

**AUGUST 6, 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 8:00pm and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

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

OTHER OFFICIALS ON THE DAIS

Borough Solicitor – Eric Riso
Borough Engineer – Joseph Federici
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 July 2, 2015, commission meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, seconded by Commissioner Gilmore, the minutes were approved with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Mayor Wolk announced that vouchers in the amount of \$1,252,057.90 were submitted for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the vouchers as submitted were approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Tovinsky-yes; Wolk-yes.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Mayor Wolk asked the Clerk to read the ordinances for public hearing. The Clerk read as follows:

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| Ord. 07-15 | Adding Chapter 93, Vacant Properties, to the Borough Code |
| Ord. 08-15 | Bond Ordinance Authorizing Completion of Various Capital Improvements; Appropriating the Sum of \$136,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$129,200 |
| Ord. 09-15 | Amending Chapter 19, Planning Board, in the Borough Code |

Mayor Wolk opened the public hearing on these ordinances. Seeing none, on a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the ordinances were adopted with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Tovinsky-yes; Wolk-yes.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING

Mayor Wolk asked the Clerk to read the following ordinance for introduction on first reading:

Ord. 10-15 Bond Ordinance Authorizing Completion of Various Road and Related Improvements in the Borough of Mount Ephraim; Appropriating the Sum of \$247,000 Therefor; Authorizing Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Up to \$234,650, Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing

On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the first reading of Ordinance 10-15 was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Tovinsky-yes; Wolk-yes.

Mayor Wolk announced that this bond ordinance will be considered for adoption at the Sept. 3 commission meeting following proper advertisement and a public hearing.

RESOLUTIONS

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

- 45-15 Refunding Tax Overpayments
- 46-15 Refunding Tax and Sewer Duplicate Payments
- 47-15 Awarding a Contract to W.J. Gross, Inc., for Accessible Entrance Improvements to Borough Hall
- 48-15 Cancelling Stale Checks Drawn on the Court Bail Account
- 49-15 Authorizing Scrapping of a Truck No Longer Needed for Public Works Operations
- 50-15 Designating Recipient for the Camden County Housing Rehabilitation Program
- 51-15 Authorizing Submission of a Drug Alliance Grant Application and Execution of the Grant Agreement
- 52-15 Authorizing Appointment of New Members to the Mt. Ephraim Fire Department

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

REPORTS

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the Mt. Ephraim Police Department monthly report for July. They received a total of 538 calls and assigned 260 case numbers. He read some of the offenses reporting they had 26 adult arrests and handled 19 out-of-town warrants. They issued 464 motor vehicle summonses. He then read highlights of the Mt. Ephraim Fire Department report and read highlights of the calls. They had five alarm systems, four EMS assists, four trainings, two dwelling fires, eight calls for mutual aid, four MVA's, and they had a total of 25 calls for service. They had a total of 259.5 total man hours. He then reported that the Municipal Court report shows a total of 457 motor vehicle summonses handled and they collected \$17,812.57 in fees and fines which was turned over to the Borough. Commissioner Gilmore then reported that this past Tuesday we had the National Night Out. He thanked the Police Department and said it was a nice turnout. He also thanked the Fire Department for their participation and the Celebrations Committee and thanked Dan Bradford from Cabana Water

Ice for their participation. He then reported that long time crossing guard, Delores O'Brien, passed away and we extend our condolences to her family.

Commissioner Tovinsky reported it was a busy month for Public Works. They removed graffiti at both parks; handled one sewer call; handled problems all month with our trash trucks being down and had to borrow from other towns and we are trying to work through these problems with the least amount of cost; Bellmawr fixed sinkhole at the firehouse; speed humps are being installed and we are working with Joe Ciano to explore purchasing a new trash truck.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that we will prepare the contract for WJ Gross for the handicapped ramp project; speed bumps are currently under construction and painting and signage will be completed early next week; we notified NJAWC that we will be doing Grant Avenue next year and they responded they will be replacing their water mains. We also sent a letter to PSE&G notifying them of the work to be done.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of July 2015, reporting that total receipts were \$1,081,751.35 and lien redemptions were \$1,932.31. We will be changing the access to borough hall and will be cleaning up the front and providing handicapped access. He then thanked the new members of the Fire Department, Zachary Holmes and Michael Mannion—that is always good to see. Mayor Wolk then thanked everyone for their work on the July 4 parade and National Night Out. We will be here Tuesday, August 25 at 3pm for the caucus meeting and September 3, 2015, for the general meeting at 8pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Wolk opened the meeting to the public and asked that residents state their name and address for the record. Resident Al Gotsch, 128 Glover Avenue, stood and said that he received a letter that the grass along the side of his property is too high. He said he actually called and complained about the tall grass. He already cuts four feet off his property line when he cuts the grass. This property was owned by Dolan and there is no paved street or curbs. He spoke to Tara and Ken and they said if the street was there, he would be responsible for cutting that. He agreed but stated that there is no street so why is he responsible? But we are talking about 160 feet long and 150 feet wide so why is he responsible? Commissioner Tovinsky said he will stop out tomorrow to look at the situation.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public portion of the meeting was closed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Shannon
Municipal Clerk