

**JULY 3, 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 8:03pm.

**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 – Joe Federici and Doug Akin  
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 the May 27, 2014, caucus meeting and the June 5, 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 \$865,302.19 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.

**ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION**

Mayor Wolk read the following ordinance that will be considered for adoption following a public hearing:

06-14            Authorizing Execution and Delivery of an Amendment I to Beneficiary Certificate as Part of the Camden County Improvement Authority 2014 Governmental Lease Revenue Refunding Program

On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the second reading of the ordinance was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes, Wolk-yes. Mayor Wolk then opened the public hearing on this ordinance and asked if there were any questions or comments on this ordinance.

Seeing none, on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public hearing was closed and Ordinance 06-14 was adopted with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes.

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING**

Mayor Wolk announced that the following ordinance is being introduced on first reading:

- 07-14 Bond Ordinance Providing for Various General Improvements in the Borough of Mount Ephraim, Appropriating \$460,000 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$447,000 in Bonds or Notes of the Borough for Financing the Costs for Said Improvements Authorized to be Undertaken in and by the Borough of Mt. Ephraim

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 stated that this ordinance will be considered for adoption following proper advertising and a public hearing to be held during the August 7 commission meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Mayor Wolk announced that the resolutions would be approved as a Consent Agenda and read the following resolutions into the record:

- 43-14 Designating Professional Appointment—Bond Counsel
- 44-14 Approving an Amendment to the Shared Service Agreement by and between the Borough of Runnemede and the Boroughs of Bellmawr and Mount Ephraim for Trash Collection Services
- 45-14 Approving Renewal of Liquor License for 2014-2015 Term
- 46-14 Adjustment and Cancellation of Sewer Balance

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.

**REPORTS**

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the June report for the Mt. Ephraim Police Department. There were 490 calls and 301 case numbers assigned. He read highlights of some of the calls and reported there were 27 adult arrests and 1 juvenile arrest. They issued 241 motor summonses for the month. He then read highlights from the June report for the Mt. Ephraim Fire Department and reported they had a total of 24 calls for service. Including drills they had a total of 200.79 volunteer man hours. Commissioner Gilmore then said he wishes everyone a happy and dry July 4. Fireworks are illegal including poppers and sparklers. He added that July 4 is a happy time but also a sad time as it will be the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragic Gloucester City fire. Our thoughts and hearts go out to the Sylvester and West families and we need to remember the volunteers who serve and pat them on the back some time.

Commissioner Greenwald reported that single stream recycling was over 94,000 pounds and we collected about 175 tons of trash, 85% of which went to Salem for a nice savings to the town. He then reported highlights of other activities performed by Public Works throughout town. He thanked Chief Beppel and Captain Conte for handling the welcome for our dispatcher's daughter who was returning home from overseas. Mark Polo was also part of the celebration who is my neighbor. He then reported the baby and bike parades may be postponed depending on the weather. Decision will be made by 7am tomorrow. He then thanked Carla Bonamassa and Sharon James for handling the July 4 parade for the past ten years. Carla is retiring and Sharon is assisting with tomorrow's parade. We hope to have a

new committee for next year. Commissioner Greenwald added to Andy's sentiments about our thoughts going out to the Sylvester and West families at this sad time of year.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that the Roosevelt Avenue is substantially complete and it is just a matter of going through the punchlist items. Second Avenue is being designed and we hope to get that project done late summer or this fall.

Mayor Wolk reported that the Civil Engineers of South Jersey get together every year and select a civil engineer of the year and this year's honoree was Joe Federici. He extended congratulations to Joe which was followed by applause. Joe explained this is the Southern Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers and he was honored to be selected. Mayor Wolk then read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of May, 2014, and reported that total receipts were \$1,738,924.61. He reported our workshop meeting will be July 22 and August 7 will be the next commission meeting. The main parade is still on as of now and hopefully we can get a two-hour window without any rain. He does not remember a time when we ever had to cancel a parade other than the tragic event from twelve years ago. He added his sentiments about that tragedy and said it is still very close to his heart and his thoughts and prayers go out to the families.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

Diane Vilardo, 11 Lincoln Avenue, reported that the school is planning to use the library as a performing arts studio. They wanted to know if we have the original plans for that building and asked if we do, to please forward to Carol Anne Visalli. Also is there any kind of resolution we need to do to transfer ownership to the school board? Clerk Shannon said the original resolution clearly stated that the building reverts back to the school district when it ceases to be a library. Solicitor Riso said that resolution should be sufficient but if the school wants a new resolution, one can be done. Diane said she did not think it was necessary and would defer to the school board. She then reported they are revamping the safety patrol program and asked if the Police Department has a liaison for the safety patrol program and Chief Beppel responded that they do. Diane then reported there is a tree by her house on Oak Avenue that has a large cracked branch and asked who she should contact. Commissioner Greenwald responded it is a property maintenance issue and should be reported to Steve Beach.

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 8:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Terry Shannon*  
Borough Clerk