

**DECEMBER 4, 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 8:01pm.

**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 – 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 the October 28, 2014, caucus meeting and the November 6, 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 \$1,215,437.95 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 is on for second reading, public hearing and adoption this evening:

- 10-14            Approving the Application for Tax Abatement Submitted by MedExpress and Authorizing the Borough of Mount Ephraim, Through its Proper Officials, to Enter into a Written Agreement with the Applicant for the Abatement of Local Real Estate Property Taxes

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

Mayor Wolk then opened the public hearing and asked for any questions or comments. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public hearing was closed. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, Ordinance 10-14 was adopted with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes. Ordinance 10-14 was adopted.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON CDBG YEARS 35 AND 36 PROJECT REVISIONS**

Mayor Wolk announced that we now hold a public hearing on the above. Clerk Shannon explained that Year 35 was originally allocated for removal of barrier curbs and sidewalks and Year 36 was originally allocated for improvements at the Dougherty Senior Center. We are requesting that both years be reallocated to removal of architectural barriers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Wolk opened the public hearing. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public hearing was closed.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

- 76-14 Designating Meeting Dates and times for 2015 Calendar Year
- 77-14 Changing the Date for the December Caucus Meeting
- 78-14 Authorizing 2014 Budget Transfers
- 79-14 Authorizing Participation in the Contract Negotiated by Camden County for Purchase of Sodium Chloride
- 80-14 Authorizing Renewal of the Contract with AWSCC for Animal Shelter Services
- 81-14 Designating Recipient for the Camden Co. Housing Rehabilitation Program
- 82-14 Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with Runnemedede for Trash Removal
- 83-14 Authorizing Change in Use of Year 35 and 36 CDBG Funding

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.

**BINGO/RAFFLE LICENSES FOR APPROVAL**

Mayor Wolk announced that the following license is on for approval: BA-423, MEPRI Bingo license for January through June of 2015. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the bingo license was approved with all in favor.

**REPORTS**

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the Mt. Ephraim Police Department monthly report for November. They had a total of 408 calls and assigned 219 case numbers. He read highlights of the offenses and reported there were 26 adult arrests and then read highlights of the arrests. He was happy to report there were no juvenile arrests. The department issued 309 motor vehicle summonses for the month. Commissioner Gilmore then read highlights of the November monthly report from the Mount Ephraim Fire Department. They had a total of 19 calls for service and had a total of 132 volunteer man hours. He then said we had a house fire yesterday in town and he thanked the Fire Department, Police Department, MEPRI EMS, Emergency Management and the fire departments from Bellmawr, Haddon Heights, Audubon, Gloucester City, Oaklyn, Barrington and Brooklawn for their assistance. Also Runnemedede and Westville provided coverage for our town while our department was fighting the fire. Also on the scene was the Regional Fire Marshal, Steve DePierri. This could have been much worse that it was. The two residents were taken to the hospital but both have been released. No firefighters were injured. He extended thanks to Chief Brian Gilmore who was in the audience and commended him on a job well done. Commissioner Gilmore then said that on behalf of his wife and himself, he wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Greenwald reported that the Construction Department issued a total of 14 permits for a total of \$4,943.00. He then read highlights from Public Works and reported that single stream recycling was almost 60,000 pounds. He read highlights of the other activities

performed by Public Works which included four sewer calls, leaf collections, repair of manhole, finished brush pickup, they received 50 tons of salt from the County along with other daily activities. He thanked everyone for the job done fighting the house fire. He reminded everyone that the Fire Truck Parade is Saturday, December 13 and starts at the West Center and turns at Davis and ends at the firehouse. He wished everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year and reminded everyone to check the Messenger for important information.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that their office is receiving proposals from contractors for installation of speed humps on 3<sup>rd</sup>, New Jersey, Center and James Street. After we receive the proposals, weather permitting we will have them done as soon as possible.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of November, 2014, reporting that total receipts were \$2,415,367.02 and he read the lien redemptions. He then added his thanks to all the volunteers who a job well done in fighting the fire on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. He reminded everyone to attend the Fire Truck parade on the 13<sup>th</sup>. It is always a great event. We changed our meeting schedule and our workshop will be on December 30 at 3pm and the next commission meeting will be January 8 at 8pm.

Commissioner Gilmore added that Santa Claus will be lighting our Christmas tree on the 13<sup>th</sup>, the night of the parade, and then on the 21<sup>st</sup> he will ride through town on a fire truck passing out candy canes.

#### **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 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Terry Shannon*

Borough Clerk