

**FEBRUARY 6, 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 8:00pm.

**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 – Doug Akin  
Borough Clerk – Marie Darlington, Deputy

**“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 26, 2013, caucus meeting, the December 17, 2013, caucus meeting and the January 2, 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 \$282,794.58 were submitted for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the vouchers as submitted were approved with all in favor.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

- 05-14 Authorizing Capital Ordinance Transfers
- 06-14 Authorizing Transfer of 2013 Appropriation Reserves
- 07-14 Refund of Landlord Registration Fee
- 08-14 Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with Bellmawr for Fleet Maintenance
- 09-14 Authorizing Agreement with Community Animal Care for Animal Control Services
- 10-14 Authorizing Submission of the Strategic Plan for Drug Alliance Funding
- 11-14 Appointment of Representative and Alternate to the CDBG Board
- 12-14 Authorizing Agreement with Michael J. Williams for Safety Coordinator Services

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 asked the Clerk to read the following mercantile licenses that are for approval:

7-Eleven (10923)	521 W. Kings Highway
AAA Rush Signs, Inc.	300 N. Black Horse Pike
Auto Super Wash, Inc.	300 N. Black Horse Pike
Budget Inn & Suite	310 N. Black Horse Pike
Cabinet Works Corp.	511 W. Kings Highway
Canal's Liquor Store (YABA2, LLC)	210 N. Black Horse Pike
Computer Services Bureau, Inc.	217 N. Black Horse Pike
CVS Pharmacy #477	24 S. Black Horse Pike
Dave's Cleaners	10 E. Kings Highway
Domino's Pizza	210 N. Black Horse Pike
F M Digital Services Corp.	159 S. Black Horse Pike
Inclinitor-Elevette, Inc.	215 S. Black Horse Pike
Jay Brad, Inc.(Select Machine & Tool.)	19 Thompson Avenue
Kena, Inc. (Country Farm Convenience)	10 E. Kings Highway
Lisk Landscape Management, Inc.	106 W. Kings Highway
MCA Travel Agency, Inc.	115 N. Black Horse Pike
Mr. Tire - #1191	509 N. Black Horse Pike
Mid-Atlantic Lubes, LLC	237 S. Black Horse Pike
Nazar, Inc. (Black Horse Diner)	152 N. Black Horse Pike
S.A. Conte, Inc.	605 N. Black Horse Pike
South Jersey Aikido Academy, Inc.	61 W. Kings Highway
New Jersey Restaurants, LP (Taco Bell)	710 N. Black Horse Pike
United Refrigeration, Inc.	301 N. Black Horse Pike
Wawa Food Market #972	602 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 on for approval:

BA-404 & RA-405 for Oaklyn Cats  
BA-406 & RA-407 for Gloucester Catholic Alumni Association  
RA-409 & RA-410 for MEPRI (Kershaw Dinner Dance)

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 some of the highlights from the year-end report from the Mount Ephraim Police Department. He then read highlights from the report for January 2014 including the following: 456 calls resulting in 263 case numbers; 50 ambulance assists, 18 alarms, 9 harassment calls, 15 motor vehicle accidents, 26 calls for suspicious vehicles or persons. Arrests for the month were 27 adults and 3 juveniles and they served 28 out-of-town warrants.

They issued 212 motor vehicle summonses. He then read a special recognition notice for the handling of an incident on December 17 that occurred on Liberty Avenue for the following officers: Patrolmen Brandon Siefert, Kevin Sullivan and Michael Schaeffer from Mount Ephraim PD in addition to Patrolman Joe Mason from Brooklawn PD and Blaise O'Donnell from Gloucester City PD. This was an domestic violence incident involving a stabbing and shooting and a barricaded individual and their quick actions resulted in the safety of the children in the home and prompt medical attention to the victims and no further injuries. They did a great job in managing this incident and ensuring public safety and it was a job well done by all. There will be another special recognition to be read next month for the handling of the recent home invasion.

Commissioner Greenwald reported that there is no report from the Construction Department tonight. He then read highlights from the public works report as follows: single stream recycling was over 107,000 pounds and trash tonnage was 148 tons. 60% went down to Salem and 40% went to Camden. We normally send more to Salem but could not this month because of the weather conditions. They also filled potholes, maintained the parks, responded to 12 sewer calls, did extensive plowing and road treatment. The state and the fire marshal completed inspections and any necessary corrections are being made. We had a huge problem with Little Timber Creek near the Bell Road bridge with a blocked storm drain. With help from Congressman Andrews' office, the DOT finally showed up with some heavy equipment and cleared the blockage. We met with the new owners of the Spread Eagle to get their plans approved and hopefully they will be open later this spring.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that the Roosevelt Avenue project will start as soon as the weather breaks. Also, they are preparing a response letter to PSE&G regarding planned road projects for 2014. Construction on MedExpress will also start as soon as the weather breaks.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of December, 2013, and reported that total receipts were \$169,195.80. He then thanked the Mt. Ephraim Police Department for their professionalism in handling of the two recent events in town. He thanked the DPW employees for their good work in maintaining our roads during this weather. Our next workshop will be February 25 and the commission meeting will be on March 6.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

Tedi Marville and Marlene Matarazzo from 27 and 29 Sartori Avenue respectively spoke about a sewer problem. When it rains Tedi's toilet bubbles. She has called before and was told it was just because of the volume of water. Marlene is having the same problem. They called public works recently and Jim looked at the maps and found that there sewer lines are tied together. He suggested they call a plumber but the plumber told them to call public works. Mayor Wolk asked Joe Federici about this and he said most single family homes have their own lateral. This is an unusual situation. Commissioner Greenwald said he would pass this on to George Coleman, our sewer operator, and have him look into this. Hopefully he can provide some information on what needs to be done. Please leave your names and numbers so we can get back to you.

Stan Witkowski, 104 Fourth Avenue, spoke about the problem with plowed snow being on top of the storm drains. He asked if the employees could try not to dump the snow on the storm drains so the streets can drain when the snow melts. Mayor Wolk said that is a good point.

Commissioner Greenwald said they were out trying to clear storm drains today and will be continuing to do so. The problem is the melting and re-freezing. Mayor Wolk said he knows that in years past, the volunteer fireman helped with this and perhaps we could ask for their help. He thanked Stanley for the comment.

Mario Alibrando thanked DPW for the job they did keeping the streets clear. He then spoke about the parking situation. Currently, cars are required to park on the odd side of the street. He is requesting that it be rotated as it is not fair to the folks on the even side of the street as they always get plowed in. His suggestion was that in even years, parking be on the even side and on the odd side in odd years. Commissioner Greenwald said we had just discussed this at the caucus meeting and it is being considered. Mario thanked the governing body for their consideration and again complimented DPW on the job they have been doing.

John Schmidt of Gloucester City asked if Mount Ephraim was no longer in the Colonial Alliance police study. Commissioner Gilmore said that is correct. Schmidt asked why we pulled out. Commissioner Gilmore said he was concerned about the cost of the study. We were hoping for funding that did not develop. One of the larger towns pulled out which created more of a financial burden for the remaining towns so we decided to pull out. Schmidt said he read a recent report that said Collingswood and Haddonfield were paying a portion of Mt. Ephraim's share. Commissioner Gilmore said that is not correct—we were going to pay our share over three years. Our share was over three thousand per year for the three years. We decided that the cost is too much for us to bear. Schmidt then said one of the complaints about the Alliance was that the Chiefs Association was never asked to come up with a police cost savings plan themselves. From Mt. Ephraim's perspective, if this is about cost savings, why not officially ask the Chiefs Association for what cost savings plans they can propose. Commissioner Gilmore said they were asked to be part of the discussions and they attended some of the meetings. Schmidt said the idea of the Alliance was to share police services—not just the police chief. Several of the mayors have stated it was to explore sharing of police services. Commissioner Gilmore said they have discussed sharing of some police services such as a detective bureau, an overnight shift, etc. Schmidt said there can be combined purchasing as well as other sharing of services but that the chiefs should be included in the planning.

Diane Vilardo of Lincoln Avenue asked if the governing body was aware a child was hit by a car coming out of CCD classes last Thursday crossing Kings Highway. The crossing guard leaves at 3:45pm. Is there anything we can do to help them so they can cross safely when coming from the church at around 4:45pm. Chief Beppel said that of course they can help and he will follow-up.

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 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Terry Shannon*  
Borough Clerk