

**FEBRUARY 7, 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 8:05pm.

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 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

Mayor Wolk asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 27, 2012, caucus meeting and the January 3, 2013, commission meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the minutes were approved with all in favor.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Mayor Wolk announced that vouchers in the total amount of \$1,222,481.23 were submitted for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, seconded by Commissioner Gilmore, the vouchers were approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Wolk announced that we have an ordinance for introduction on first reading. He read the title of the ordinance to be introduced as follows:

Ord. 01-13 Establishing the Salaries of Certain Employees of the
Borough of Mount Ephraim Covered by Collective
Bargaining Agreements

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

Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes. Mayor Wolk then announced that the public hearing on this ordinance will be during the March 7, 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:

- 10-13 Authorizing the Borough of Mt. Ephraim to Enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with IBEW Local 102
- 11-13 Authorizing the Borough of Mt. Ephraim to Enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with FOP Lodge #76
- 12-13 Authorizing the Purchase of a Surplus Copier/Printer from the Township of Delanco, NJ, Under a Shared Service Agreement
- 13-13 Authorizing Appointment of Representative and Alternate to the Camden County Community Development Board of Directors
- 14-13 Authorizing Appointment of Aaron Holmes as a Member of the MEFD
- 15-13 Authorizing Agreement with Comcast or Internet Service
- 16-13 Authorizing Agreement with Spectrotel for Telephone Service
- 17-13 Awarding a Three-Year Contract to Beaverbrook Motors for Towing and Storage Services

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.

MERCANTILE LICENSES FOR APPROVAL

Mayor Wolk asked the Clerk to read the following mercantile licenses for approval.

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| 7-Eleven (10923) | 521 W. Kings Highway |
| Bellmawr Auto & Tire Center | 403 S. Black Horse Pike |
| BP Gas Station | 305 S. Black Horse Pike |
| Budget Inn & Suite | 310 N. Black Horse Pike |
| Cabana Water Ice Co. | 102 W. Kings Highway |
| Computer Services Bureau, Inc. | 217 N. Black Horse Pike |
| F M Digital Services Corp. | 159 S. Black Horse Pike |
| Foulke Management Corp. | 620 N. Black Horse Pike |
| Foulke Management Corp. | 701 N. Black Horse Pike |
| Foulke Management Corp. | 705 N. Black Horse Pike |
| Foulke Management Corp. | 801 N. Black Horse Pike |

Jay Brad, Inc.(Select Machine & Tool.)	19 Thompson Ave.
John's Sign Shop	289 S. Black Horse Pike
Kena, Inc. (Country Farm Convenience)	10 E. Kings Highway
Kimberly Mecca Tax Preparation, LLC	106 W. Kings Highway
MCA Travel Agency, Inc.	115 N. Black Horse Pike
Midas Muffler (JoJess Automotive, Inc.)	160 N. Black Horse Pike
Nancy Mulford Studio of Dance, Inc.	245 S. Black Horse Pk.
P.C. Construction & Management, Inc.	505 W. Kings Highway
Pete's Pizza & Italian Grill, LLC	604 W. Kings Highway
South Jersey Aikido Academy, Inc.	61 W. Kings Highway
Subway Mt. Ephraim Food Mgmt.	267 S. Black Horse Pike
United Refrigeration, Inc.	301 N. Black Horse Pk.
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 we have one license for approval-- Bingo License BA-385, Mt. Ephraim Fire Department Coach Bag Bingo, March 2, 2013.

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 reports for January. They responded to 28 calls including carbon monoxide detectors, alarm service activations, cooking fire at apartments at 279 S. Black Horse Pike, a gasoline spill, motor vehicle accidents, assists to Haddon Heights, Bellmawr, Audubon, Brooklawn and Gloucester. The calls involved 265 men. Commissioner Gilmore then read highlights from the Police Department report for the month of January. Total calls were 401 and they assigned 271 case numbers. Some of the offenses included 17 alarms, 45 ambulance assists, six animal complaints, four assaults, four burglaries, five criminal mischiefs, 12 domestic violence, three drug offenses, 12 harassments, 23 motor vehicle accidents, seven shoplifting, 19 suspicious persons, 13 thefts and three 9-1-1 verifications. There were 18 adult arrests and three juvenile arrests for controlled dangerous substances. 12 out-of-town warrants were served and they issued 149 motor vehicle summonses.

Commissioner Gilmore then read a certificate from the New Jersey League of Municipalities inducting Mayor Joseph Wolk into the Mayor's Hall of Fame for more than 20 years of public service. These certificates were presented in Trenton but Mayor Wolk was unable to attend. Congratulations were issued by Commissioners Gilmore

and Greenwald and the audience applauded. Mayor Wolk thanked everyone for the recognition.

Commissioner Greenwald reported that for the month of January there were no accidents or safety violations in the Public Works Department. Single stream recycling was over 101,000 pounds. Public Works cleaned stormwater inlets, responded to 11 sewer calls one of which was serious and Bellmawr had to help install a new valve at the Harding Avenue pump station, repaired flag pole light at the Senior Center and the outside sensor light, installed a new sign in front of the Senior Center and they have done a tremendous job at the Dougherty Senior Center. It really looks great and will be open next month for public use. The NJDOT sent out a mailer inviting all residents to a meeting on Thursday, February 21 at the Bellmawr Ballroom to present information about the Route 295/76/42 Direct Connect project. Project will be starting very soon. It was in the paper that New Jersey will receive 1.82 billion as the first installment of Hurricane Sandy aid. We had some expenses in Emergency Management, Fire and Police Departments and submitted paperwork to be reimbursed. Congratulations to Mayor Wolk for being a Hall of Famer.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that they are preparing the annual response to PSE&G outlining the proposed projects for 2013 and we are still waiting to hear on our application for NJDOT Local Aid funding.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of December, 2012. He read the details of receipts and reported that total receipts were \$338,287.19. He added that for the first time we see on the report money received from Clear Channel which was \$60,000 for the contract we negotiated with them for the billboard at the West Senior Center. This has been many years in the making and will help with future revenue. Regarding the Dougherty Senior Center, a lot of that work was done with Community Development Block Grant Money and he thanked Commissioner Greenwald and Public Works for their great work on that project. Tom Crehan will now sit on the CDBG board and we fight for this money each year for projects. Every resident got the invitation to the construction meeting in Bellmawr and hopefully they will go and get information.

Mayor Wolk reported that we did receive a letter from our long-time Assessor, Steve Kessler, that due to the high volume of appeals expected in his full-time town, Winslow Township, he felt he could not devote the time needed to Mt. Ephraim and will be stepping down as of March 1. He has enjoyed serving the town and thanked all the employees for all their help over the years. We will be interviewing for a new assessor. We will try to have Steve back at a future meeting to recognize him for his years of service.

The next meeting is February 25 for the workshop and March 7 for the commission meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Jane White of Grant Avenue said she was here again to discuss the dual address problem with West Collingswood Heights. She did hear from Marie that she has been talking to Mr. Behm from the post office and Marie believes he is working on the problem but her dealings with him have been different in that he said he thinks he has resolved the problem and notified his carriers to be sure they are delivering to the proper address. However this does not address the UPS and Fed Ex problems, insurance company mix-ups and others and Mr. Behm said this is not a postal problem and needs to be brought to the town. Mayor Wolk said if we understand correctly she was getting mail for a West Collingswood Heights resident who has the same address as Ms. White and asked if it has gotten any better. Ms. White said it has slowed down. Mayor Wolk said that now the problem is with deliveries such as UPS and Fed Ex and other deliveries and Ms. White confirmed this remains a problem. Mayor Wolk asked Tax Collector Marie Darlington for an update. Marie reported that Mr. Behm at the post office set-up several meetings with his carriers to discuss this problem. There are a total of 24 duplicate addresses in Mt. Ephraim and West Collingswood Heights. The mail problem is being resolved directly with the carriers and the mail for these addresses will be hand sorted rather than machine sorted. Ms. White said it does not solve the other delivery problems. We still have duplicate addresses in the two towns. Commissioner Gilmore said that if we have alleviate the postal problem, that is a big improvement. As for deliveries, they may be using GPS and there is no way we can control GPS. Ms. White said one of the towns needs to change the name of the street. As long as there are dual addresses, the problem will never go away. Commissioner Greenwald said it would be very difficult to change the street name as there are titles and deeds that coincide with the address and it would be a disaster. The logical thing would be to change the zip code on the addresses that are actually in West Collingswood Heights which is technically Haddon Township but that will probably not happen. Solicitor Eric Riso said the borough is doing everything they can to assist. At least the mail situation has settled down. There is very little the borough can do as far as UPS and Fed Ex goes. Ms. White said the problem still lies within the Mt. Ephraim post office. Eric said we don't have the authority to force the post office to change zip codes. Ms. White asked who does have the authority? Commissioner Greenwald suggested that a letter be drawn up and signed by all 24 residents and they go to meet with Senator Norcross. Marie can provide the list of duplicate addresses. Ms. White took the suggestion under advisement and said she would look into that.

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 8:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Shannon,
Borough Clerk