

**JUNE 4, 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 the April 28, 2015, caucus meeting and the May 7, 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 \$1,386,640.14 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.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION Mayor Wolk read the following:

- Ord. 05-15 Establishing the 2015 Salaries of Certain Employees Covered by Collective Bargaining or Personal Service Agreements and

- Ord. 06-15 Establishing the 2015 Salaries of Non-union Employees and Officers of the Borough

On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the second reading on these ordinances was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Tovinsky-yes; Wolk-yes. Mayor Wolk then opened the public hearing and asked for public comment. Seeing none, on a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public hearing on the ordinances was closed. On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the ordinances were adopted with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Tovinsky-yes; Wolk-yes. The ordinances were adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

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

- 35-15 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of up to \$3,024,000 of General obligation Bonds, Series 2015, of the Borough of Mount Ephraim; Making Certain Covenants to Maintain the Exemption of the Interest on Said Bonds from Federal Income Taxation; and Authorizing Such Further Actions and Making Such Determinations as May be Necessary or Appropriate to Effectuate the Issuance and Sale of the Bonds
- 36-15 Awarding a Contract to American Asphalt Co., Inc., for Speed Hump Installation on Third, New Jersey and Center Avenues and James Street
- 37-15 Authorizing a Chapter 159 Amendment to the 2015 Municipal Budget for Clean Communities Grant Received

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.

MOTIONS--PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS Mayor Wolk read the following appointments.

- Mayor's Designee, Class I, four year term—Maria Canuso
- Class II Member, four year term—Kenneth Herman
- Class III Member, four year term—Michael "Traz" Tovinsky
- Class IV Member, unexpired term—Robert Carter
- Class IV Member, four year term—Anthony Stagliano
- Class IV Alternate, one year term—Thomas Maxwell
- Class IV Alternate, one year term—Charles Zettlemoyer

Mayor Wolk thanked these individuals for their good work.

BINGO/RAFFLES LICENSES FOR APPROVAL Mayor Wolk read the following for approval.

- BA-430 MEPRI Bingo license, July-December
- RA-431 MEPRI 50/50 raffle, June 20

On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the bingo and raffle licenses were approved with all in favor.

REPORTS

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the Mt. Ephraim Police Department monthly report for May. They issued 277 case numbers and he read highlights of the police calls. Total adult arrests were 26 and he read highlights of the arrests. There was also one juvenile arrest for assault. They served nine out-of-town warrants and two officers went to recertification classes. He then read highlights of the May report from the Fire Department reporting they had 20 incidents. He read highlights of the fire calls and reported they had total staff hours of 115. They also assisted the American Legion with the burning of retired flags.

Commissioner Tovinsky reported he met with Joe Ciano and Jim Beebe and Joe gave him a letter from the Borough of Bellmawr which he read into the record. He congratulated us on our election victory and stated he wants to continue with our many shared services. He also commended our employees on the work they do. Commissioner Tovinsky then reported that there were 82,820 pounds of recycling in May. He also reported on the trash tonnage and said

our rates at the Salem facility are going to be increased. He read highlights of Public Works activities for the month.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that Second Avenue is currently under construction. The Borough also received DOT grant funds for Grant Avenue and that will be targeted for spring of next year. The speed hump project was awarded tonight to American Asphalt and that will be underway soon. We are wrapping up the plans and specifications for the ADA ramp project for the front of Borough Hall.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of May, 2015, reporting that total receipts were \$1,747,316.70 and lien redemptions were \$17,187.08. He thanked everyone who participated in the Memorial Day event. He then said the speed humps have been a long-time coming and he thanked Joe for their work getting this project awarded. The residents will be happy. We will be here on June 23 for our workshop and July 2 for the next commission meeting.

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 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Shannon
Municipal Clerk