

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2008 GENERAL MEETING OF THE
HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF MT.
EPHRAIM**

MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Wolk called the meeting to order.

SALUTE TO FLAG:

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

ROLL CALL:

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Commissioner Gilmore	___x___	_____
Commissioner Greenwald	___x___	_____
Mayor Wolk	___x___	_____

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

None

“OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW” ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor Wolk announced this Meeting has been advertised and notices posted in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Wolk announced that the Borough has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement from the Camden County Joint Insurance Fund

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Minutes from the January 22, 2008 and February 26, 2008 Caucus Meetings and the February 7, 2008 General Meeting of the Board of Commissioners were distributed and are now subject to approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to approve the aforementioned minutes. The motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Vouchers were submitted for approval and are available for review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to approve the aforementioned vouchers. The motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 06-08

ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM ENTITLED “STREETS”

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to adopt the aforementioned Ordinance and advertise same as required by law. The motion carried.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Wolk:	yes
Commissioner Gilmore:	yes
Commissioner Greenwald:	yes

SECOND READING AND HEARING OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 01-08

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GUARANTY BY THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY OF THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BOROUGH GUARANTEED REVENUE BONDS (MOUNT EPHRAIM FIRE STATION PROJECT) SERIES 2008, TO BE ISSUED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SECURITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; AND DETERMINING CERTAIN MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Mayor Wolk opened the Hearing to the Public.

Hearing no comment, Mayor Wolk closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mayor Wolk and seconded by Commissioner Greenwald to adopt the aforementioned Ordinance and advertise same according to law. The motion carried.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Wolk:	yes
Commissioner Gilmore:	yes
Commissioner Greenwald:	yes

ORDINANCE NO. 02-08

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE CAMDEN COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM'S FIRE STATION PROJECT

Mayor Wolk opened the Hearing to the Public.

Hearing no comment, Mayor Wolk closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mayor Wolk and seconded by Commissioner Greenwald to adopt the aforementioned Ordinance and advertise same according to law. The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 03-08

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Mayor Wolk opened the Hearing to the Public.

Hearing no comment, Mayor Wolk closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mayor Wolk and seconded by Commissioner Greenwald to adopt the aforementioned Ordinance and advertise same according to law. The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 04-08

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE MOUNT EPHRAIM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Wolk opened the Hearing to the Public.

Hearing no comment, Mayor Wolk closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mayor Wolk and seconded by Commissioner Greenwald to adopt the aforementioned Ordinance and advertise same according to law. The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-08

BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM, COUNTY CAMDEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 75B OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM ENTITLED "PROPERTY, RENTAL"

Mayor Wolk opened the Hearing to the Public.

Hearing no comment, Mayor Wolk closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mayor Wolk and seconded by Commissioner Greenwald to adopt the aforementioned Ordinance and advertise same according to law. The motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-08

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE BOND FOR THE WALGREEN'S PROJECT IN THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to table the aforementioned resolution. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-08

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT EPHRAIM TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING FOR YEAR 30

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to adopt the aforementioned resolution. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-08

WATER RESOLUTION CANCELLING CHARGES ON CERTAIN ACCOUNTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to adopt the aforementioned resolution. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-08

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH
TO APPLY FOR FUNDING – TONNAGE GRANT

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to adopt the aforementioned resolution. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-08

TAX OVERPAYMENT RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to adopt the aforementioned resolution. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-08

RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO
SULLIVAN & PIGLIACELLI FOR THE YEAR 28
HANDICAPPED RAMPS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$34,697.50

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to adopt the aforementioned resolution. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-08

RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL CHANGE ORDER
NO. 1 TO DECREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT
FOR THE KINGS HIGHWAY STREETScape
PROJECT – PHASE 1

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to adopt the aforementioned resolution. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

MERCANTILE LICENSE APPLICATIONS / RENEWALS:

1. Bubba Dean's, 237 S. Black Horse Pike
2. Creative Sign's & Graphics, 134 W. Kings Highway
3. A-1 Auto Services, Inc., 403 S. Black Horse Pike
4. Capitol Finance Mortgage, 106 W. Kings Highway

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to approve the aforementioned Mercantile License Applications. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Commissioner Gilmore's Report – Commissioner Gilmore read the Fire Department Report for the month of February which included 4 MVA's, 1 rescue and 1 water rescue. He then read the Police Department Report for the month of February which included 518 calls, 44 ambulance assists, 11 drug offenses, 10 juvenile complaints and 33 warrants served. He further indicated that three officers attended additional training.

2. Commissioner Greenwald's Report – Commissioner Greenwald read the DPW Report for February which indicated there was 52,000 lbs. of single stream recycling. He further indicated the Public Works Dept. handled 6 sewer problems successfully and took care of the Harding Avenue Pump Station issue. He announced that as of April 1st, they will commence new recycling on electronics. There will be more information disseminated on that later. Commissioner Greenwald then announced that there will be trash pick-up on Good Friday, but the Public Works Department will be closed on Easter Monday, March 24th. He then announced that the Celebration Committee is co-sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt along with the Christine Eberle Foundation on Saturday, March 15th at 1:00pm at the Shining Star Park. Then, on April 26th, they will be having the 1st Annual Craft Fair-Classic Car Show at Kings Highway & Center Avenue.
3. Engineers Report – Joe Federici reported that work on Green Avenue will begin as soon as the weather breaks. The 3rd Avenue project start date is set for March 24th and should be complete in approximately 45 days. The 5th Avenue plans have been submitted to the State for approval and the speed humps are included in this project. The Year 28 CDBG project is subject to approval by CDBG and should start in the spring.
4. Mayor's Report – Mayor Wolk read the Tax Collector's Report and Annual Report for 2007. He then spoke about the State having presented its budget today. He stated that unfortunately, the State has made many budget cuts and this will be very painful for most of the smaller municipalities, as we will lose \$258,238.00 in State Aid. He then announced that three weeks have passed with no report from Congressman Andrew's office regarding the Post Office. He wished all a Happy Easter.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mayor Wolk opened the floor to the public for the public portion.

Rich Holmes – representing the Fire Department, thanked the Commissioner's for all their help with the Fire House project. He indicated there is a public information meeting set for 3/19/08 at the Bell Road Firehouse at 7:00pm. There will possibly be an additional meeting on 4/2/08.

Karen Herman – Questioned when the lumberyard demolition is going to start and when we would be celebrating the 4th of July.

Justine Henry, 19 Baird Avenue – Questioned whether ordinances and resolutions are available only during business hours. She stated the business hours are inconvenient for her.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Wolk closed the Public Portion.

COMMENTS BY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Wolk addressed Karen Herman's questions. He stated he is unsure of the exact date of the demolition, but that it would occur before the Craft Fair. He further stated that we would be celebrating the 4th of July on the 4th.

The Acting Borough Clerk, Michelle LeViege addressed Justine Henry's question. She stated that at this time, we are working on a new website, on which the Code of the Borough would be included, as well as the agenda's and new resolutions. She further indicated that ordinances and resolutions are available by mail through the Open Public Records Act by submitting the request and fees.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle LeViege
Acting Borough Clerk