

November 5, 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 8:07pm.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

ABSENT

Commissioner Gilmore
Commissioner Greenwald
Mayor Wolk

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OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Borough Solicitor – Joe Marrazzo
Borough Engineers – 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:

- Recognizing the Accomplishments of Mount Ephraim All Stars Little League team
- Presentation of Merit Awards to Captain Brian Beppel, Det. Sgt. Brian Conte and Officer Michael Schaeffer

Mayor Wolk read the proclamation recognizing the accomplishments of Mount Ephraim All Stars players and coaches and presented a proclamation to all those present. Commissioner Gilmore along with Chief Dobleman read the proclamations to the three officers recognizing their actions that went above and beyond and were instrumental in the apprehension of various criminals.

tabling the resolution and requesting an extension from the contractor until the Borough is prepared to make the award.

On a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, Resolution 105-09 is tabled and the engineers are asked to request an extension from the contractor. The motion was approved with the following poll vote: Commissioner Gilmore-yes; Commissioner Greenwald-yes; Mayor Wolk-yes. Resolution 105-09 is tabled.

The Clerk read the remaining resolutions into the consent agenda:

- RESOLUTION NO. 103-09 AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CAMDEN COUNTY RELATIVE TO SNOW REMOVAL ON COUNTY ROADS
- RESOLUTION NO. 104-09 AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE CONTRACT NEGOTIATED BY CAMDEN COUNTY WITH INTERNATIONAL SALT CO.
- RESOLUTION NO. 105-09 ****TABLED** (NOT READ)**
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO BUD CONCRETE FOR THE STREETScape PROJECT, PHASE II*
- RESOLUTION NO. 106-09 AUTHORIZING TRAVEL ADVANCES FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE NJSLOM CONVENTION
- RESOLUTION NO. 107-09 CANCELLING TAXES ON 324 DAVIS AVENUE
- RESOLUTION NO. 108-09 APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1—FINAL, CEDAR AVENUE PROJECT
- RESOLUTION NO. 109-09 APPROPRIATING AN ITEM OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE

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:

None at this time

BINGO/RAFFLE LICENSES:

None at this time

REPORTS:

1. Commissioner Gilmore's Report – Commissioner Gilmore stated that the fire department is in the process of upgrading their system to the way the County reports their fire stats and a monthly report was not available. He then read highlights from the report as submitted by the Police Department (report attached). The Commissioner welcomed back Officer Danielle Perna from maternity leave and extended condolences to the family of Martin Baumgartner. Martin was a loyal employee of the Borough for many years and served 25 years as a special officer.
2. Commissioner Greenwald's Report – Commissioner Greenwald read highlights from the construction report and reported that single stream recycling was almost 73,000 pounds and our recycling tonnage continues to increase while trash continues to do down. This means less expense to the town and is good news. Also, Public Works repaired the asphalt at the dead end of Cleveland Avenue and the first block of Green through a shared service agreement with Bellmawr. They also handled set up for the Hero to Hero race and the Halloween parade and are now in the process of leaf collection. He added that the Halloween parade was very well attended and he thanked the Police and Fire departments, Public Works and the Celebrations Committee. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
3. Engineers Report – Joe Federici reported on the following:
 - His office is submitting a revised application to the NJDOT requesting funding for the flooding problems on Bell Road and it will be ready next week
 - The Borough received \$170,000 in Municipal Aid for Delaware Avenue and that project will be done in the summer of 2010
 - They will be working with the contractor, Bud Concrete, on the extension of the award for the Streetscape Project, Phase II.
4. Mayor's Report – The Mayor read the Tax Collector for September and the October Finance reports (copies attached). He added that it was good news about the \$170,000 in Municipal Aid for Delaware Avenue. We just completed Cedar Avenue which was a \$140,000 grant and that when added to the Streetscape grant, our professionals are doing a great job in securing grant funds for the town. The next project is getting help for the Bell Road flooding problem. He thanked everyone involved with the Halloween festivities and wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Robert Conley, 85 Sartori Avenue, stated that they are having an issue with speeding on Sartori. Can a speed bump be installed? The worst times of the day are between 4pm and 6pm. Resident Ralph Sheldon echoed the concern. Chief Dobleman said a strip would be installed to gauge the traffic to confirm when the most problems are occurring and we would put a decoy car out there as well as the message board to call attention to speeders. We will step up enforcement and look at installing more signage.

Stan Alcavage, 15 Remington Avenue, added that they have the same problem on their street.

Chief Dobleman said that the traffic counter will tell the times and speed of the vehicles. They will start with Sartori and will move to Remington. Putting a police car out there should help slow people down.

Lloyd Temple, 77 Sartori, added that there are a lot of seniors and kids on the street making the situation more serious. He added that sometimes, especially younger drivers, want a confrontation. The problem needs to be addressed.

Mayor Wolk said that hopefully the traffic study, police presence and signage will help. We can re-visit the speed hump suggestion if the situation does not improve.

Mr. Alcavage added that the resident at 21 Remington has done a lot of work to the home without permits. Mayor Wolk said that Commissioner Greenwald will refer it to the Construction Official. He also asked about the fire company and what the status is of the firehouse project. Rich Holmes explained the situation and that we have been applying for grants to help with the project. We passed an initial review but were not included in the first round of grants. We are still hopeful to get some funding in the next round.

Bill Bates from the Fire Department said that the Christmas parade will be Saturday, December 12 at 7pm. Same route as last year.

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

