

**JANUARY 3, 2013 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF MT. EPHRAIM
KERSHAW SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wolk called the meeting to order at 8:03pm. This meeting was held at Kershaw School due to the number of people in attendance for the swear-in of Brian Beppel and Brian Conte.

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—Brian Beppel
Police Sergeant—Brian Conte

“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 November 27, 2012, Caucus and December 6, 2012, Commission meetings were approved with all in favor.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Mayor Wolk read the voucher list total for the month is \$273,844.18. 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

There were no ordinances for public hearing or adoption.

RESOLUTIONS

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

- 1-13 Authorizing a Contract with Community Animal Care Services as Borough Animal Control Officer
- 2-13 Authorizing Advertisement for Sealed Bids for Towing and Storage Services
- 3-13 Authorizing Renewal of the Shared Services Agreement with Salem County for Trash Disposal Services
- 4-13 Approving the Waiver Form and Policies Established by the Fire Department for Use of the Weight Room at the Bell Road Firehouse
- 05-13 Appointing Michael Joyce as Special Hearing Officer to Handle an FOP Matter
- 06-13 Authorizing 2013 Temporary Budget Appropriations

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.

The following resolutions were read and approved individually.

- 07-13 Appointing Brian Beppel to the Position of Chief of Police. The Clerk read the resolution in full. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, this resolution was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes, Wolk-yes. Commissioner Gilmore swore Brian into office while his wife, Laurie, held the Bible.
- 08-13 Appointing Brian Conte to the Position of Captain of Police. The Clerk read the resolution in full. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, this resolution was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes. Commissioner Gilmore swore Brian into office while his wife, Donna, held the Bible.

MERCANTILE LICENSES FOR APPROVAL

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

AAA Rush Signs, Inc.	300 N. Black Horse Pike
All Brand Supply	170 N. Black Horse Pike
American Vinyl Products, Inc.	613 N. Black Horse Pike
Auto Super Wash, Inc.	300 N. Black Horse Pike
Bert's Autobody	703-707 Market St.
Cabinet Works Corp.	511 W. Kings Highway

Cold Star Sales & Leasing, Inc.	27 Davis Ave.
D & J Auto Service	107 S. Black Horse Pike
Fafa Services, LLC	159-C S. Black Horse Pike
Flynn & O'Hara Uniforms, Inc.	237 S. Black Horse Pk.
Hess Express 30525	Black Horse Pike & Kings Hwy
Inclinator-Elevette, Inc.	215 S. Black Horse Pike
Mt. Ephraim Democrat Association, Inc.	206 W. Kings Highway
S.A. Conte, Inc.	605 N. Black Horse Pike

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 Police Department monthly reports for December and from the annual summary. Fire department report for December was 39 calls for the month; 318 staff and 98.7 hours total. Commissioner Gilmore added that two weeks ago, he and Captain Beppel toured the schools with the new superintendent and made some security recommendations based on the recent tragedy in Connecticut. He added his wish for condolences to the family of Charles Sessian who passed away this past week. He was a businessman in the borough for over 30 years. He operated Charlie's Cold Cuts and it was a friendly neighborhood store. He passed away this past week and our condolences go out to his family.

Commissioner Greenwald reported three permits were issued by the Construction Department totaling \$310 and four certificates of approval were issued. Public Works single stream recycling was over 86,000 pounds. Trash tonnage was 178 tons; 20% went to Camden and 80% went to Salem saving very large tax dollars They continue to maintain the ball fields and abandoned properties. Handled four sewer calls and continued with leaf collection; hung winter banners; set-up for the Christmas parade. We want to welcome Mike Williams as our new Safety Coordinator. He also works in Bellmawr and several other towns. The Dougherty Senior Center is renovated and we are in the process of purchasing tables and chairs. I hope to set-up a meeting soon to set-up the usage calendar. Commissioner Greenwald then wished all a Happy New Year.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that they submitted application to NJDOT for 2013 funding and we are waiting to hear back from them. We also completed the plan review for the proposed Taco Bell project. We are currently reviewing the boundary maps received from the US Census Bureau and are preparing a response back to them.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of November, 2012. Total receipts were \$2,035,278.57. As you may be aware, Mickey Hartman retired from the Tax Office after 24 years of service and we wish her well. She was a great asset to the Borough. If you come in to pay your taxes you will see a new face—Thomas Crehan. Tom is working part-time and will be taking classes to succeed Marie Darlington as Tax Collector after she retires. Good luck to Tom. He wished the

new Chief of Police well and said he remembered when we brought him on as a Special. We took a risk then and it paid off. Captain Conte will also do well and we wish them to stay safe. We used one of our professional services, First Jersey Municipal Assistance with Richard Schwab, to assist in the selection process and it went well and we thank them. Our next workshop is January 22 and the commission meeting will be February 7, always the first Thursday of the month.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Chief Joseph Eisenhardt from the Barrington Police Department and President of the Camden County Chiefs Association congratulated Chief Beppel and Captain Conte on their promotions and thanked the governing body for keeping these positions in the Borough.

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 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Shannon,
Borough Clerk