

JULY 7, 2011, 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.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

All present pledged their allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

ABSENT

Commissioner Gilmore
Commissioner Greenwald
Mayor Wolk

_____X_____
_____X_____
_____X_____

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Borough Solicitor – Eric Riso
Borough Engineers – Joe Federici & Doug Akin
Borough Clerk – Terry Shannon
Tax Collector/Dep. Clerk – Marie Darlington
Police Chief—Ed Dobleman

“OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW” ANNOUNCEMENT

This Meeting has been advertised and notices posted in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act.”

PROCLAMATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. May 17 2011, Reorganization Meeting
2. May 17, 2011, Special Meeting
3. June 2, 2011, General Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to approve the aforementioned minutes. All were in favor.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Mayor Wolk read the voucher list total for the month is \$648,891.95. 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:

None at this time.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

11-11 Amending Chapter 73, Peddling and Soliciting, in the Borough Code

On a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the ordinance was approved on first reading with the following poll vote: Greenwald-yes; Gilmore-yes, Wolk-yes.

RESOLUTIONS:

The Clerk announced that the following resolutions would be approved as a Consent Agenda except for 67-11 which will be approved individually.

- RESOLUTION 54-11 Authorizing the Mount Ephraim Fire Department to Install Equipment in the Bell Road Fire Station
- RESOLUTION 55-11 Amending the Agreement with Maser Consulting, P.A., as the Specialized Consulting Firm for Construction observation and Testing at the Bell Road Fire Station Project
- RESOLUTION 56-11 Approving Change Order No. 5, to Increase the Contract Amount for the Bell Road Firehouse Project
- RESOLUTION 57-11 Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal
- RESOLUTION 58-11 To Increase the Amount Maintained in the Medical Co-Pay Petty Cash Fund
- RESOLUTION 59-11 To Scrap a 1982 International Trash Truck
- RESOLUTION 60-11 Adjustment and Cancellation of Sewer Balances
- RESOLUTION 61-11 Amending the Employment Agreement with Police Captain Bepfel

- RESOLUTION 62-11 Amending the Employment Agreement with Police Chief Dobleman
- RESOLUTION 63-11 Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application for Drug Alliance Funding
- RESOLUTION 64-11 Authorizing Execution of the Lease Agreement for the Bell Road Fire Station
- RESOLUTION 65-11 Authorizing NJDOT to Amend Their Design Plans as Submitted for Approval by the Borough Engineer for the Route 295 & 42/I-76 Direct Connection Project
- RESOLUTION 66-11 Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for the Hartka Avenue Project

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.

- RESOLUTION 67-11 Appointing a Special Officer, Class II, to the Mount Ephraim Police Department and Sponsor Him to the Police Academy

On a motion by Commissioner Gilmore, second by Mayor Wolk, the resolution was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-abstain, Wolk-yes.

APPROVAL OF MERCANTILE LICENSES:

Mayor Wolk read the following mercantile license applicants by name for approval:

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| BP Gas Station | 305 S. Black Horse Pike |
| East Coast MMA & Fitness | 61 W. Kings Highway |
| Spread Eagle Inn | 316 W. Kings Highway |

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 June. The Fire Department report was not available. Commissioner Gilmore stated that he hoped everyone enjoyed the July 4 festivities and thanked the Police Department for their service. They worked for comp time rather than overtime which helped the Borough. The DPW men who put out the barricades on the holiday and the

efforts of the Celebrations Committee, specifically Carla Bonamassa and Sharon James, made it a beautiful day. It is a difficult day because of the tragedy nine years ago but everyone rallies and stands tall. He loves to see everyone in their dress uniforms. Hope everyone has a good summer and stay cool.

Commissioner Greenwald reported the construction report was not available. In DPW, Chris Fitzgerald was newly appointed as Safety Coordinator replacing Anthony Stagliano. Anthony has served the borough for a number of years in several positions and we are grateful to him. Again last month there were no accidents or injuries. Fitz is in the process of setting up a new safety program for all departments. Single stream recycling was almost 80,000 pounds. DPW responded to four sewer calls, maintaining the town sign at Mary Bray and the Second Ave wet well and taking care of bolts at the playground at Mary Bray. One resolution approved tonight creates a shared service of nine towns which will go out for a collective bid for trash disposal and will hopefully get us much better pricing and help keep taxes down. Lastly, thanks to Carla and Sharon, the Celebrations Committee, Police Department and Public Works for a great July parade.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that their office is finalizing the plans and specifications for the Hartka Avenue project which is being funded by a DOT grant and that the project should start this summer.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of May, 2011. He also thanked everyone who worked on the parade. Mayor Wolk added our appreciation to the following businesses which sponsored the festivities: First Colonial Bank, Mt. Ephraim Dodge, Canal's, Auto Shine and Dominos Pizza. They supported the parade monetarily. Our next workshop is July 26 at 3pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Ben Vinci, 12 Lincoln Avenue, expressed concerns with the Spread Eagle. They moved out a few months ago and now have tenants. The tenants are having the same problems they had which involves trash, foul language, oil bins outside and parking issues. Sometimes patrons block driveways. Can we require that patrons use the parking lot or can we control parking on Lincoln. Mayor Wolk said it sounds like a quality of life issue. Commissioner Gilmore said the construction official has addressed the oil and they have been told to remove. The parking issue has been a problem for many years and it is a public street. If your tenants become bothered by the loud noises please tell them to call the police. He asked if there were any specific nights and Mr. Vinci said the main problems were on Friday and Saturday nights. He asked the Chief to see if he can step up patrols on those nights, especially after 10pm. The smoking ban causes people to go outside. Please be sure to call 911 when there is a problem.

Diane Vilardo, 11 Lincoln Avenue, agreed that the foul language is an ongoing problem. She thinks the parking problems stemmed from the July 4 festivities and graduation parties. She has asked patrons in the past to please tone down their language. They seem to have no concern for other people. She then asked about the installation of equipment at the firehouse. As the building has not yet been turned over to the borough, are there insurance issues for any work the firemen do in the meantime. If they are in there working and the insurance responsibility still lies with the contractor, will that create a problem? Also, when residents call for an ambulance and they get billed, she thought they would accept what the insurance company pays. Mayor Wolk said that was his understanding. Her brother is being billed for the difference. Mayor Wolk said he believes that is a "soft bill" and his understanding is that it should go away.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Shannon,
Borough Clerk