

July 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 8:03 pm.

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:

Mayor Wolk announced that Commissioner Gilmore and Chief Dobleman would be presenting proclamations appointing the following individuals as Grand Marshall’s of the July 4th Parade as they are all returning veterans. Commissioner Gilmore read the proclamation and all the individuals present received a proclamation.

SPC Nick Rabeau (Army National Guard)	PFC Marcus Wild (Army National Guard)
SSG John Blagojevich (Army Nat’l. Guard)	SFC Pricilla Blagojevich (Army Nat’l. Guard)
SPC Martin Coogan (Army Nat’l. Guard)	SSGT Jeff Calhoun (US Air Force)
LTC Peter Garcia (Army Special Operations)	

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1. May 14, 2009 Special Meeting
2. May 26, 2009 Caucus Meeting
3. June 4, 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 \$260,582.16 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:

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| Ord. 14-09 | 2009 SALARY ORDINANCE FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES |
| Ord. 15-09 | REPEAL OF CHAPTER 91-1, TOWING AND STORAGE OF VEHICLES |
| Ord. 16-09 | AMENDING CHAPTER 48, EXCAVATIONS IN STREETS |

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:

None at this time

RESOLUTIONS:

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

- RESOLUTION NO. 61-09 AWARDING CONTRACT TO DEPENDABLE
DATA SOLUTIONS
- RESOLUTION NO. 62-09 CHAPTER 159, APPROPRIATING ITEM OF
REVENUE AND EXPENSE
- RESOLUTION NO. 63-09 AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR
BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF A LEAF MACHINE
- RESOLUTION NO. 64-09 AUTHORIZING SALE OF VEHICLES AND
EQUIPMENT NO LONGER NEEDED FOR
PUBLIC USE
- RESOLUTION NO. 65-09 AUTHORIZING BOROUGH TO ENTER INTO AN
AGREEMENT WITH LEE M. FOX,
AUCTIONEERS
- RESOLUTION NO. 66-09 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A DUMP
TRUCK UNDER STATE CONTRACT
- RESOLUTION NO. 67-09 APPROVING NICHOLAS D'ALONZO AS A
MEMBER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
EFFECTIVE JULY 2, 2009
- RESOLUTION NO. 68-09 REJECTING BID RECEIVED FOR SALE OF 324
DAVIS AVENUE
- RESOLUTION NO. 69-09 AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF PUBLIC
AUCTION FOR SALE OF 324 DAVIS AVENUE
- RESOLUTION NO. 70-09 AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT YEAR 2010
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT APPLICATION
- RESOLUTION NO. 71-09 APPOINTING TERRY SHANNON AS DEPUTY
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS
- RESOLUTION NO. 72-09 RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE APPLICATION
& SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION AND
EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR THE
FIREFIGHTERS FIRE STATION
CONSTRUCTION GRANTS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

DERIVED FROM THE AMERICAN RECOVERY
AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

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:

Five Talent Graphics, LLC T/A Creative Sports & Graphics, LLC	134 W. Kings Hwy
Roberta Frullo (F.R. & W.I., Inc.)	601 W. Kings Hwy
Maggi Drapery	136 W. Kings Hwy

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

BINGO/RAFFLE LICENSES:

Bingo License No. B-346 for Holy Name Society of Sacred 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 as we July 4 is a joyous time of year but added that with July 4 comes fireworks and they are illegal and the PD will be cracking down on that. On behalf of himself and his wife he wishes everyone a happy, healthy and safe July 4 celebration.
2. Commissioner Greenwald's Report – Commissioner Greenwald reported that single stream recycling in May was over 103,000 pounds which is 20,000 more than last month and really helps with trash costs. There were no accidents or injuries for the past month which reflects a safe month for DPW workers. In the Messenger it was reported that grass collections will be Thursday instead of Monday because of the July 4 holiday. From the Construction Department, permits issued were eleven for total fees of \$1201.00. On June 20, which was partially rained out and held again on June 27, the Celebrations Committee held the second annual children's fishing tournament. 35 kids showed up and a good time was held by all. He wished everyone a safe and happy July 4.

Engineers Report – Joe Federici reported on the following:

- Cedar Avenue project—pre-construction meeting was held and work will begin July 13.
- Streetscape Phase III, funding applied for through the Transportation Enhancement Act Stimulus Funding—we are still waiting to hear if we were awarded these funds and also for Phase II.
- ThMunicipal Aid applications for 2010 were submitted for Delaware and James Avenues.

3. Mayor's Report – The Mayor read the Tax Collector's report and a total of \$1,419,226.83 was collected during the month of May for tax and various miscellaneous charges (copies attached). We also had lien redemptions for a total of \$642.52. The Mayor also reported that in the Messenger was an item about Project Porchlight. This will be Saturday, July 18 from 10am-2pm and is a program to encourage residents to switch to energy efficient light bulbs. Volunteers will distribute free CFL bulbs to residents in the Borough. We need 30-50 volunteers. He then wished everyone a safe and happy July 4.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

John Blagojevich, 423 Garfield Avenue, stated that this was his first commission meeting and he hopes to attend more in the future and have a little input.

Mayor Wolk reminded the audience that the next workshop meeting will be July 26 and the regular meeting will be August 6.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22. Happy 4th!

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Shannon
Borough Clerk