

**MARCH 4, 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 8:04pm.

**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**

March as Women’s History Month  
Letter of Gratitude from Joseph Rafferty, Chief School Administrator

*The Clerk read a proclamation proclaiming March as Women’s History Month and Commissioner Greenwald read a letter from Joseph Rafferty thanking Public Works, Police Department and Fire Department for the great job they did with snow removal from school property during the very difficult winter. He also read a letter from resident, Lorraine Dyson commending the same departments on a job well done.*

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

1. January 26, 2010 Caucus Meeting
2. February 4, 2010, 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 \$1,166,694.29 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**

The Clerk read the following ordinance:

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

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 Mayor announced that the following resolutions would be read and approved as a consent agenda and asked the Clerk to read them into the record.

- RESOLUTION NO. 11-10 Authorizing Project Submission Form for Year 32 CDBG Funds
- RESOLUTION NO. 12-10 Authorizing Execution of a Grant Agreement with the NJDOT to Accept Transportation Trust Funds
- RESOLUTION NO. 13-10 Authorizing Agreement with PSE&G Relative to Induction Lamp Conversion
- RESOLUTION NO. 14-10 Establishing a Temporary Capital Budget
- RESOLUTION NO. 15-10 Authorizing the Down Payment Required on Bond Ord. 02-10
- RESOLUTION NO. 16-10 Authorizing Employment Contract for the Captain of the Police Department
- RESOLUTION NO. 17-10 Authorizing a Labor Contract By and Between the Borough of Mt. Ephraim and IBEW Local 102 for the Term 1/1/10 through 12/31/12
- RESOLUTION NO. 18-10 Authorizing Employment Agreement with the Chief of Police
- RESOLUTION NO. 19-10 Authorizing Execution of a One-year Contract with Woodruff Energy for Purchase of Natural Gas
- RESOLUTION NO. 20-10 Amending Agreement with Architect for Bell Road Fire Station Project
- RESOLUTION NO. 21-10 Authorizing Participation in the Contracts Negotiated by the Camden County Cooperative with Office Basics for Purchase of Office Supplies and Paper

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**

The Clerk read the following into the record:

American Vinyl Products, Inc.	613 N. Black Horse Pike
Cabana Water Ice Co.	102 W. Kings Highway
Canal's Liquor Store (YABA2, LLC)	210 N. Black Horse Pike
CVS Pharmacy #477	24 S. Black Horse Pike
Domino's Pizza	210 N. Black Horse Pike
Guiseppi's Restaurant & Lounge	13-15 S. Black Horse Pike
J.C. Interiors, Inc.	401 W. Kings Highway
P.C. Construction & Management, Inc.	505 W. Kings Highway
Wawa Food Market #972	602 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 Fire Department monthly report for January. He also read the highlights from the Police Department report for the month of January. He added that Officer Sullivan has returned to duty from a work-related injury and we wish him well. He also thanked all departments for a job well done during our February to remember. He extended kudos to the Fire Department as during the storms they manned the fire department 24/7 and were the first to respond to a fire in Oaklyn and were credited with keeping the damage to a minimum. They also removed the snow from the roof of Kershaw School. Thank you to all departments.

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 February. At the annual JIF safety breakfast, we received a \$250 safety incentive award. Single stream recycling was over 74,000 pounds for the month and trash tonnage was 104 tons for a cost of a little over \$6600. The department responded to seven sewer calls, repaired a sewer pipe at New Jersey and Third Avenues, responded to a fallen tree at Pennsylvania and Sixth Avenue and was very busy with salting, sanding and snow removal during almost the whole month of February. He thanked all departments for a job well done during the difficult month and added "Thank God spring is almost here!"

Joe Federici, Borough Engineer, reported that the DOT Municipal Aid project, Delaware Avenue, now that the weather is breaking, they will be starting surveying work so they can go ahead with the design and the project will be done this summer. The Streetscape Phase II has a pre-construction meeting scheduled for next week and they anticipate beginning construction this coming month and to be completed this spring. Finally, this week we met with the USDA and as a result they are preparing an

application to determine grant eligibility for various improvements to the sanitary sewer system and hope to qualify for enough money to replace the Second Avenue and Harding Avenue pump stations and associated piping. The application will be submitted by the end of the month.

Mayor Wolk read highlights from the Tax Collector report for January and reported that the 2009 Annual Report was received. He also extended kudos to all the volunteers and employees for the great job done during the difficult storms and added that neighbors really came together and helped each other and it was great to see such cooperation between neighbors.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

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

Carl Ingram, 15 Second Avenue, asked what the plan was for the Budget this year. Mayor Wolk answered that we are working on the appropriation side but don't know about the revenue side yet. We have had a workforce reduction in that we have not replaced two full-time employees who left. We are using shared services for municipal clerk, CFO and anywhere we can. This saves us on healthcare and pension costs. We are waiting to hear about our aid. Last year we lost 50% of our COMPTRA aid and we may lose another 50% this year. We want to keep everybody employed but will look closely at what we spend on materials and supplies and try to keep costs down. We will do everything we can. Theresa Ingram asked if they would try to hold the line on taxes and Mayor Wolk answered that we always do. She added that she read an article about a Mayor who consolidated nine or ten towns and it has worked. She understands that no one was to lose their identity but services and programs were consolidated while the villages kept their identity. She will find the article and send it to them. Mayor Wolk has responded that they have heard about shared services for the past 19 years but that kind of strategy will have to come from Trenton. It is very difficult to get small towns to do this on their own. He thinks it will have to be a directive from the Governor. Commissioner added that we run a very tight ship and are on a tight budget. We work with Bellmawr for equipment and employee sharing, are in the middle of a new venture for EMS services and do a good job at keeping costs down. Commissioner Gilmore added that we do the best we can and put pressure on department heads to keep their costs down. Mayor Wolk said he has a meeting with the finance departments from several other towns to discuss this further and get some ideas.

Theresa asked when the firehouse project would start and President Rich Holmes said hopefully the project would begin in May or so. He added that the flooding issues held up the project but that with the help of the governing body, support from the residents and our state and federal officials we were successful in getting the \$755,000 grant for the drainage improvements which was a tremendous help.

Mayor Wolk added that Lambert Avenue was being converted to a senior center. Rich Holmes said that on the 24<sup>th</sup> during the Craft Show, that building would be open to the public so residents can see the improvements and it will be dedicated to Charles Dougherty Sr. who was a 29 year member of the fire department. He invited everyone to come out and see the facility.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Shannon  
Borough Clerk