

March 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 8:00 pm.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

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

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Borough Solicitor – Eric Riso
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:

Mayor Wolk read a Resolution Designating the Month of March as “Women’s History Month”.

Mayor Wolk displayed two awards which were presented to the Borough at a Joint Insurance Fund breakfast for “No Lost Time for Injuries” and for “A 15% Reduction in Claims”. Borough workers were commended for their efforts in achieving this recognition.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

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

1. January 27, 2009 Caucus Meeting
2. February 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 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. 05-09 AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE SALARIES
OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES

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.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

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

A motion to adopt on first reading and to advertise for public hearing was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-09 RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL POLICE
OFFICERS FOR THE MT. EPHRAIM POLICE
DEPARTMENT

A motion to adopt the aforementioned resolution was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore.

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

Following the vote, Special Police Officers Anthony Jiles and Steve Palma were sworn in by Commissioner Gilmore and welcomed to the department.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-09 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF
A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE
BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON RELATIVE TO
THE SERVICES OF A MUNICIPAL CLERK FOR
THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM

A motion to adopt the aforementioned resolution was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore.

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

Following the vote, Terry Shannon was congratulated by Borough officials and welcomed to her new position as Borough Clerk.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-09 RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY BOROUGH
CLERK

A motion to adopt the aforementioned resolution was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-09 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
CANCELLATION OF TAXES

RESOLUTION NO. 22-09 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER
OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES

RESOLUTION NO. 23-09 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING RECIPIENTS FOR
THE CAMDEN COUNTY HOUSING
REHABILITATION PROGRAM AND
AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY DIVISION OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AS THE
ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

RESOLUTION NO. 24-09 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH
OF MOUNT EPHRAIM TO APPLY FOR FUNDS
FROM THE MUNICIPAL RECYCLING TONNAGE
GRANT PROGRAM

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to adopt, as a group, all the aforementioned resolutions - Nos. 21-09 through 24-09. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

MERCANTILE LICENSE APPLICATIONS / RENEWALS:

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| 1. Auto Zone #3289 | 221 S. Black Horse Pike |
| 2. Bert's Autobody | 703-707 Market St. |
| 3. Black Horse Diner (Nazar, Inc.) | 152 N. Black Horse Pike |
| 4. Budget Inn & Suite | 310 N. Black Horse Pike |
| 5. Computer Services Bureau, Inc. | 217 N. Black Horse Pike |
| 6. CVS Pharmacy #477 | 24 S. Black Horse Pike |
| 7. Domino's Pizza | 210 N. Black Horse Pike |
| 8. Grease 'N' Go (MJM Lubrication) | 237 S. Black Horse Pike |
| 9. Guiseppi's Restaurant & Lounge | 13-15 S. Black Horse Pike |

10. Hess Express 30525	Black Horse Pike & Kings Highway
11. Inclinor-Elevette, Inc.	215 S. Black Horse Pike
12. John's Sign Shop	289 S. Black Horse Pike
13. Mt. Ephraim Democrat Association, Inc.	206 W. Kings Highway
14. Nancy Mulford Studio of Dance, Inc.	245 S. Black Horse Pk.
15. Old City Paint (Indecor Group, Inc.)	301 S. Black Horse Pike
16. S.A. Conte, Inc.	605 N. Black Horse Pike
17. Select Machine & Tool, Inc. (Jay Brad, Inc.)	19 Thompson Ave.
18. South Jersey Aikido Academy, Inc.	61 W. Kings Highway

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to approve the aforementioned Mercantile Licenses.

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

BINGO/RAFFLE LICENSES:

REPORTS:

1. Commissioner Gilmore's Report – Commissioner Gilmore gave a summary of police activity during the previous month. There were 33 adult arrests and two juvenile arrests. The police responded to 14 motor vehicle accidents, 8 alarm calls, 33 ambulance assist calls, and 12 domestic violence offenses. Commissioner Gilmore noted that Officer Errigo was out after undergoing wrist surgery and Officer Perna was out due to pregnancy. In addition, he advised that Officer Beach was out due to an injury sustained while taking a suspect into custody. He wished all of them well. He also reported on Fire Department activity during February.
2. Commissioner Greenwald's Report – Commissioner Greenwald commended Ken Jones and the Public Works Department for their efforts in compiling an outstanding safety record which resulted in two awards being received at the JIF breakfast. Commissioner Greenwald also acknowledged a letter from the Camden County Freeholders commending the Public Works Department for its efficiency in snow removal during the storm of February 2-3. He also reported on activity in the Construction Office. There were six permits and one update issued during February with a total of \$458.00 collected in fees for all Construction Office activity. It was further reported that single stream recycling totaled 63,100 pounds for the month of January. A total of 136.99

tons of trash were collected at a cost of \$8,698.90. Commissioner Greenwald noted that improvements to the Library are nearing completion.

3. Engineers Report – Joe Federici noted that the Tax Map was submitted to the State and is now under review. He advised that information has been submitted to the State and Federal agencies for projects to be considered for funding from stimulus funds which are to be distributed to states and local municipalities. It was also reported that work on the manhole repairs on Market Street were to take place this month. Work is getting underway at the Harding Avenue pump station. The Engineer’s work on Cedar Avenue is ready to be submitted to the Department of Transportation for approval.
4. Mayor’s Report – The Mayor noted that the Tax Collector reported a total of \$1,011,006.68 was collected during the month of January for tax and various miscellaneous charges. He also indicated the Tax Collector submitted the Annual Tax Collector’s Report of Receipts. The Mayor also noted that the Chief Financial Officer reported the amount of total cash on hand as \$1,716,374.03 as of the end of February. The Mayor informed those present that requests have been submitted to the State and to Congressman Andrews office for consideration of stimulus funds for local projects in an effort to benefit Mt. Ephraim. Mayor Wolk indicated that Verizon will be discussing the installation of FIOS in Mt. Ephraim.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

COMMENTS BY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Wolk announced that the next Caucus Meeting will take place on March 24th and the next General Borough Meeting will be held on April 2nd. He wished all a Happy St. Patrick’s Day and 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 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Darlington
Acting Borough Clerk