

MARCH 3, 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 8:02pm.

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 – Doug Akin & Joe Federici
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

Mayor Wolk reported that Commissioner Gilmore, Chief Gilmore and President Holmes will recognize two winners of the fire prevention poster contest. Honored were Mary Ellen Crain and Timothy Alexander. Commissioner Gilmore added that he really enjoys the opportunity to recognize the borough’s kids and the fact that we had two winners is a testament to the job done by the parents and the schools.

Mayor Wolk then read two proclamations--one designating March as “Women’s History Month” and the other designating April as “Alcohol Awareness Month”.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. January 25, 2011, Caucus Meeting
2. February 3, 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 \$1,580,967.23. 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:

04-11 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank

05-11 Designating the 2011 Salaries for Employees Covered by Bargaining Agreements

Mayor Wolk opened the public hearing on these ordinances. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, seconded by Commissioner Gilmore, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, seconded by Commissioner Gilmore, the ordinances were adopted with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes. The ordinances are adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

The Clerk read the following ordinance for introduction by title:

06-11 Adding Chapter 24, Purchasing Agent, to the Borough Code

On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, seconded by Commissioner Gilmore, the introduction of the ordinances was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes. Mayor Wolk announced that these ordinances would be considered for adoption following a public hearing at the April 7 regular meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION 14-11 Authorizing Shared Service Agreement with Camden County Relative to Bell Road Drainage Project

RESOLUTION 15-11 Authorizing Signing of Scope of Work Agreements with Hutchinson for Direct Install Program (EECBG Grant)

- RESOLUTION 16-11 Authorizing Submission of the Year 33 CDBG Project Description Form
- RESOLUTION 17-11 Authorizing Shared Service Agreement with Barrington for Municipal Clerk Services
- RESOLUTION 18-11 Authorizing Transfer of 2010 Appropriation Reserves
- RESOLUTION 19-11 In Support of the Construction of Noise Walls in Association with the Rt. 295 and 42/I-76 Direct Connection Project
- RESOLUTION 20-11 Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes on Block 119.01 Lot 1
- RESOLUTION 21-11 Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes on Block 32 Lot 1.31
- RESOLUTION 22-11 Authorizing Publication of a Notice for Availability of Mail-in Ballots for the Referendum/School Election

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:

Canal's Liquor Store (YABA2, LLC)	210 N. Black Horse Pike
Dave's Cleaners	10 E. Kings Highway
Domino's Pizza	210 N. Black Horse Pike
Five Talent Graphics, LLC	134 W. Kings Highway
Guisseppi's Restaurant & Lounge	13-15 S. Black Horse Pike
Inclinators-Elevette, Inc.	215 S. Black Horse Pike
J.C. Interiors, Inc.	401 W. Kings Highway
Maggi Drapery	136 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 February. He added that he was pleased to report that the PD issued 346 motor vehicle summonses for February. They were very active enforcing the motor vehicle code. Good effort by the PD. He added that Sgt. Errigo is continuing to heal from his prior injury and we hope he is back to work soon. On a sad note he offered condolences to the Kershaw family in the passing of Al Kershaw, a long time citizen, public servant, role model for many, and a fine teacher. He was a good friend

and he will be missed. We extend condolences to Maria, his wife, his daughter, Jennifer, and the other love of his life, his granddaughter Maria.

Commissioner Greenwald thanked the police department, the fire department, emergency management, public works and the borough staff for the great job they have done for the town during the last four years, especially with the difficulty of this past winter. He read the highlights from the Construction Department monthly report. He reported that single stream recycling for the prior month was 75,000 pounds and trash tonnage was down and was only 130 tons. Public Works has been doing pothole repairs, snow removal and salting and cleaning of borough streets. He reported that we received a notice from NJAWC that there will be several main openings in town, Linwood Ave from Davis to Lincoln, Remington Ave from Kings Highway to Market Street, Pennsylvania Ave from 6th to Center, Reading and Idora Aves from Charles to Lewis, Linwood Ave from Harding to Roosevelt and the intersection of Lincoln and Garfield. There will be some issues but we will have to make the best of it. Superintendent Joe Rafferty sent a letter thanking Ken Jones and Public Works for all their help this winter during the snowstorms and the Police Department for their help getting the kids to school safely. He also thanked the Fire Department for educating the children on fire safety. These departments continuously create a safe environment for the children of Mt. Ephraim.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that the Borough was awarded a DOT grant for improvements on Hartka Avenue from Green to Station and the improvements will be done this summer. The sewer repairs on Linden Avenue are complete. They have also been notified that the railroad crossing improvements at Bell Road and Kings Highway are scheduled to be done this month.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of January, 2011. He also reported that the Tax Collector submitted the annual report for 2010 and he read highlights from the report. We are still working on the budget and are in talks with our labor unions and employees. We hope to keep everyone employed and it is a very difficult task. By this time next month we should have a sense of where we are headed. Next workshop is March 22 at 3pm, regular meeting is April 7 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 Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the public portion was closed.

On a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Shannon,
Borough Clerk