

**FEBRUARY 5, 2015, 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 – Joseph Federici and Doug Akin  
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.”

**PROCLAMATION PRESENTED TO MOUNT EPHRAIM FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Gilmore read a letter from Chief Brian Gilmore outlining the events of December 3, 2014, where the MEFD responded to a dwelling fire at 121 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Five firefighters were presented with a proclamation of meritorious service for their quick response and actions that resulted in the saving of a resident who was still inside the building. The five firefighters who were specifically recognized were Dan Tokolish, Sr., Dan Tokolish, Jr., Aaron Homes, Nick Buckingham and Al Cooney. The entire Mount Ephraim Fire Department was present to acknowledge their fellow firefighters. Commissioner Gilmore added that when the volunteers respond to a fire, they have no idea what they will encounter and this was a job well done by all.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Mayor Wolk asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 30, 2014, caucus meeting and the January 8, 2015, 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 \$783,552.84 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.

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING**

Mayor Wolk announced that the following ordinance is being introduced on first reading: Ordinance 01-15, Establishing a Fee for Dougherty Senior Community Center Hall Rentals. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the first reading of Ordinance 01-15 was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes, Greenwald-yes, Wolk-yes. Mayor Wolk then said that the ordinance will be considered for adoption following advertisement and a public hearing to be held during the March 5 commission meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

- 10-15 Authorizing the Release of the MedExpress Performance Bond Contingent upon the Posting of a Maintenance Bond
- 11-15 Rejecting the Quotes Received for the Speed Hump Project and Authorizing the Engineer to Solicit New Quotes
- 12-15 Authorizing Execution of a Labor Agreement with IBEW for Public Works Employees
- 13-15 Appointment of Jeff Baker as Licensed Sewer Collection Operator

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 to be approved:

- All Brand Supply – 170 N. Black Horse Pike
- BP Gas Station – 305 S. Black Horse Pike
- Cabinet Works Corp. – 511 W Kings Hwy.
- D&J Auto Service – 107 S Black Horse Pike
- DJR Logistics Inc. – 11 James Street
- FM Digital Service Corp. – 159 S. Black Horse Pike
- Fafa Services, LLC – 159-C S. Black Horse Pike
- Hess Express 30525 – Black Horse Pike & Kings Hwy.
- Inclinator-Elevette, Inc. – 215 S. Black Horse Pike
- Mt. Ephraim Democrat – 206 W. Kings Hwy.
- Mt. Ephraim Exxon – 403 S. Black Horse Pike
- MEPRI – 120 W. Kings Hwy.
- Black Horse Diner – 152 N. Black Horse Pike
- P.C. Construction – 505 W Kings Hwy.
- Pete’s Pizza – 604 W Kings Hwy.
- S.A. Conte, Inc. – 605 N. Black Horse Pike
- South Jersey Aikido – 61 W. Kings Hwy.
- Taco Bell #29463 – 710 N. Black Horse Pike
- Cold Star, Inc. – 27 Davis Avenue
- Wawa #972 – 602 N. Black Horse Pike
- 7-Eleven – 521 W. Kings Hwy.
- Nancy Mulford Dance Studio – 245 S. Black Horse Pike
- CVS #477 – 24 S. Black Horse Pike
- Jay Brad, Inc. – 19 Thompson Avenue
- Mt. Ephraim Dodge – 620 N. Black Horse Pike
- Mt. Ephraim Dodge – 701 N. Black Horse Pike
- Mt. Ephraim Dodge – 705 N. Black Horse Pike
- Mt. Ephraim Dodge – 801 N. Black Horse Pike
- United Refrigeration, Inc. – 301 N. Black Horse Pike

Valvoline Instant Oil Change – 237 S. Black Horse Pike  
AAA Rush Signs, Inc. – 300 N. Black Horse Pike  
Auto Shine Car Wash – 300 N. Black Horse Pike  
Robert A. Carpenter LLC – 601 W. Kings Hwy.  
Budget Inn & Suite – 310 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 announced that the following bingo/raffle licenses are to be approved:

BA-424	Mount Ephraim Fire Department Coach Bag Bingo
RA-425	Basket Auction for MEPRI (Kershaw 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner Dance)
RA-426	50/50 Raffle for MEPRI (Kershaw 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner Dance)

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

### **REPORTS**

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the Mt. Ephraim Fire Department monthly report for January. He reported they had a total of 27 calls for service and read highlights of the calls. They had total combined volunteer man hours of 248.44. They manned the firehouse for the “storm of the century” that never developed. Although the storm did not happen, we appreciate them leaving their homes and manning the firehouse for the night. He then read highlights from the Mt. Ephraim Police Department monthly report for January. They had a total of 407 calls and assigned 250 case numbers. He read highlights of the offenses and reported there were 15 adult arrests and then read highlights of the arrests. There were no juvenile arrests for the month. They served 18 out-of-town warrants. He also reported that the department issued 238 motor vehicle summonses for the month. Commissioner Gilmore thanked Chief Beppel for assisting the Fire Department at the fire on December 3—it is good to see everyone working together. He then expressed condolences to John Woodburn’s family on his passing. He wished a belated 29<sup>th</sup> birthday to both Commissioner Greenwald and Clerk Terry Shannon.

Commissioner Greenwald reported that in January the Construction Department issued 13 permits for a total of \$4,558.00. He then read highlights from the Public Works January monthly report and reported that single stream recycling was over 86,000 pounds. Other activities for Public Works included four sewer calls, they met with the DOT engineer about the Emerson Avenue drainage problem, had a PEOSH inspection at the garage, installed a concrete pad at the ball field for a new shed Little League is putting up, and inspected all the extinguishers in town and made sure they were tagged properly. We appointed a new licensed sewer operator, Jeff Baker, who will be working part-time for the borough.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that we had the bid opening for the Second Avenue project this week and we are currently reviewing the bids. We are revising the quote request for the speed hump project and will again be requesting proposals for submittal.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of January, 2015, reporting that total receipts were \$1,073,642.45.00 and lien redemptions were \$24,759.53.

He stated that our next workshop will be February 24 at 3pm and the next commission meeting will be March 5 at 8pm. We are in the budget process and hope to have introduction at the March 5 meeting.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

Mark MacGarvey, 254 James Street, rose and stated that McDonald's installed new lighting in the parking lot this summer and the new lights to not have shields and the lights shine into his home. He contacted McDonald's and was told they believed what they had done was sufficient. He was also told the borough was waiting for a report from McDonald's so it can be reviewed. He feels he is not getting any satisfaction. Joe Federici said we don't have the site plans they submitted originally so they don't have anything to compare to. They submitted a punchlist of items that needed to be addressed that they could see and sent it to McDonald's but have not yet received a response. Mr. MacGarvey said they need to install shields on the back of each light so the light shines down instead of out. He added that when they first re-built that property, Joe had come out to his property because he had the same problem at that time. Solicitor Eric Riso asked Joe to send him any information he has so he can prepare a letter to McDonalds. Joe said he will take a look at the lights and will prepare a report.

Minister Vanessa Jordan from Keys to Life Ministries stated she was there representing the church to introduce themselves to the community. Janet Greenwald said she had called her last week to ask if she could get involved with the Celebrations Committee but Janet felt after speaking with her that was not her best avenue and explained they do public events and parades. She suggested that Minister Jordan come to a public meeting to discuss the services her church offers. Mayor Wolk suggested that she speak with Clerk Shannon following the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
*Terry Shannon*  
Borough Clerk