

April 2, 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 8:05 pm.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

ABSENT

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| Commissioner Gilmore | _____X_____ | _____ |
| Commissioner Greenwald | _____X_____ | _____ |
| Mayor Wolk | _____X_____ | _____ |

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

- Borough Solicitor – Joe Marrazzo
- Borough Engineers – Joe Federici & Doug Akin
- Police Chief – Ed Dobleman
- Borough Clerk – Terry Shannon
- Tax Collector/Dep. Clerk – Marie Darlington
- Borough Consultant – Richard Schwab

“OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW” ANNOUNCEMENT:

This Meeting has been advertised and notices posted in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Wolk announced that we would go out-of-order and vote on Resolution 27-09, Appointing Mitchell Malinowski as a Police Officer for the Mount Ephraim Police Department, as many of his family members were in attendance for the swearing-in. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, Resolution 27-09 was approved with the following poll vote: Greenwald-yes; Gilmore-yes, Wolk-yes. Officer Malinowski was then sworn-in by Commissioner Gilmore.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Wolk asked the Clerk to read the following proclamations:

Proclaiming April as Alcohol Awareness Month in Mt. Ephraim
Honoring our Troops and Designating April 19 as “Support our Troops Day”

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Minutes from the following meetings of the Board of Commissioners were distributed and are now subject to approval:

1. February 24, 2009 Caucus Meeting
2. March 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 \$860,835.58, were submitted for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the Bill List was approved with the following poll vote: Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes, Gilmore-yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 06-09 AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL
BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO
ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

Mayor Wolk opened the public hearing.

As there was no public comment, a motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to close the public hearing. The motion carried.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 07-09 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING REFUSE
CONTAINERS AND DUMPSTERS TO COMPLY
WITH STORMWATER REGULATIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 08-09 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PRIVATE STORM
DRAIN INLET RETROFITTING TO COMPLY WITH
STORMWATER REGULATIONS

On a motion made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore, the ordinances were approved on first reading with the following poll vote: Greenwald-yes, Wolk-yes; Gilmore-yes.

The public hearing on these ordinances will be held during the May 7 General Meeting.

SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING ON USE OF CDBG FUNDS

Mayor Wolk opened the public hearing and asked for any questions or comments. He explained why we were requesting reprogramming of prior years CDBG funds. As there were no comments or questions, on a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the public hearing was closed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-09 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN THE USE OF YEAR 29 AND YEAR 30 CDBG FUNDS FROM SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER TO REMOVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS AT LAMBERT AVE. FACILITY

RESOLUTION NO. 26-09 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING FOR YEAR 31

RESOLUTION NO. 28-09 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF BELLMAWR FOR THE MAINTENACE OF M.E.P.R.I. AMBULANCE FLEET AND BOROUGH PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES

RESOLUTION NO. 29-09 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF BELLMAWR FOR THE PAVING OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

RESOLUTION NO. 30-09 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTARY 2009 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the consent agenda was approved with the following poll vote: Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes; Gilmore-yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 31-09 RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE THE 2009 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the resolution to introduce the 2009 Budget was approved with the following poll vote: Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes; Gilmore-yes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

MERCANTILE LICENSE APPLICATIONS / RENEWALS:

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| 1. BP Gas Station | 305 S. Black Horse Pike |
| 2. BP Car Wash | 305 S. Black Horse Pike |
| 3. Midas Muffler (JoJess Automotive, Inc.) | 160 N. Black Horse Pike |
| 4. Mt. Ephraim Exxon (Anupuneet, Inc.) | 403 S. Black Horse Pike |
| 5. Subway Mt. Ephraim Food Mgmt. | 267 S. Black Horse Pike |
| 6. Town Deli | 604 W. Kings Highway |

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

BINGO/RAFFLE LICENSES: None

REPORTS:

1. Commissioner Gilmore's Report – Commissioner Gilmore read the monthly reports as submitted by the Fire and Police Departments (reports attached). He added that he wanted to commend the police department for two major incidents that were handled during the month—a drug bust involving a large quantity of marijuana and a fight on Jefferson Avenue involving gunshots with particular thanks to Officers Reichelderfer and Schaeffer for a job well done. Also congratulations to Mitchell Malinowski and we welcome him to the department.
2. Commissioner Greenwald's Report – Commissioner Greenwald read the Construction Office report and the Recycling/Single Stream statistics (reports attached) and then reported updates on the following project:
 - DPW is going through town and patching potholes.
 - Pump Station project is still ongoing.
 - DPW is almost done with the library renovations and has done a great job.
 - DPW is working on boiler repairs and hung the spring banners.
 - Celebrations Committee is working on the Craft Fair/Auto Show for April 25 and we hope it is as successful as last year.

- April 18, Girl's Softball will open their season and they are dedicating the complex to long-time resident Frank Corson.
 - April 7 at 3pm, there will be a meeting in Bellmawr with the DOT to discuss the Rt. 295/42 project.
 - The 295 Bridge project on the Black Horse Pike will be starting this spring and will cause traffic delays, especially during the summer months because of shore traffic.
3. Engineers Report – Joe Federici reported that the Cedar Avenue project has been submitted to the DOT for their review. They are working on projects for 2010 State Aid through the DOT and Stimulus programs and they are 99% sure that we will receive federal funds through the DOT for the Streetscape project, Phase II. We are just waiting for written confirmation.
4. Mayor's Report – The Mayor noted that the Tax Collector reported a total of \$1,445,219.73 was collected during the month of February for tax and various miscellaneous charges (copies attached). The Mayor also reported on the following:
- The 2009 Budget as introduced shows a modest increase that will equate to about \$8.00 per month for the average homeowner.
 - Black Horse Pike Redevelopment—There are several interested parties for the 710 BHP property and talks are ongoing.
 - The Streetscape Project, Phase II, application was submitted and commended Joe Federici and Marie Darlington on a job well done to get the application information together.
 - The spring issue of the newsletter has been mailed out.
 - The next caucus meeting is April 28 and the regular meeting is May 7.
 - Mayor Wolk wished everyone a Happy Easter and Passover.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Theresa Ingram, 15 Second Ave, asked if 710 is going to be another of the same type of business? How is it being advertised? Mayor Wolk responded that, of course, we don't want that type of business but it could happen. We could do a referendum to voters asking if they want to buy it with taxpayer funds but another business of that type could open down the street. Joe Marrasso explained that, by state statute and 1st Amendment rights, you cannot prevent that type of business from opening.

Nicholas Salamone, 225 James St., brought up a petition signed by 31 residents of James Street requesting a speed hump. The Governing Body said they would take it under consideration.

Darlene Alexander, 21 Glover Ave., added that there is also a serious speeding problem on Glover as well.

Theresa Ingram spoke again concerned that the school budget is going up 33 cents. How are the residents going to deal with that kind of increase?

Joe responded that small towns are under attack. There have been drastic cuts in state aid. We have done everything we can—we've held the line without cutting services. Regionalization is coming. We are always looking for new ways to save including sharing services.

Carl Ingram asked about a Mt. Ephraim wage tax that would be imposed on those who work in Mt. Ephraim but do not live here. Mayor Wolk responded that we would look into that.

COMMENTS BY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Wolk announced that the next Caucus Meeting will take place on April 28th and the next General Borough Meeting will be held on May 7th. He wished all a Happy Easter and Passover. Commissioner Greenwald reminded all that the 2nd Annual Craft & Car Show would be held on April 25th.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Shannon
Borough Clerk