

**AUGUST 1, 2013, GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF MT. EPHRAIM**

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wolk called the meeting to order at 8:02pm.

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 – Eric Riso
Borough Engineers –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 July 2, 2013, commission meeting and the May 28, 2013, caucus meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the minutes were approved with all in favor.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Mayor Wolk announced that vouchers in the total amount of \$143,336.31 submitted for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, seconded by Commissioner Gilmore, the bill list was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES BEING CONSIDERED FOR ADOPTION

There were no ordinances on the agenda for public hearing or adoption.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS

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

- 57-13 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Extend the Due Date for Third Quarter Taxes
- 58-13 Renewal of Membership in the Southern New Jersey Regional Employee Benefits Fund
- 59-13 Authorizing Participation with the Colonial Alliance in the Solicitation of Request for Proposals to Select an Individual/Firm to Conduct a Feasibility Study for the Sharing of Police Administration

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.

MERCANTILE LICENSES FOR APPROVAL

Mayor Wolk read the following licenses for approval: Innovative Auto, 601 W. Kings Highway. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the mercantile license was approved with all in favor.

REPORTS

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the Police Department monthly report for July, 2013. Total calls were 473 and they assigned 312 case numbers. Some of the highlights included, 19 alarms, 44 ambulance assists, seven accidental injuries, eight burglaries, 15 domestic violence offenses, ten drug offenses, three frauds, 18 harassment calls, 12 motor vehicle accidents, four shoplifting, 16 thefts and 37 adults were arrested. They issued 293 motor vehicle summonses. He then extended kudos to Captain Conte who while covering a patrol shift, intercepted a burglar carrying a jug full of coins coming down James Street. He stopped the individual and found he had just robbed a home and he was immediately arrested and hopefully will be brought to justice. The Fire Department report for July showed 43 total calls for service. They answered four alarms, assisted EMS once and the police three times. They had two building fires, four calls for dewatering, 15 calls for mutual aid, one dwelling fire, one motor vehicle accident and total man hours was 104.57. Total training hours was 56.5 and they had two special assignments for a total of 14 man hours.

Commissioner Greenwald reported that the construction report for July showed 31 permits for total fees of \$4,352.00. Public Works reports that single stream recycling was over 75,000 pounds. They maintained the parks and monuments, responded to five sewer calls, dealt with water damage from a roof leak at the DPW office, set-up for July 4, maintained vacant properties along with their normal duties of collecting trash and recycling. He reminded everyone that the Bell Road DOT project is underway and the bridge is presently closed and may be for at least two months for them to complete the work at a faster pace. Regarding the weather we have been having, we have had problems with the Bell Road drainage. We have our engineers looking at the situation to come up with a possible solution. We are looking at having Municipal Maintenance raise the pumps at the Harding Avenue station to make the conditions safer. He then wished everyone a safe and happy Labor Day.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that work is progressing on the Roosevelt Avenue NJDOT Local Aid project and we received word that NJAWC is replacing the water main on that street. Also he provided new Drug Free School Zone maps to the Chief for his review.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of June, 2013. He read the details of receipts and reported that total receipts were \$148,376.77. He then said that the July 4 parade was a great success and thanked all the volunteers for their hard work. He reminded everyone that there is great information on our website so please visit the site. He reported that our next workshop will be August 27 and the next commission meeting will be September 5.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Elwood Taylor, 24 Adams Avenue, stood and said he is frustrated that he can't turn left off Black Horse Pike towards his home on Kings Highway. He has been battling with the State and former police chiefs. He recently got a letter from the DOT commissioner stating they are installing new lights from 295 to Second Avenue and there will also be a new left-turn light. His question is it appears they did install the new lights but the left-turn light has not been done. Can you shed any light on this? We still can't turn left.

Commissioner Gilmore responded that the lights were the first step. If you see the concrete work being done, that is step two. Step three is they are going to mill Black Horse Pike. Step four is they will re-stripe it and there will be a left-turn lane down the center of Black Horse Pike. There will then be a green arrow for left turns. It should be done within the next six to eight months. Mr. Taylor said that is good news.

Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public portion was closed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Shannon
Borough Clerk