

August 6, 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 8:05pm.

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 – Joe Federici & 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. June 23, 2009 Caucus Meeting
2. July 2, 2009 General Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to approve the aforementioned minutes. The motion carried.

- RESOLUTION NO. 79-09 AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CAMDEN COUNTY
- RESOLUTION NO. 80-09 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF AN AMBULANCE FROM THE BOROUGH OF OAKLYN FOR \$1.00
- RESOLUTION NO. 81-09 ACCEPTING THE BID OF RIZZO/VALENTI, INC. TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 324 DAVIS AVENUE
- RESOLUTION NO. 82-09 AWARDED PURCHASE OF A LEAF MACHINE
- RESOLUTION NO. 83-09 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM TO ENTER INTO AN ADDENDUM TO REAL PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MOUNT EPHRAIM FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR 508 LAMBERT AVENUE
- RESOLUTION NO. 84-09 ACCEPTING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE 2008 AUDIT
- RESOLUTION NO. 85-09 RESOLUTION TO VOID PRIOR YEAR OUTSTANDING CHECKS
- RESOLUTION NO. 86-09 ACCEPTING THE 2008 AUDIT REPORT
- RESOLUTION NO. 87-09 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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:

Approving a Raffle License for Barrington WPTG to be held at Sacred Heart Church

On a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the license was approved.

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 had nothing further to report at this time.
2. Commissioner Greenwald's Report – Commissioner Greenwald reported that single stream recycling for the prior month was over 75,000 pounds. Highlights from the Public Works included set-up and breakdown for the July 4th parade; removal of two trees on the Borough parking; distributed recycling information at the Camden County concert held July 15; trimmed trees at 5th and 7th Avenues per request from PSE&G; held a public auction that raised some nice revenue for the town; another month without any safety violations. He read the monthly report as submitted by the Construction Office and thanked the Police Department, DPW and the Celebrations Committee for the great job with the July 4th festivities.
3. Engineers Report – Joe Federici reported on the following:
 - A meeting was held to finalize information needed for the tax maps and they will be submitted to the State for approval
 - Harding Avenue pump station and generator project—finalizing the electric and gas connections and hopefully will be operating shortly
 - Streetscape Phase II—they performed an at-grade railroad crossing study and submitted to DOT so hopefully we will be hearing something soon
 - Cedar Avenue—concrete work is substantially complete and they hope to pave next week.
3. Mayor's Report – The Mayor read the Tax Collector's report and reported total receipts of \$145,942.62 were collected during the month of June for tax and various miscellaneous charges (copies attached). Mayor Wolk also read the CFO's report (copy attached). He added that he heard a lot of comments from the public that this July 4th parade was one of the best and he wanted to thank all involved for their hard work. August 25 will be the workshop meeting and the next general meeting will be September 3.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

John Rheinbold, 7 Harding Avenue, stated that the problem with the illegal towing business on Harding Avenue continues to be a nuisance. They park their trucks on the street seven days a week; 24 hours per day. It is a residential area and is a problem.

Mayor Wolk replied that we do not want anything that effects quality of life. We will defer to our attorney to see what action we need to take. Solicitor Joe Marrasso stated that we have to proceed as required per our ordinance. As this is a violation of our zoning ordinance, it is necessary that a citizen of the Borough make a formal complaint to the Zoning Officer. He will conduct an investigation and if the problem is still unresolved than the matter can proceed to the courts if necessary. The investigation has to be done by the Zoning Officer first. If there is a parking issue, that would be a police matter and the residents can call the police when there is a problem. If there is a parking violation, the police can issue tickets. The Solicitor added that Mr. Rheinbold can submit the complaint in writing and that will start the process. Mayor Wolk suggested that Mr. Rheinbold see the Clerk for the Zoning Officer's name so he can write a letter to start the process.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Shannon
Borough Clerk