

DECEMBER 1, 2011, 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.

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 – Eric Riso
Borough Engineers – Doug Akin
Borough Clerk – Terry Shannon
Tax Collector/Dep. Clerk – Marie Darlington
Police Chief—Ed Dobleman

“OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW” ANNOUNCEMENT

This Meeting has been advertised and notices posted in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act.”

PROCLAMATIONS None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. October 25, 2011, Caucus Meeting
2. November 3, 2011, General Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to approve the aforementioned minutes. All were in favor.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Mayor Wolk read the voucher list total for the month is \$1,811,455.86. 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 AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

Mayor Wolk read the following ordinances by title for public hearing and adoption:

Ord. 17-11 Repealing Chapter 43-10, Vicious Dogs, from the Code of the Borough of Mount Ephraim

On a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the second reading was approved. Mayor Wolk then opened the public hearing. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the public hearing was closed with all in favor.

On a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the ordinances were adopted with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes. The ordinances were duly adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, seconded by Commissioner Gilmore, the introduction of the ordinance was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes. Mayor Wolk announced that these ordinances would be considered for adoption following a public hearing at the December 1 regular meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

The Clerk and Mayor Wolk announced that the following resolutions would be approved as a Consent Agenda:

- 103-11 Authorizing Execution of Shared Service Agreement with Camden County and FCR/ReCommunity for Recycling
- 104-11 Appointing a Special Officer to the Mount Ephraim Police Department
- 105-11 Authorizing 2011 Budget Transfers
- 106-11 Designating 2012 Meeting Dates
- 107-11 Authorizing a Person-to-Person Transfer of the Pasta Café Liquor License
- 108-11 Authorizing AFLAC as Plan Administrator for the Flexible Spending Account
- 109-11 Authorizing an agreement with First Jersey Municipal Assistance for Consulting Services

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: None

BINGO/RAFFLE LICENSES:

Mayor Wolk read the following licenses to be approved:

Emmaus Catholic Community 2012 Bingo License
MEPRI 2012 Bingo License

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

REPORTS:

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights and statistics from the November monthly report from the fire department as submitted by Chief Brian Gilmore. He then read highlights from the November monthly report from the police department as submitted by Chief Ed Dobleman. He reported that there was a house fire last night and we only sustained one slight injury. Great job done by the fire department battling the fire. Commissioner Gilmore reminded everyone to be fire wise during the holiday season and to keep your trees watered and don't overload outlets. Be aware of your surroundings and be careful in parking lots. Keep your eyes open. The annual firemen's Christmas parade is Saturday, December 10 at 7pm. He closed by wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Greenwald reported that for the month of November there were again no safety violations or injuries in public works. They responded to three sewer calls; had the wet well cleaned through the shared service with Bellmawr; still working on leaf collection; mill work for Hartka started; set-up for election; installed new heater at borough hall and met with CES relative to Bell Road Drainage. Single stream recycling was over 103,000 pounds. Lunch with Santa is this Sunday at MEPRI Hall. He wished everyone a happy holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Engineer Doug Akin reported the Hartka Avenue project construction is ongoing. It was delayed due to weather and drug into Thanksgiving. Forecast is good now so paving should be done tomorrow and then the punch-list items.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of October 2011. Total receipts were \$1,562,235.79. He reported that we will be holding a budget workshop on December 27 followed by the regular caucus meeting at 3pm. The next commission meeting will be January 5, 2012, at 8pm. He wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season and reminder everyone about lunch with Santa and the parade on the 10th. He also congratulated the fire department on the job done battling

the house fire on James Street. Great commitment on the part of our volunteer fire company and we are all grateful.

Mayor Wolk then opened the meeting to public comment.

Agnes Ward, 46 Washington Avenue, asked about getting a handicapped parking spot. She is the only one on her street without a driveway and it is difficult for her to park because she is disabled. Chief Dobleman said all he needs is a letter and he will stop out to see her to get resolved.

Ashley Messick, 235 James Street, thanked the fire department for the job they did on the house fire at 217 James. There has been a long history of problems with this property. House has been gutted, no electricity or gas. She has heard that drug paraphernalia was found at the house. We have young kids walking on the street and they are curious. Stagnant standing water in the summertime. Many problems with the house. House needs to be fenced and secured. Commissioner Gilmore stated that they need to make the police aware of any concerns and anytime they see suspicious activity.

Nicole Salamone, 214 James Street, directly across from 217.

Seeing no further public comment, Mayor Wolk asked for a motion to close the public portion. On a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the public portion was closed.

On a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Shannon,
Borough Clerk