

**JANUARY 8, 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 8:04pm.

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

Brian Schneider, Assessor, was also present in case there were any questions about the revaluation letters that were mailed to all property owners.

“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 25, 2014, caucus meeting and the December 4, 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 \$749,356.84 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.

RESOLUTIONS

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

- 01-15 Authorizing a Contract with Community Animal Care for 2015
- 02-15 Authorizing a Temporary Budget for 2015
- 03-15 Authorizing Application for Municipal Drug Alliance Funding
- 04-15 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with Barrington for Clerk Services
- 05-15 Authorizing a Contract with First Jersey Municipal Assistance
- 06-15 Approving Addendum to Lease Agreement with Clear Channel Outdoor
- 07-15 Appointing Dorothea Jones as Tax Collector for a Four-Year Term
- 08-15 Appointing Municipal Court Personnel and Professionals
- 09-15 Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with Salem County Improvement Authority

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.

PUBLIC HEARING ON CAMDEN COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN MUNICIPAL APPENDIX

Mayor Wolk stated that Mount Ephraim is participating with the Camden County Hazard Mitigation Plan update. A Municipal Appendix is available for public review and has been posted on the borough website. At this time, we will hold a public hearing for question and comments on the Appendix. He then opened the public hearing. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public hearing was closed.

REPORTS

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the Mt. Ephraim Fire Department monthly report for December. He reported they had a total of 28 calls for service including the following: eight alarm systems, four EMS assists, two training drills, one dwelling fire, eleven mutual aid, three MV collisions. They had total volunteer man hours of 442.27. He then read highlights from the Mt. Ephraim Police Department monthly report for December. They had a total of 420 calls and assigned 277 case numbers. He read highlights of the offenses and reported there were 24 adult arrests and then read highlights of the arrests. There were no juvenile arrests. He also reported that the department issued 527 motor vehicle summonses for the month which included 407 issued during DWI checkpoints. Commissioner Gilmore said he hoped everyone had happy holidays and he looks forward to working together in the New Year.

Commissioner Greenwald wished everyone a Happy New Year and reported that in December the Construction Department issued 15 permits for a total of \$9,236.00. He then read highlights from the Public Works December monthly report and reported that single stream recycling was over 81,000 pounds. Other activities for Public Works included three sewer calls, hung winter banners, set-up stage and barricades for the fire parade, met with Runnemedo to discuss renting or purchasing a trash truck from them so we can continue to collect their trash, they had a DEP inspection and a Right-to-Know re-inspection, finished leaf collection along with normal daily activities. We are talking with Becker Inc., regarding the Shining Star Park improvements funded through the County grant program. Hopefully they will be done by the beginning of summer. They also had to contact American Water regarding bad seals in the main on Grant Avenue that was causing problems for the residents. Hopefully that has been resolved. He then reported that Marie's Law started this year and as 2015 is an odd year, snow parking will be on the odd side of the street.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that we will be receiving quotes for installation of speed humps at various locations before the end of the month. Also the Second Avenue improvement project is out to bid for spring/summer construction.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of December, 2014, reporting that total receipts were \$251,654.00 and lien redemptions were \$28,925.86. He wished everyone a Happy New Year for 2015 and thanked Bruce for reminding everyone about parking on the odd side. Our next workshop will be January 27 at 3:00pm and the commission meeting will be February 5 at 8pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

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 8:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Shannon

Borough Clerk