

**NOVEMBER 6, 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 – 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 September 23, 2014, caucus meeting and the October 2, 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 \$706,800.28 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 read the following ordinance that is on for second reading, public hearing and adoption this evening:

09-14            Amending Chapter 74A, Brush, Grass and Weeds, in the Borough Code.  
                      *This ordinance establishes regulations pertaining to bamboo.*

On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, 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 and asked for any questions or comments. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public hearing was closed. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, Ordinance 09-14 was adopted with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes. Ordinance 09-14 was adopted.

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING**

Mayor Wolk announced that the following ordinance is being introduced on first reading:

Ordinance 10-14, Approving the Application for Tax Abatement Submitted by MedExpress and Authorizing the Borough of Mount Ephraim, Through its Proper Officials, to Enter into a Written Agreement with the Applicant for the Abatement of Local Real Estate Property Taxes.

Mayor Wolk stated that this ordinance will be considered for adoption following proper advertisement and a public hearing to be held during the December 4 commission meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the first reading of Ordinance 10-14 was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

- 66-14           Appointing Shawn J. Smith as a Special Police Officer to the MEPD
- 67-14           Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with Camden County to Provide Snow Removal Services
- 68-14           Authorizing a Review of Compliance with Prior Annual Continuing Disclosure Obligations and Participation in the Securities and Exchange Commission's Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperation Initiative
- 69-14           Appropriating Items of Revenue and Expense for Grants Received
- 70-14           Authorizing the Lease Purchase of a Police Vehicle through the Cranford Co-op
- 71-14           Authorizing the Borough Engineer to Advertise for Bids for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Project
- 72-14           Authorizing Travel Advances for Attendance at the NJSLOM Convention
- 73-14           Authorizing 2014 Budget Transfers
- 74-14           Approving Change Orders No. 2 & D, for the Roosevelt Avenue Project
- 75-14           Authorizing an Agreement with Gloucester City for the Provision of Brine

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.

**REPORTS**

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the Mt. Ephraim Fire Department monthly run report for October. They had a total of 27 calls for service and total volunteer man hours including training of 351.86. He then read highlights from the October report for the Mt. Ephraim Police Department. There were 460 calls and 275 case numbers assigned. He read highlights of the calls and reported there were 23 adult arrests and he read highlights of the arrests. He was happy to report there were no juvenile arrests. The department issued 266 motor vehicle summonses for the month. The Commissioner then stated we have had a couple of officers be injured—one during an arrest and the other a reopening of a prior workers comp claim and that officer will be out for a few months. This past weekend, both the Chief and the Captain worked day shifts on Saturday and Sunday and I want to acknowledge a great job by both. He then wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Greenwald reported that the Construction Department issued a total of 23 permits for a total of \$2,469.00. He then read highlights from Public Works and reported that single stream recycling was 300 pounds under 100,000 pounds. He read other activities performed by Public Works which included ten sewer calls, leaf collections, repair of manhole

rings, painted railroad crossing signs, had generators checked out and serviced, repaired broken curbs at various locations and other activities. He then thanked police, fire, EMS and DPW for their work on the Halloween parade on October 27. Election Day was a couple days ago and we had a nice turnout although it was primarily location elections. Next week on Tuesday is Veterans Day. He thanked those who have served our country. Commissioner Greenwald then wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that we will be putting the Roosevelt Avenue project out to bid for construction this spring. Also, application was made to NJDOT for funding for Grant Avenue and Lowell Avenues.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of October, 2014, reporting that total receipts were \$896,438.19 and lien redemptions were \$7,799.91. He reported that our Tax Sale was held October 9 and resulted in 112 liens purchased; we received \$79,600.00 in premiums, \$30,713.56 in taxes and interest, \$38,534.83 in sewer and interest, \$38,014.13 for CCMUA and \$1,584.96 in property maintenance costs. Mayor Wolk then reported that the MEFD 19<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas parade of lights will be December 13 at 7pm. He also thanked everyone who participated in the Halloween parade. Our next workshop will be November 26 at 3pm and the regular meeting will be December 4. He thanked the Chief and the Captain for their efforts during the short staffing. He also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

#### **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 8:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Terry Shannon*

Borough Clerk