs
- RESOLUTION NO. 32-10 Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with Oaklyn to Provide Ambulance Services
- RESOLUTION NO. 33-10 Authorizing the Clerk to sign for the CFO Relative to the "Over the Limit, Under Arrest" Grant Reporting
- RESOLUTION NO. 34-10 Authorizing Application for Recycling Tonnage Grant Program

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

MERCANTILE LICENSE APPLICATIONS / RENEWALS

Mayor Wolk read the following into the record:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Auto Zone #3289	221 S. Black Horse Pike
Budget Inn & Suite	310 N. Black Horse Pike
Carollo's Restaurant	1 N. Black Horse Pike
Five Talent Graphics, LLC	134 W. Kings Highway
Flynn & O'Hara Uniforms, Inc.	237 S. Black Horse Pike
Hobby Workshops	510 W. Kings Highway
Kimberly Mecca Tax Preparation, LLC	106 W. Kings Highway
Mascio Motor Car Leasing, Inc.	705 N. Black Horse Pike
Mr. Brakes Auto Care of Mt. Ephraim	519 N. Black Horse Pike
Nazar, Inc. (Black Horse Diner)	152 N. Black Horse Pike

On a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the licenses were approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes.

BINGO/RAFFLE LICENSES: None

REPORTS:

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the Police Department monthly report for March. He also read the highlights from the Fire Department report for the month of March. He added that the Police Department, due to the efforts of Chief Dobleman and Captain Beppel, were awarded a \$20,000 grant for a live fingerprint scanning machine. The Fire Department, through the efforts of President Holmes and Mario Alibrando, has been preliminarily approved for a \$53,000 grant for communications equipment at the firehouse. MEPRI Ambulance has been operated for years by Virtua but the contract has expired and they are now running with their own personnel and we wish them well.

Commissioner Greenwald read the highlights from the monthly report from the Public Works department reporting that there were no safety violations or accidents for the month of March. He also read highlights from the March Construction Office report. We had single stream recycling of over 100,000 pounds and it was the largest we have ever had. DPW is working with Kingsway Station to re-pave Center Avenue from Kings Highway to Buckingham and also a section of Eighth Avenue. They are also working with Mt. Ephraim Little League at the senior field for a drainage system. They had eleven sewer calls with the heavy rain. We are working with our engineer on a possible solution to our sewer problems. We met last month with USDA to look at possible funding options for renovations to the pump stations. He went to a Camden County Democrat meeting and they are pushing "Vote by Mail" as a way to vote. On April 17, at Camden County College, Senator Menendez is hosting a financial aid forum and college fair. We will have information available in the tax office. He added that Officers Michael Beach's and Billy Errigo's wives both had babies last month and we wish them well. Lastly, April 24 is the Third Annual Craft and Auto Show on Kings Highway so please come out.

Joe Federici, Borough Engineer, reported that the DOT Municipal Aid project, Delaware Avenue, work has begun and the project will be completed this summer. Streetscape Phase II will start on Monday by Mary Bray School. Finally, they are working on gathering data for possible USDA funding for the sewer system.

Mayor Wolk read highlights from the Tax Collector report for February. He added that our next meeting will be for the caucus meeting on April 27 and then the Commission meeting on May 6. We are working on getting the budget ready for introduction and it is a very tough time for all municipalities. We lost \$78,000 in state aid as well as lost revenue from the sale of the water utility. We won't be able to adopt until the state has finalized their figures and completed their review. He reminded folks to come out for the Craft Fair and to return their 2010 Census forms.

Chief Dobleman reported that Kings Highway will be closed from 7am-4pm for the Craft Show. Also, tomorrow, Station Avenue will be closed for three days for the Streetscape project. We are holding a sale on police vehicles on April 23. Also, there is a resolution

for a vehicle purchase but he wanted the public to know that the funds are coming from PSE&G outside contractor funds so there was no cost to the taxpayers.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Theresa Ingram, 15 Second Avenue, asked about our relationship with CCMUA and the sewer lines. Commissioner Gilmore explained that sewage is carried through our lines and is then treated by CCMUA. Joe Federici added that we maintain our own collection system including the pump stations. Theresa also asked if the municipal budget will be capped this year. The Mayor explained that there is a lot of confusion on this but that our auditor would be here for the public hearing on the budget and he will be able to explain.

Laura Oehlert, from the dead end of Gloucester Avenue, asked about Ivystone Apartments. They did renovation work and left the trash and it blows on windy days and winds up on her property. Mayor Wolk responded that the contractor would be responsible for removing the trash and debris. Commissioner Greenwald added he would have Steve Beach look into.

Ken Robertson from the Camden County Fire Police thanked the Governing Body for the donation of the police car. They are 100% funded by donations and the car was badly needed.

Mayor Wolk and Commissioner thanked the Fire Police for their assistance over the years and also thanked Paul Bibik for his work with the MEPRI organization.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald and second by Commissioner Gilmore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Shannon
Borough Clerk