

**JULY 2, 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 and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**ROLL CALL**

The Clerk called the roll with Commissioner Gilmore, Commissioner Tovinsky and Mayor Wolk all present.

**OTHER OFFICIALS ON THE DAIS**

Borough Solicitor – Eric Riso  
Borough Engineer – Joseph Federici  
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.”

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Mayor Wolk asked for a motion to approve the minutes from May 26, 2015, caucus meeting and the June 4, 2015, commission meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, seconded by Commissioner Gilmore, the minutes were approved with all in favor.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Mayor Wolk announced that vouchers in the amount of \$679,973.16 were submitted for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the vouchers as submitted were approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Tovinsky-yes; Wolk-yes.

**SWEARING-IN OF POLICE PATROLMAN**

On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the following resolution was approved: Res. 38-15, Appointing Michael Becker to the Position of Police Patrolman. The resolution was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Tovinsky-yes; Wolk-yes. Officer Becker was sworn into office by Commissioner Gilmore. Chief Beppel stated that Mike has been working as a special for us for the past year and has been doing a great job. He is honored to present him with his badge.

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING**

Mayor Wolk asked the Clerk to read the ordinances for introduction. The Clerk read as follows:

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| Ord. 07-15 | Adding Chapter 93, Vacant Properties, to the Borough Code  |
| Ord. 08-15 | Bond Ordinance Authorizing Completion of Various Capital Improvements; Appropriating the Sum of \$136,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$129,200 |
| Ord. 09-15 | Amending Chapter 19, Planning Board, in the Borough Code   |

Mayor Wolk stated these ordinances will be considered for adoption following advertising and a public hearing to be held during the August 6 meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the first reading of the ordinances was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Tovinsky-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:

- 39-15 Cancellling Taxes on a Tax Exempt Property
- 40-15 Appointing Michael D. Kemp as a Special Police Officer to the MEPD
- 41-15 Authorizing Membership in a Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with Participating Units
- 42-15 Approving Renewal of Liquor Licenses for 2015-16
- 43-15 Accepting the 2014 Audit Report
- 44-15 Resolution Supporting Raising Asareness of Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (F.O.P.)

On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the resolution consent agenda was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Tovinsky-yes; Wolk-yes.

**MERCANTILE LICENSE FOR APPROVAL**

Mayor Wolk announced that Greenville Cleaners, 406 W. Kings Highway, is on for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the mercantile license was approved with all in favor.

**REPORTS**

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the Mt. Ephraim Fire Department monthly report for June. They responded to 17 mutual aid calls, one dwelling fire, one building fire, four EMS assists, three MVA's, two alarm systems and two drills for a total of 30 fire related incidents. He then read highlights of the June report from the Mt. Ephraim Police Department. They had 438 calls and assigned 276 case numbers. He read highlights of some of the offenses and reported they had 26 adult arrests and served 17 out-of-town warrants. The whole department attended firearms certification. Commissioner Gilmore then wished all residents a happy and safe July 4 and reminded everyone that fireworks are illegal. He hopes to see everyone at the parade.

Commissioner Tovinsky reported we had a trash truck down and it had to go to Bellmawr Truck for repairs—we just got it back. We have had some problems with neighbor disputes and he is trying to handle. The Commissioner then reported he got the Construction Office reports for the past two months and reported in May they had total fees of \$4,109.00 and in June they had \$2,259.00 in permit fees. He reported that we took 84,000 of trash to Salem and 6,685 to Camden. He reported highlights of Public Works activities including maintenance of public grounds and preparation for the parade. We are having problems with deteriorating asphalt on Northmont. We got a proposal from Bellmawr for the work and hope Richard can come up with the money. He then wished everyone a happy July 4.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that Second Avenue was paved this week and the speed humps were installed today. The project is just about done. Regarding the speed hump project, notice

to proceed was issued this week. Project will be done by the end of July. We will be designing the plans for Grant Avenue in the fall. Regarding the bid opening for the ramp improvements to borough hall, we pushed the bid opening date because of the recent storms.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of June 2015, reporting that total receipts were \$262,538.19 and lien redemptions were \$10,846.39. He thanked the contributors to the July 4 parade including Mt. Ephraim Dodge and 1<sup>st</sup> Colonial Community Bank as well as the other business owners who contributed. We have several events for Saturday including the baby parade, the bike parade and the main parade at noon. We will be here Tuesday, July 23 at 3pm for the caucus meeting and August 6, 2015, for the general meeting 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 Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public portion of the meeting was closed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Terry Shannon*  
Municipal Clerk