

JANUARY 7, 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:

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Commissioner Gilmore	_____X_____	_____
Commissioner Greenwald	_____X_____	_____
Mayor Wolk	_____X_____	_____

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Borough Solicitor – Joe Marrazzo
Borough Engineers – 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: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1. November 24, 2009 Caucus Meeting
2. December 3, 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 \$550,671.92 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: None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO.1-10 AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES COVERED BY BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

Mayor Wolk explained that this was first reading on this ordinance and the public hearing would be during the February 4 regular meeting following proper advertisement. On a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the ordinance was approved on first reading with the following poll vote: Commissioner Gilmore-yes; Commissioner Greenwald-yes; Mayor Wolk-yes.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 01-10 ADOPTION OF THE 2010 TEMPORARY MUNICIPAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO. 02-10 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX INTEREST RATE

RESOLUTION NO. 03-10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF AN ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2010 WITH COMMUNITY ANIMAL CARE SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 04-10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF AN ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2010 WITH THE ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY OF CAMDEN COUNTY

- RESOLUTION NO. 05-10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF
MT. EPHRAIM TO ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS
FOR TOWING AND STORAGE SERVICES
- RESOLUTION NO. 06-10 CANCELING TAXES ON BLOCK 117, LOT 1.02
- RESOLUTION NO. 07-10 CANCELING & ADJUSTING SEWER BALANCES

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:

All Brand Supply	170 N. Black Horse Pike
Cabinet Works Corp.	511 W. Kings Highway
CDT Business Systems, LLC.	500 N. Black Horse Pike
Cold Star Sales & Leasing, Inc.	27 Davis Ave.
D & J Auto Service	107 S. Black Horse Pike
Dave's One Hour Dry Cleaners, Inc.	10 E. Kings Highway
F M Digital Services Corp.	159 S. Black Horse Pike
Foulke Management Corp.	620 N. Black Horse Pike
Foulke Management Corp.	701 N. Black Horse Pike
Foulke Management Corp.	705 N. Black Horse Pike
Grease 'N' Go (MJM Lubrication)	237 S. Black Horse Pike
Hess Express 30525	Black Horse Pk. & Kings Hwy.
John's Sign Shop	289 S. Black Horse Pike
McDonald's Restaurant #2877	259 S. Black Horse Pike
Mt. Ephraim Democrat Association, Inc.	206 W. Kings Highway
Mt. Ephraim Exxon (Anupuneet, Inc.)	403 S. Black Horse Pike
Nancy Mulford Studio of Dance, Inc.	245 S. Black Horse Pike

Pete's Pizza	604 W. Kings Highway
United Refrigeration, Inc.	301 N. Black Horse Pk.
Walgreens #10156	20 W. Kings Highway

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 December as well as the year-end report. He then read the highlights from the Fire Department report for the month of December. He added that during the snowstorm of December 19-20, 22 members of the volunteer fire company manned the firehouse for 24 hours straight. They left their families and stayed at the firehouse in case they had to respond to a fire making our community a lot safer. He also extended best wishes to Officer Michael Schaffer who is recovering from surgery. Commissioner Gilmore offered personal kudos to public works the fire company and emergency management for the job they did during the snowstorm. They truly exemplified the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self". He extended congratulations and gratitude to retiring Chief Mario Scullan. He served since July 4, 1992, and will continue to remain as a member. He also extended congratulations to the incoming Chief Brian Gilmore. He closed by wishing a happy and prosperous new year to all borough residents.

Commissioner Greenwald read the highlights from the monthly report as submitted by the Construction Department as well as the year-end report. He also reported that for December, single stream recycling was over 109,000 pounds. The year-end total was 65,000 pounds higher than 2008. This, along with the reduction in trash tonnage, saved the taxpayers over \$23,000. He extended congratulations to public works and the police for the job they did during the snowstorm. DPW also responded to eleven sewer calls and hung the seasonal banners. Our old salt building was just torn down and a new one is being erected. Unfortunately one of our employees was rear-ended yesterday on the Black Horse Pike and we hope he will be okay. Thanks to everyone for a job well done during the snowstorm and wishes for a safe and happy new year to all residents.

Doug Akin, Borough Engineer, reported that the agreement between Bud Concrete and the Borough for the Streetscape Phase II project has been prepared and submitted for execution. The project should start March 1 and will take 60 days to complete. They have started the survey work to prepare the plans for the Delaware Ave project funded through the Transportation Trust Fund and that project is targeted for the summer of 2010. At the end of the year we received word that we were awarded \$755,000 from the State for the Bell Road drainage project.

Mayor Wolk read highlights from the Tax Collector report for November and the December Finance reports (copies attached). He also commended DPW for the job they did during the snowstorm. He received several calls complimenting the job that was done cleaning up the streets and he wants to thank everyone involved. He also acknowledged the great job done by all involved in securing the funding for the Bell Road drainage project. He thanked Rich Holmes and the Fire Department for their efforts and also thanked the engineers. He added his best wishes for a happy new year to all.

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 Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Shannon
Borough Clerk