

JUNE 3, 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 8:03pm.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

ABSENT

Commissioner Gilmore	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Commissioner Greenwald	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Mayor Wolk	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

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

Certificate of Recognition to Detective Sergeant Brian Conte

Commissioner Gilmore and Chief Dobleman presented a certificate of recognition to Detective Sergeant Brian Conte for his excellent work during the PNC Bank robbery on March 15. His quick thinking resulted in a rapid apprehension of the robbery suspect. It was ordered that this commendation be entered onto his service record.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. March 25, 2010, Caucus Meeting
2. April 27, 2010, Caucus Meeting
3. May 6, 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 \$1,591,098.04 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. 07-10 Bond Ordinance Authorizing Drainage And Related Street Improvements On Bell Road In The Borough Of Mount Ephraim, County Of Camden, New Jersey; Appropriating The Sum Of \$755,000 Therefor; 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 \$755,000 Making Certain Determinations And Covenants; And Authorizing Certain Related Actions In Connection With The Foregoing

Ord. 08-10 Bond Ordinance Authorizing Streetscape Improvements On Kings Highway In The Borough Of Mount Ephraim, County Of Camden, New Jersey; Appropriating The Sum Of \$290,540 Therefor; 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 \$290,540 Making Certain Determinations And Covenants; And Authorizing Certain Related Actions In Connection With The Foregoing

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. 09-10 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank

On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the ordinance was 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 resolutions would be approved as a Consent Agenda.

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| RESOLUTION NO. 45-10 | Renewal of Liquor Licenses for 2010-2011 |
| RESOLUTION NO. 46-10 | Appointing Dr. Stagliano as Borough Physician |
| RESOLUTION NO. 47-10 | Awarding Contracts for Various Professionals |
| RESOLUTION NO. 48-10 | Authorizing Appointments to the Planning Board |
| RESOLUTION NO. 49-10 | Introduction of the 2010 Municipal Budget |
| RESOLUTION NO. 50-10 | Appointing the Emergency Management Coordinator and the Deputy to a Three Year Term |
| RESOLUTION NO. 51-10 | Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with the Boroughs of Barrington, Bellmawr and Runnemede to Construct and Maintain a Truck Wash Facility |

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.

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

Following approval of the resolutions, Emergency Management Coordinator Jason Vilardo and Deputy Ken Robertson were administered the oath of office by Commissioner Gilmore.

MERCANTILE LICENSE APPLICATIONS / RENEWALS

Mayor Wolk read the following into the record:

Name

Address

Subway
BP Car Wash
Bp Gas Station

267 S. Black Horse Pike
305 South Black Horse Pike
305 South 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 Fire Department monthly report for May. He also read the highlights from the Police Department report for the month of May. He thanked all the members of the Police Departments as well as the other borough departments for their give-backs in the contracts to help with this difficult budget. Without their cooperation we would not have been able to do what we did with the budget this year. He appreciates their concern for the residents of Mt. Ephraim. Also a job well done to borough departments for the work done for the Memorial Day services.

Commissioner Greenwald also thanked the departments for their concessions regarding the budget and for the work done for the Memorial Day services. He then read the highlights from the DPW department and reported there were no accidents or safety violations for the month of May. Single stream recycling was almost 78,000 pounds and trash tonnage was over 152 tons. They have been working on potholes and responded to two sewer calls. DPW has also been maintaining vacant properties. Through an interlocal with Bellmawr part of Hill St. and Second Avenue were re-paved. He also thanked the DPW men for their help capturing roosters at Haddon Lake Park. He also reported there were 17 construction permits issued during May for a total of \$2,497.00.

Joe Federici, Borough Engineers, reported that the Streetscape Project Phase II is moving along well and is on schedule. DOT Local Aid project, Delaware Avenue, the plans will be completed and submitted to DOT for approval next week.

Mayor Wolk read highlights and receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for April. He added that the public hearing on the budget will be during the July 1 meeting. He thanked the employees who stepped up and opened up their contracts as well as the non-contractual employees who also made concessions. He stated there would be a modest tax increase. We lost surplus from the former water system, \$87,000 in state aid, increases in pension and healthcare, and all these contributed to the difficult budget year. He thanked all the professionals for their hard work on this budget. Mayor Wolk added that we will have a July 4 parade this year thanks to First Colonial Bank and Mt. Ephraim Dodge. He also thanked the Celebrations Committee for their hard work on this event.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Anthony Stagliano, 202 Northmont Avenue, stated he was here to speak on a public safety matter. About a month ago they had a call behind the Mt. Ephraim plaza for a bonfire started by a homeless individual. That is supposed to be a water retention basin so that the homes on James Street don't get flooded out but it is very overgrown and has become woods. The property owner has not been maintaining it. This creates a safety issue for the residents on James Street and the emergency responders. This needs to be addressed and the area cleaned up. He asked the Deputy Clerk to make a note so we could follow-up.

Chief Dobleman reminded everyone that the July 4 celebration would be on July 3.

Seeing no further public comment, Mayor Wolk announced we would adjourn for a closed session matter and asked for a motion to approve Resolution 52-10, Authorizing an Executive Session. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore, the resolution was approved and the open session adjourned at 8:28.

At 8:45, the open meeting was reconvened by Mayor Wolk and on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, seconded by Commissioner Gilmore, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Shannon
Borough Clerk