

**MAY 1, 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 8:02pm.

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 March 25, 2014, caucus meeting and the April 3, 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 \$2,027,083.58 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 asked the Clerk to read the following ordinance that will be considered for adoption following a public hearing:

03-14, Amending Articles VII and VIII of Chapter 94 of the Borough Code Entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”

Mayor Wolk added that this is our new parking regulation also known as “Marie’s Law” as it was her suggestion. This will require that residents park on the even side in even years and the odd side in odd years. He thanked Marie for bringing this to our attention.

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 these ordinances and asked if there were any questions or comments on these ordinances.

Seeing none, on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the ordinance 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 ordinances are being introduced on first reading:

- 04-14 An Ordinance Establishing the 2014 Salaries for Certain Employees of the Borough of Mount Ephraim Covered by Collective Bargaining Agreements and/or Personal Service Agreements

- 05-14 Establishing the 2014 Salaries for Non-union Employees and Officers of the Borough of Mount Ephraim

On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the first reading of the ordinances was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes. Mayor Wolk stated that these ordinances will be considered for adoption following proper advertising and a public hearing to be held during the June 5 commission meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

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

- 28-14 Designating Professional Appointments (*appointments were read into the record*)
- 29-14 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with Bellmawr for Purchase and Use of a Used Trash Packer
- 30-14 Capital Ordinance Transfers
- 31-14 Appointing a Conflict Attorney
- 32-14 Authorizing Release of the Performance Bond Posted for the Taco Bell Project
- 33-14 Adopting Rules, Regulations and Procedures for Use of the Charles Dougherty Senior Community Center
- 34-14 Authorizing Renewal of a Shared Services Agreement with the Regional Fire Alliance

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.

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS (appointments by the Mayor)

Mayor Wolk announced the following appointments and thanked these individuals for their service:

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| Class II member, one year term expiring May, 2015 | Ken Herman |
| Class III member, one year term expiring May, 2015 | Bruce Greenwald |
| Class IV member, four year term expiring May, 2018 | Charles Alexander |
| Class IV member, four year term expiring May, 2018 | Nick Cangelosi |
| Class IV member, four year term expiring May, 2018 | Steven Eggert |
| Class IV member, unexpired term expiring May, 2015 | Thomas Maxwell |
| Class I member, one year term expiring May, 2015 | Robert Carter (Mayor's designee) |
| Alternate member, two year term expiring May, 2016 | Chuck Zettlemyer |

REPORTS

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the April report for the Mt. Ephraim Police Department. The County report was not yet available so we don't know how many calls were received but out of those calls they assigned 263 case numbers. He then highlighted some of the offenses. He reported that there were 20 adult arrests for the month and read the charges. They served 16 out-of-town warrants and reported on training for the month which included Narcam training for heroin overdoses. 235 motor vehicle summonses were issued for the month.

Commissioner Gilmore then read highlights from the April report from the Fire Department. They answered six alarms systems, one EMS assist, one brush fire, four dewatering assignments, three drills, one gas leak, one fire investigation, ten calls for mutual aid, one special assignment, one vehicle fire and one wire assignment. Total calls for service were 26. Total man hours for the department including training was 234 volunteer hours.

He extended Kudos to the Celebrations Committee for another great Craft Fair and to the Rotary for doing the Car Show. He thanked DPW for handling the road closures and the Police Department for keeping people safe. It was a beautiful day and thank again to all.

Commissioner Greenwald started by reiterating what Commissioner Gilmore said about the Craft Fair and thanked the Celebrations Committee, Rotary, Public Works and the Police Department for the phenomenal day. We had the largest vendor turnout ever. It is good thing for the town. He then reported that the Construction Department in April issued 20 permits and total fees were \$4,840.00. Commissioner Greenwald read highlights from the Public Works report as follows: single stream recycling was over 78,000 pounds; they did their normal trash and recycling pickups and continued working on potholes; they handled seven sewer calls; Harding Avenue pump repair; cleaned-up at the parks and delivered dirt to the baseball field; removed dead trees; set-up and cleaned-up for the Craft Fair. Our International trash truck is out of service and can't be repaired so we are doing a shared service with Bellmawr to purchase a quality used truck. Regarding last night's five inches of rain, we were very surprised that Bell Road did not have any flooding. However, our pump stations were overcome and we had to do a reverse 9-1-1 call to residents to stop running water and flushing toilets. Residents cooperated and it was not as bad as it could have been. He added that they received a notice about the 295/42/76 project and traffic on Market Street will be a nightmare so use caution.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that the Roosevelt Avenue project will be starting this coming Monday. They will start with the concrete work and then will move on to the roadway.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of March, 2014, and reported that total receipts were \$240,894.33.

Mayor Wolk also thanked Janet Greenwald and the Celebrations Committee for a great job on the Craft Fair and all the other things they do all year long. We have the Miss Mount Ephraim coming up on May 20; Memorial Day is May 26 at 9am starting at Norcross Park. He then reported that our next workshop will be May 27 and the general meeting will be June 5.

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 Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public portion was closed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Shannon

Borough Clerk