

**DECEMBER 6, 2012, 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 Greenwald, Commissioner Gilmore and Mayor Wolk all present.

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Borough Solicitor – Eric Riso  
Borough Engineers – Joe Federici and Doug Akin  
Borough Clerk – Terry Shannon  
Tax Collector/Dep. Clerk – Marie Darlington  
Police Captain/Acting Chief—Brian Beppel

**“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**

On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the minutes from the October 23, 2012, Caucus and November 1, 2012, Commission meetings were approved with all in favor.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL**

Mayor Wolk read the voucher list total for the month is \$729,506.47. 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 that will be considered for adoption following the public hearing:

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| Ord. 07-12 | Amending Chapter 64, Peddling and Soliciting in the Borough of Mount Ephraim |
| Ord. 08-12 | Amending Ordinance 06-12, Cats, in the Borough Code                          |

Mayor Wolk then opened the public hearing. 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, Ordinances 07-12 and 08-12 were adopted with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes. The ordinances are adopted and will take effect as prescribed by law.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

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

- 109-12 Authorizing 2012 Budget Transfers
- 110-12 Authorizing to Transfer Tax Credit Balance to 2013
- 111-12 Setting 2013 Meeting Dates
- 112-12 Authorizing Agreement with FJMA for Consulting Services
- 113-12 Authorizing Agreement with FJMA for Providing Assistance and Personnel for Selection of Police Chief
- 114-12 Appropriating Items of Revenue and Expense for Grants Received
- 115-12 Authorizing Agreement with Animal Welfare Society of Camden County for Animal Shelter Services
- 116-12 Authorizing Agreement with Michael J. Williams for Safety Coordinator Services
- 117-12 Authorizing Adjustment and Cancellation of Utility Balances

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.

## **REPORTS:**

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the Police Department monthly reports for November. There were a total of 381 calls and 294 case numbers were assigned. Some of the offenses included 15 alarms, 41 ambulance assists, 5 burglaries, 13 criminal mischiefs, one death investigation, 2 disorderly persons, 5 domestic violence offenses, 5 drug offenses, 5 harassments, 21 motor vehicle accidents, and assorted other offenses. Adult arrests for the month were 25. They issued 124 motor vehicle summonses and eleven out-of-town warrants were served. Due to computer issues we do not have a fire department report this month. This Saturday night at 7pm is the

annual Christmas Parade. There will be a lot of fire trucks and should be a good time. On behalf of my wife and myself, we wish Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Hanukkah and Happy Holidays to all of our residents.

Commissioner Greenwald reported that the Construction Office issued nine permits in November for a total of \$1320.00. In Public Works there were no violations or incidents to report. Single stream recycling was over 100,000 pounds. They continue to maintain the ball fields and abandoned properties. Also continuing working on leaf collection. They shut off the water service at the Round House and Shining Star Park for the winter. They are currently meeting with NJAWC to increase the size of the water lines at those fields for better water pressure by the time baseball season starts. Trash schedule for the holidays will be unchanged. Messenger just went out and has a lot of good information. During Saturday's parade, we will be collection donations for the Toys for Tots campaign. We wish everyone a happy 2013 and hope it is better than 2012.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that they will be meeting with Public Works to discuss the PSE&G Gloucester City switching project and the potential impact to the Borough.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of October, 2012. Total receipts were \$789,818.50. We wish everyone Happy Holidays. Our next workshop meeting is December 27 at 3pm—this is a Thursday rather than Tuesday--and the commission meeting will be January 3. Taco Bell will be coming before the Planning Board for possible development at 721 Black Horse Pike. Mickey Hartman, who has been here for at least 25 years is retiring at the end of this year and we wish her and her family well in her retirement years. The Messenger went out and has important information in it and it is done very well. This is the 18<sup>th</sup> annual parade—hard to believe.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

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

Jane White, 112 Grant Avenue, was back for a follow-up on her address situation. She continues to receive incorrect mail. Marie responded that she spoke with a contact from the former Mt. Ephraim post office who said there may be a way to have the Camden office, who sorts our mail, use the proper procedures to properly sort the mail. There is apparently no way they will change the zip code. We need to get them to listen. Commissioner Gilmore added he things the entire postal system is in complete disarray. He recently spoke to a resident who had their mail stopped while they were on vacation and every day the mail continued to be delivered. Jane said her main concerns are the fire department and police department responding properly. Commissioner Gilmore added that when the call center receives the call, they will know it is Mt. Ephraim and the proper emergency vehicles will be dispatched. Captain Beppel added that when a

991 call is received, the number comes up which displays the correct town so there will be no problem with emergency response. Mayor Wolk added that she may want to consider opening a PO box and changing your mailing address accordingly until the post office solves the address problem.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Terry Shannon,*  
Borough Clerk