

**AUGUST 7, 2014, GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF MT. EPHRAIM**

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wolk called the meeting to order at 8:05pm.

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 – James Spratt

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 June 24, 2014, caucus meeting and the July 3, 2014, 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 \$715,742.29 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 read the following ordinance that will be considered for adoption following a public hearing:

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| 01-14 | Authorizing a Special Emergency Appropriation for Property Revaluation And Reassessment |
| 02-14 | To Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank for Calendar Year 2014 |
| 07-14 | Bond Ordinance Providing for Various General Improvements in the Borough of Mount Ephraim, Appropriating \$460,000 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$447,000 in Bonds or Notes of the Borough for Financing the Costs for Said Improvements Authorized to be Undertaken in and by the Borough of Mt. Ephraim |

The Clerk announced that the public hearing on 01-14 and 02-14 was being held a second time because the two ordinances were not properly advertised previously.

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 and asked if there were any questions or comments.

Seeing none, on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public hearing was closed and Ordinances 01-14, 02-14 and 07-14 were adopted with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes.

RESOLUTIONS

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

- 47-14 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Extend the Due Date for 3rd Quarter Taxes
- 48-14 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Tax & Sewer Balance under \$10.00
- 49-14 Authorizing Appointment of New Member to the Mt. Ephraim Fire Department
- 50-14 Appointing Emergency Management Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator

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.

REPORTS

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the July report for the Mt. Ephraim Police Department. There were 495 calls and 302 case numbers assigned. He read highlights of some of the calls which included 30 adult arrests and 14 burglaries. They issued 271 motor vehicle summonses for the month. He then reported that the Fire Department report was not available. That concluded his report. Chief Beppel stated that although the burglaries seems high, 13 of the 14 were for a rash of burglaries they had where cars were broken into over a three day period.

Commissioner Greenwald reported that the Construction Department issued a total of 939 permits for a total of \$3417.00. He then read highlights from Public Works and reported that single stream recycling was over 103,000 pounds and we collected about 176 tons of trash and 6300 pounds of metal. They handled two sewer calls, installed fencing around Harding Avenue pump station, repaired sinkholes at Center Avenue and the Bell Road Firehouse. They also boxed up all of the books at the library. He then wished everyone a happy Labor Day.

Engineer James Spratt reported that the Roosevelt Avenue is substantially complete and it is just a matter of completing the final punchlist items. Design for Second Avenue is done and is in DOT hands and hopefully will be approved soon.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the months of June and July, 2014, and reported that total receipts for June were \$205,897.32 and for July total receipts were \$1,002,492.53. He reported our next workshop will be August 26 and September 4 will be the next commission meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

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 8:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Shannon

Borough Clerk