

August 5, 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 & Joe Federici
Police Chief – Ed Dobleman
Borough Clerk – Terry Shannon
Tax Collector/Dep. Clerk – Marie Darlington
Borough Consultant—Rich Schwab

“OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW” ANNOUNCEMENT

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

PROCLAMATIONS

None at this time

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. June 22, 2010, Caucus Meeting
2. July 1, 2010, 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

Vouchers were submitted and the Bill List total of \$505,059.33 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. 10-10 Amending Chapter 6, Copies of Documents, Fees, in the Borough Code

Ord. 11-10 Designating Salaries of Officers and Employees of the Borough of Mount Ephraim

Ord. 12-10 Designating Salaries of Certain Employees of the Borough of Mount Ephraim Covered by Agreements

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 None at this time

RESOLUTIONS:

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

62-10 Calling on the State Legislature and the Governor to Enact Property Tax Reform with Passage of the "Municipal Toolkit" and Mandates Relief

63-10 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Extend the Due Date for Third Quarter Taxes

64-10 Authorization to Transfer a Credit and Correct the Posting of a Tax Payment

65-10 Endorsing the Submission of a Grant Application and Execution of Agreement for Municipal Aid from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Local Aid for the Resurfacing and Safety Improvements to Idora Avenue #00404

66-10 Endorsing the Submission of a Grant Application and Execution of Agreement for Municipal Aid from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Local Aid for the Resurfacing and Safety Improvements to Hartka Avenue #00405

67-10 Awarding a Contract to F.M. Schiavone for Construction of the Bell Road Firehouse

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 LICENSE APPLICATIONS / RENEWALS

Mayor Wolk read the following into the record:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Lisk Landscape Management, Inc.	106 W. Kings Highway

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

BINGO/RAFFLE LICENSES None at this time

REPORTS:

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the Police Department and Fire Department monthly reports for July. He reported that the fire department along with the police department responded to the house fire on Hartka Avenue. An attempt was made to get inside by one Officer Beach to see if anyone was inside. He was injured in the process and we wish him well. Fire department did a wonderful job—it was extremely hot and the conditions in the house were dangerous. There was minor damage to the dwelling next door but no serious injuries and they did a great job.

Commissioner Greenwald read the highlights of the July reports from the Construction and DPW Departments and reported that single stream recycling was over 76,000 pounds and there were no safety violations or accidents for yet another month. There were five sewer calls for the month. DPW worked with American Asphalt on repaving of Center and Eighth Avenues. DPW set-up for the July 4 parade and we would like to thank the Celebrations Committee, the Police Department and DPW for a job well done on the July 4 festivities. It was a great day and a nice turnout. Also congratulations to

the Senior League District 14 Champs again this year and lastly we thank the Fire Department, Emergency Management and the Police Department on a great job handling the house fire.

Joe Federici, Borough Engineer, reported that we are on schedule for construction of Delaware Avenue this summer; the Streetscape Project is just about complete except for the trees, benches and trash receptacles; and we will be making submissions to the State for Local Aid grant projects.

Mayor Wolk read highlights and receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for June. Mayor Wolk asked Marie Darlington for an update on the tax bills. She reported that they are being prepared and should be mailed out within the next week. The due date will be determined by the mailing date and a note will be enclosed. Mayor Wolk added that we finally awarded the contract for building the new firehouse. This project is finally taking a huge step forward. It has been a long process and we are grateful to all the professionals who worked on this project. The next workshop will be August 24 and the regular meeting will be September 2.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Laura Oehlert, 113 Gloucester Avenue, asked if curfew can be enforced on the weekends. Teenagers are hanging along the railroad and drinking, stealing solar lights and plants and something needs to be done. This is occurring after twelve-one o'clock in the morning. Commissioner Gilmore asked if the police have been notified. She responded that it has been reported but she has not seen one cop car on patrol there. Chief Dobleman responded he will look into it. Laura asked if we were aware that during school days, kids are walking along the tracks and throwing rocks. Mr. Rafferty even came out to look at the situation. Commissioner Gilmore asked the solicitor for input and Joe Marrazzo responded that the tracks are not a thoroughfare and the police should stop people from walking along the tracks. Commissioner Gilmore asked Chief Dobleman to look into and to work with the schools to get the information out. The Commissioner added that regarding the railroad ties, the Clerk has made several calls to Conrail and will make another call to get them removed.

Rich Holmes, President of the Fire Company, stated that on behalf of Chief Gilmore and the entire department they wanted to thank you and all the professionals for all their efforts on the firehouse project. Just in the move to Lambert, they can see an improvement in the morale of the members because they know what is coming. We got four new members and two more pending. Thank everybody for all their efforts.

Chief Gilmore reported that as a result of the fire on Hartka Avenue, they will be going door-to-door on August 10 asking if the surrounding residents have smoke detectors. If they do not, they will replace them free-of-charge.

Seeing no further public comment, 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 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Shannon
Borough Clerk