

December 3, 2009, 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 – Eric Riso
Borough Engineers – Joe Federici & Doug Akin
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:

- Supporting the “Over the Limit, Under Arrest” 2009 Year End Statewide Crackdown

Mayor Wolk asked the Clerk to read the proclamation supporting the “Over the Limit, Under Arrest” program and urged residents that with the holidays approaching to please be aware of the dangers of drinking and driving.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1. October 27, 2009 Caucus Meeting
2. November 5, 2009, General Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to approve the aforementioned minutes. The motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Vouchers were submitted and the Bill List total of \$1,199,299.06 were 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. 19-09 ADDING CHAPTER 94B, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC TO
 THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM

Mayor Wolk opened the public hearing on this ordinance and asked that anyone wishing to be heard state their name and address for the record. Seeing none on a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the ordinance was adopted with the following poll vote: Commissioner Gilmore-yes; Commissioner Greenwald-yes; Mayor Wolk-yes. The ordinance was adopted.

At this time, Commissioner Gilmore swore in Sean Atkinson as a Class II Officer to the Mount Ephraim Police Department.

RESOLUTIONS:

The Clerk announced that the following resolutions would be read and approved as a consent agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 110-09 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

RESOLUTION NO. 111-09 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

RESOLUTION NO. 112-09 APPROPRIATING AN ITEM OF REVENUE AND
 EXPENSE (OLUA GRANT)

RESOLUTION NO. 113-09 APPROPRIATING ITEM OF REVENUE AND
 EXPENSE (RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT)

RESOLUTION NO. 114-09 CANCELLING TAXES ON 324 DAVIS AVENUE

- RESOLUTION NO. 115-09 AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF TAX CREDIT BALANCES
- RESOLUTION NO. 116-09 AUTHORIZING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
- RESOLUTION NO. 117-09 DESIGNATING 2010 MEETING DATES AND TIMES
- RESOLUTION NO. 118-09 AUTHORIZING THE AMALGAMATION OF IBEW LOCALS 2066 AND 102
- RESOLUTION NO. 119-09 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH BUD CONCRETE FOR THE STREETScape PROJECT PHASE II
- RESOLUTION NO. 120-09 APPOINTING A CLASS II SPECIAL OFFICER TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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:

Foulke Management Corp. (Mt. Ephraim Dodge)	701 N. Black Horse Pike
Foulke Management Corp. (Mt. Ephraim Dodge)	705 N. Black Horse Pike
Sozzi Upholstering	410 W. Kings Highway
Spread Eagle Inn (Dardens, Inc.)	316 W. Kings Highway

On a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the licenses were approved with all in favor.

BINGO/RAFFLE LICENSES:

MEPRI 2010 Bingo and Raffle licenses

On a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the licenses were approved with all in favor.

REPORTS:

Commissioner Gilmore reported that the "Over the Limit, Under Arrest" grant was originally awarded back in the spring. The Police did such a good job with that grant that they were awarded an additional \$5000 for the year-end crackdown. He congratulated the Police Department on a job well done. He then read the highlights of the monthly report as submitted by the Police Department. He added get well wishes for Officer Schaffer and a speedy recovery from the surgery he had recently. Commissioner Gilmore invited all present to the Fire Department Christmas parade on December 12. Lastly, on behalf of his wife and himself he wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Greenwald reported that the normal monthly reports were not available. He added that Public Works reported that recycling was up again for the month of November. They have been doing a good job with leaf collection and hanging the holiday banners. The boiler in Borough Hall had to be replaced and due to employee ingenuity, we were able to do a shared service with Charlie Blaylock from the School District as he has boiler expertise and we are very grateful to the Board of Education for letting us use Charlie for the project. This saved the town about \$5000. This Saturday at MEPRI will be lunch with Santa from 12-2 and Toys for Tots will be collected during the parade. He closed by wishing everyone Happy Holidays and the hope that 2010 will be better than 2009.

Mayor Wolk read the Tax Collector report for October and the November Finance reports (copies attached). He congratulated the staff on the good job done on the sale of 324 Davis Avenue. We got \$40,000 for the property which was very good for the Borough. We will not be here again until the caucus meeting and budget workshop on December 22 so he wished everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. He also thanked all the folks who are involved with the celebration events in town for all they did this past year.

Joe Federici reported that the engineers are working on the plans and specs for the Delaware Avenue project that is being funded through the DOT grant. He added that we are waiting for the final authorization on the funding for the Streetscape Project and they will then be ready to work with the contractor to begin the project. Finally, we spoke with Conrail regarding the upgrade to the railroad crossing on Kings Highway by Mary Bray School and followed up with a letter requesting full reconstruction.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Luki Helm, 201 6th Avenue, wanted to offer an alternative to cat trapping. Stan Alcavage, 15 Remington Avenue, added that they have the same problem on their street.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Shannon
Borough Clerk