

**APRIL 2, 2015, GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF MT. EPHRAIM**

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wolk called the meeting to order at 8:03pm.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll with Commissioner Gilmore, Commissioner Greenwald and Mayor Wolk all present.

OTHER OFFICIALS ON THE DAIS

Borough Solicitor – Stuart Platt
Borough Engineers – Joseph Federici and Doug Akin
Borough Clerk – Terry Shannon

“OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW” ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Wolk announced that “This meeting has been advertised and notices posted in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mayor Wolk asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2015, caucus meeting and the March 10, 2015, commission meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, seconded by Commissioner Gilmore, the minutes were approved with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Mayor Wolk announced that vouchers in the amount of \$605,615.67 were submitted for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the vouchers as submitted were approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Mayor Wolk asked the Clerk to read the ordinances as follows:

Ord. 03-15 Bond Ordinance of the Borough of Mount Ephraim Authorizing the Completion of Various Capital Improvements and the Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment in the Borough of Mount Ephraim, County of Camden, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$250,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Borough of Mount Ephraim, County of Camden, New Jersey, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Up to \$237,500 Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing

Ord. 04-15 Establishing Fees for Advertising in the Mount Ephraim Messenger

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

Mayor Wolk then opened the public hearing on these ordinances. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public hearing on these ordinances was closed. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, ordinances 03-15 and 04-15 were adopted with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes. The ordinances were adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Wolk announced that the resolutions would be approved as a Consent Agenda and asked the Clerk to read the resolutions as follows:

- 19-15 Authorizing the Signing of an Addendum to the Shared Services Agreement with Bellmawr for Fleet Maintenance Services
- 20-15 Authorizing the Borough Engineer to Advertise for Bids for the Removal of Architectural Barriers and Construction of a Handicapped Ramp and Entrance to the Municipal Building
- 21-15 Appointing Jim Beebe as Supervisor of Public Works, Stormwater Officer, Clean Communities Coordinator and Recycling Coordinator
- 22-15 Designating Recipient for the Camden County Housing Rehabilitation Program
- 23-15 Rejecting Quotes Received for the Speed Hump Project and Authorizing the Engineer to Prepare Plans and Specifications and to Advertise for Bids

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

OATH OF OFFICE

At this time, Jim Beebe was administered the Oath of Office by Commissioner Greenwald pursuant to Resolution 21-15.

PRESENTATION OF SAFETY AWARD

Mike Williams, Borough Safety Coordinator, stated that he attended the JIF Safety Breakfast on March 24 and he is pleased to announce that we qualified for the Safety Incentive Program and will be receiving a safety award from the JIF in the amount of \$1500.00. He thanked the Governing Body and department heads for the appointment and for their support of the safety programs.

MERCANTILE LICENSES FOR APPROVAL

Mayor Wolk read the following mercantile licenses that are to be approved:

- Mr. Tire #1191 – 509 N. Black Horse Pike
- Guiseppi's – 13-15 S. Black Horse Pike
- Kimberly Mecca Tax Preparation, LLC – 106 W. Kings Highway
- Lisk Landscape Management, Inc. – 106 W. Kings Highway
- Pizza Hut #727 – 710 N. Black Horse Pike

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

BINGO/RAFFLE LICENSES FOR APPROVAL

Mayor Wolk announced that the following bingo/raffle licenses are to be approved:

RA-429 Mt. Ephraim Police Reserves Inc. (basket auction during Spring Fair)

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

REPORTS

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the Mt. Ephraim Police Department monthly report for March. They had a total of 415 calls and assigned 215 case numbers. He read highlights of the offenses and reported there were 12 adult arrests and then read highlights of the arrests. There were no juvenile arrests for the month. He also reported that the department issued 251 motor vehicle summonses for the month. He then read highlights from the Mt. Ephraim Fire Department monthly report for March. He reported they had a total of 33 calls for service and read highlights of the calls. They also had five drills for the month. Commissioner Gilmore then congratulated Jim Beebe on his appointments and wished him well.

Commissioner Greenwald stated that the Construction Department issued a total of 11 permits totaling \$3196.00 in fees. He then read the highlights of the March Public Works report and reported that single stream recycling was over 85,000 pounds. Other activities for Public Works included getting ballfields ready for opening day; pothole repairs; handled ten sewer calls; put up the summer banners; met with contractors regarding repairs to Little League clubhouse; met with the contractor who will replace the mulch at Shining Star Park with rubber mulch. This is through the Camden County Open Space program. They will be repairing the steps on the front of Borough Hall with help from Bellmawr. They are currently street sweeping in town. This Saturday the Celebration Committee is holding the Easter Egg Hunt at 10am down by Haddon Lake and April 25 is the annual Craft and Car Show. He then wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that the pre-construction meeting for the NJDOT project improvements to Second Avenue is set for April 14. We anticipate the work to be done this spring/summer. We will be putting the speed hump project out to bid shortly. Regarding the lighting problems at McDonald's, we did meet with them and they will be modifying the light standards to reduce the impact to the surrounding residents. Lastly we are working on the plans for the handicapped accessible entrance to Borough Hall. He also extended congratulations to Jim Beebe.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of March, 2015, reporting that total receipts were \$253,499.36 and lien redemptions were \$11,870.08. He added his congratulations to Jim and stated that he was a great help to Ken and made it possible for him to retire. We will be presenting a proclamation to Ken at the Little League opening day. He recognized Joe Ciano, Superintendent of Public Works for Bellmawr, who was in attendance and thanked him for his service to the Borough and to Jim. He also recognized Stuart Platt, Solicitor, who is sitting in for Eric. We will be here again on April 28 at 3pm for the workshop and May 7 for the commission meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Anne and Ed Chabolowski of 23 Lincoln Avenue, had just arrived to the meeting along with their daughter. Their daughter reported that they need a handicapped parking spot in front of their home and presented two letters to that effect. Mayor Wolk said we will pass on to the Chief of Police for his review and we will get back to them. Commissioner Greenwald said we will also discuss at caucus.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public portion of the meeting was closed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Shannon

Borough Clerk