

JUNE 2, 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	_____X_____	_____
Commissioner Greenwald	_____X_____	_____
Mayor Wolk	_____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. April 26, 2011, Caucus Meeting
2. May 5, 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 \$1,392,594.93. 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

- 09-11 Introduction of Ordinance Creating LEA for Fire Marshal Services
- 10-11 Introduction of Ordinance Amending Fees for Construction Permits

On a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the ordinances were approved on first reading with the following poll vote: Greenwald-yes; Gilmore-yes, Wolk-yes. These ordinances will be considered for adoption after a public hearing to be held during the June 28 caucus meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

- RESOLUTION 45-11 Opposing the Passage of Assembly Bill A-3285
- RESOLUTION 46-11 Authorizing an Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Borough of Mount Ephraim and FOP Lodge #76
- RESOLUTION 47-11 Refund of 2011 Tax Overpayment
- RESOLUTION 48-11 Authorizing the Transfer and/or Cancellation of Tax Credit Balances
- RESOLUTION 49-11 Recognizing the Creation of a Regional Fire Alliance between the Municipalities of Mount Ephraim and Audubon
- RESOLUTION 50-11 Appropriating Items of Revenue and Expense for Grants Received
- RESOLUTION 51-11 Authorizing Advertisement for RFQ for Selection of Insurance Risk Manager
- RESOLUTION 52-11 Authorizing Submission of a Camden County Open Space Grant Application

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.

APPROVAL OF MERCANTILE LICENSES:

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

East Coast Enterprises, Inc.	237 S. Black Horse Pike
Flynn & O'Hara Uniforms, Inc.	237 S. Black Horse Pike.
Innovative Auto Service, LLC	601 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 Fire Department and Police Department monthly reports for May. He added well wishes to Officer Schaffer who is recovering from a broken knee.

Commissioner Greenwald read the construction permit report for May. In DPW, there were again no accidents or injuries. Single stream recycling was over 96,000 pounds. DPW repaired potholes, handled five sewer calls, had pump station cleaned, planted flowers and put up American flags for Memorial Day, installed the right-turn only signs on Fourth Avenue among other things. We received a letter on May 17 that commended Mr. Ken Jones for his help with a tree limb that fell causing a potential hazard. The resident reported it to Mr. Jones and within ten minutes they arrived at his property to take care of the limb. The resident, Carl Ingram, thanked Ken and Jim for their very quick response and help with this potential hazard.

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

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of April, 2011. He added that our next commission meeting would be July 7. The July 4 parade will begin at noon. Mayor Wolk also thanked MEPRI for use of their hall for the June 7 primary. He wished everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July.

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, asked about the resolution that pertains to Assembly Bill A-3285. Clerk Shannon explained that the pending bill requires that we advertise our projected costs for any projects for which we are advertising for bids. By advertising our projected cost, bidders don't have to sharpen their pencils and will know what our planned budget is and this is not in our best interest.

Theresa Ingram, 15 Second Avenue, asked how we are covering with Officer Schaffer out. Commissioner Gilmore explained that we use part-time officers as well as help from the Detective Sergeant and Captain. No overtime is incurred. Theresa added that the employees of Jersey Girls are coming out at 5am and make a lot of noise while residents are sleeping. They don't want to make a big deal out of it but would appreciate some help with this. Mayor Wolk asked that they keep us informed about any problems and we will address them.

Chief Dobleman reminded that the new left turn onto the Black Horse Pike from Fourth Avenue is now in effect. Also, they received information today that the plane that landed on the Hudson will be coming through Mount Ephraim on Monday on its way to Delaware. This will be the fuselage on a flatbed and hopefully will not cause too much of a traffic problem.

On a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Shannon,
Borough Clerk