

February 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 8:01 pm.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

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

ROLL CALL:

	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>
Commissioner Gilmore	___x___	_____
Commissioner Greenwald	___x___	_____
Mayor Wolk	___x___	_____

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Borough Solicitors – Joe Marrazzo
Borough Engineers – Joe Federici & Doug Aiken
Police Chief – Ed Dobleman

“OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW” ANNOUNCEMENT:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRESENTATIONS:

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

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

1. December 23, 2008 Caucus Meeting
2. December 30, 2008 Special Meeting
3. January 8, 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 for approval and are available for review.

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

PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 01-09 AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES COVERED BY AGREEMENTS

Mayor Wolk opened the Hearing to the Public.

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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to adopt the aforementioned Ordinance and advertise same according to law.

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Wolk:	yes
	Commissioner Gilmore:	yes
	Commissioner Greenwald:	yes
	The motion carried.	

ORDINANCE NO. 02-09 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN EASEMENT RELATIVE TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 31 ADAMS AVENUE AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SAID EASEMENT

Mayor Wolk opened the Hearing to the Public.

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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to adopt the aforementioned Ordinance and advertise same according to law.

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Wolk:	yes
	Commissioner Gilmore:	yes

Commissioner Greenwald: yes
The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 03-09

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN EASEMENT
RELATIVE TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 42
LINDEN AVENUE AND AUTHORIZING THE
EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY
TO IMPLEMENT SAID EASEMENT**

Mayor Wolk opened the Hearing to the Public.

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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to adopt the aforementioned Ordinance and advertise same according to law.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Wolk: yes
 Commissioner Gilmore: yes
 Commissioner Greenwald: yes
The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 04-09

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN EASEMENT
RELATIVE TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT
1211 LINWOOD AVENUE AND AUTHORIZING
THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS
NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SAID EASEMENT**

Mayor Wolk opened the Hearing to the Public.

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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to adopt the aforementioned Ordinance and advertise same according to law.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Wolk: yes
 Commissioner Gilmore: yes
 Commissioner Greenwald: yes
The motion carried.

Commissioner Gilmore: yes
Commissioner Greenwald: yes
The motion carried.

BINGO/RAFFLE LICENSES:

1. St. Francis de Sales Church Raffle License Application No. R-345

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

REPORTS:

1. Commissioner Gilmore's Report – Commissioner Gilmore gave a summary of police activity during the previous month. There were 384 calls received for the month with 254 case numbers assigned. There were 37 adult arrests and one juvenile arrest. The police responded to 19 motor vehicle accidents, 19 alarm calls, 21 ambulance assist calls, and 12 domestic violence offenses. The Fire Department responded to 37 calls for the month including 5 motor vehicle accidents and one dwelling. Commissioner Gilmore noted that Officer Errigo was out after undergoing wrist surgery and Officer Perna was out due to pregnancy. He wished both of them well.
2. Commissioner Greenwald's Report – Commissioner Greenwald reported on activity in the Construction Office. There were 11 permits and 1 update issued during January with a total of \$2,721.00 collected in fees for all Construction Office activity. It was further reported that single stream recycling totaled 65,180 pounds for the month of January. A total of 166.16 tons of trash were collected at a cost of \$10,551.21.
3. Engineers Report – Joe Federici noted that the Tax Map was submitted to the State for re-certification. He also reported that the reconstruction of Cedar Avenue was in the design stage. A letter has been sent to Walgreen's regarding the maintenance of the hedge on their property. The Engineer also reported on the results of the bidding on the Harding Avenue Generator Project which recognized ABS Electric of Elmer as the low bidder. Pending the final review of the Solicitor, the project should be underway soon.
4. Mayor's Report – The Mayor noted that the Tax Collector reported a total of \$198,875.22 was collected during the month of December for tax and various miscellaneous charges. He also indicated the Chief Financial Officer reported the amount of total cash on hand as \$995,832.22 at the end of January.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Joseph Henderson of 214 W. Kings Highway advised the Commissioners that he received a parking ticket for a violation near his residence. He expressed his concern with not being able to park in front of his home due to the large demand of parking generated because of the location of the Mary Bray School and the Democrat Club. He produced pictures showing other vehicles parked illegally which did not receive tickets. He asked that the police increase their presence in the area when possible and asked that they be consistent in the enforcement of the parking violation tickets. The police will review the situation.

Martin Seitz of 12 Harding Avenue addressed the Commissioners expressing his disappointment in not securing the towing contract for the Borough. Mr. Seitz was told that the Borough put the contract out for bid this year since others expressed an interest in bidding on the contract. Mr. Seitz was reminded that the state law requires the bid to be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder which, in this case, was Elmer's. Mr. Seitz did not disagree that Elmer's was the low bidder. He also stated that on some occasions, Elmer's did not arrive on site in a timely manner when called out. He asked that he be considered as a backup for towing on those occasions. The Police Chief indicated that he would take that suggestion under consideration.

COMMENTS BY OFFICIALS:

The Commissioners thanked the members of the public for their participation.

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 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Darlington
Acting Borough Clerk