

**DECEMBER 5, 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 8:00pm.

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 – Joe 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 November 7, 2013, commission meeting and the September 24, 2013, caucus meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, seconded by Commissioner Gilmore, the minutes were approved with all in favor.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Mayor Wolk announced that vouchers in the total amount of \$603,414.53 were 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.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Mayor Wolk read the following ordinance: Ordinance 08-13, Establishing the Salaries of Certain Employees of the Borough of Mount Ephraim Covered by Agreements. Mayor Wolk then opened the public hearing and asked if there were any questions or comments on this ordinance. Seeing none, 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, the ordinance was 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:

- 90-13 Authorizing 2013 Budget Transfers
- 91-13 Authorizing a Contract with AWSCC for Animal Shelter Services
- 92-13 Appropriating Items of Revenue and Expense for Grants Received

- 93-13 Designating 1st Colonial Community Bank as Depository for the MEDEXPRESS Escrow Account
- 94-13 Setting Meeting Dates for 2014
- 95-13 Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application to the Sustainable Jersey Program

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.

MERCANTILE LICENSES FOR APPROVAL

Mayor Wolk read the following mercantile licenses that are for approval: Greenville Cleaners & Tailoring, 402 W. Kings Highway and Growing Upscale Hair, LLC, 417 N. Black Horse Pike. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the mercantile licenses were approved with all in favor.

BINGO/RAFFLE LICENSES FOR APPROVAL

Mayor Wolk read the following Bingo license for approval: BA-403, MEPRI Bingo license for January through June of 2014. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the license was approved with all in favor.

REPORTS

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the Fire Department monthly report for November 2013. They answered three alarm systems, assisted EMS two times. They had two trainings, one dwelling fire, two fire investigations, five calls for mutual aid, one motor vehicle accident, two rescue assignments, one special assignment and one vehicle fire. Total calls for service were 17 resulting in 51.52 volunteer man hours. Combined with training hours, total man hours for the month were 112.02.

Commissioner Gilmore then read highlights from the Police Department monthly report for November. Total calls received were 400 with 211 case numbers assigned. Some of the highlights included eleven alarms, 46 ambulance assists, eight animal complaints, four assaults, three burglaries, 14 domestic violence offenses, five drug offenses, 15 harassments, 16 calls for information, two Megan Law violations, 16 motor vehicle accidents, six shoplifters, 13 suspicions persons or vehicles. There were 24 adult arrests and he read a summary of the offenses. One juvenile was arrested for possession and 16 out-of-town warrants were served. They issued 283 motor vehicle summonses. He then mentioned that Mt. Ephraim Emergency Management Teen Cert Team, teenagers from the high school who are involved in emergency management, had a food drive this past month and today they took over 1000 pounds of food to the Wells Fargo Center and they were on the air on channel 93.3. He also commented that we lost another long-time resident and former commissioner, Thomas Brown, who passed away. Last month he reported that Charles Whitman had passed and during this past month, his wife also passed away. Our prayers go out to their families.

Commissioner Greenwald stated he feels the same as Andy regarding the losses in the Whitman family and also for Mr. Brown. They were great individuals. He then reported that the construction report for November showed ten permits for total fees of \$1,092.00. Public Works responded to three sewer calls, started leaf collection and are doing a great job, repaired the heater in the police station, repaired pot holes. Ken Jones asked that he mention that last week there was no recycling because of Thanksgiving and today they collected over 3000 pounds of recycling which meant that the residents cooperated and saved the recycling for this week. We

want to thank the residents for cooperating and keeping recycling going. On a positive note, he wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that we the Municipal Aid project, Roosevelt Avenue, will be done in the spring of 2014. The Taco Bell is open and on the MedExpress project, we are just waiting for one resolution from the consultant and we can sign-off on that project. Finally we are waiting for a response from the DOT regarding our Discretionary Aid application for Bell Road funding.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of October, 2013. He read the details of receipts and reported that total receipts were \$1,467,377.83. He then added his condolences to the family of Thomas Brown. Tom was active until the last couple of elections and was a commissioner in this town for many years. Our next workshop will be December 17 at 1pm and the regular meeting will be on January 2. The fire parade will be December 14 and he hopes to see everyone out at the parade. He extended Merry Christmas to all the residents.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Stan Witkowski, 106 4th Avenue, asked when the DOT plans to finish the paving on the Black Horse Pike. Chief Beppel reported he was told by the DOT that the paving is supposed to be done this week. He also asked them about the northbound arrow at the light and they said that will be in the spring of 2014.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public portion was closed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Shannon
Borough Clerk