

**OCTOBER 1, 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 September 3, 2015, commission meeting, the July 28, 2015, caucus meeting and the July 28 closed session 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 \$601,946.75 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.

RESOLUTIONS

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

- 60-15 Authorizing the Sale of Vehicles No Longer Needed at Public Auction
- 61-15 Appointing Michael Minutola as Interim Assistant Safety Coordinator
- 62-15 Authorizing Submission of Grant Applications to NJDOT for Municipal Aid
- 63-15 Authorizing Transfer of a Vehicle No Longer Needed to the Regional Fire Alliance
- 64-15 Setting the Hours for Curfew and Trick or Treating
- 65-15 Authorizing Contract with Lee M. Fox Auctions
- 66-15 Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors
- 67-15 Authorizing Submission of Grant Application to NJDOT for Bikeway Program

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.

APPROVAL OF RAFFLE LICENSE

Mayor Wolk announced that license RA-433 for the Mount Ephraim School Educational Foundation Basket Auction on October 24 is on for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the license was approved with all in favor.

REPORTS

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the Mt. Ephraim Fire Department monthly report for September including 14 calls for mutual aid, eight motor vehicle accidents, four alarm systems, two dwelling fires, and three drills. They staffed the firehouse during the Pope's visit and will be staffing this weekend as well in anticipation of the coming storm. He then read highlights from the Mount Ephraim Police Department monthly report for September. They had a total of 405 calls for service and assigned 309 case numbers. He read highlights of the offenses and reported they had 18 adult arrests for the month. They served 16 out-of-town warrants and they issued 164 motor vehicle summonses. He stated the fire company and emergency management office were staffed during the Pope's visit and it went very well. October 17 is the annual Hero to Hero 5K run in honor of the three fireman who died in 2002. It is being run this year by the Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund. Halloween will be here soon and Trick or Treating will be from 2pm-7pm.

Commissioner Tovinsky reported that the Construction Office issued 28 permits for a total of \$4588.00. He then read highlights of the Public Works monthly report including trash and recycling statistics and reported on other things DPW did including removal of graffiti at the parks, repaired potholes, cleaned storm-water inlets, cut and weed-wacked the ball fields and along the railroad. They had a concrete slab and apron put in at Harding Ave pump station, had all buildings inspected by the Fire Marshal, painted speed hump arrows and a right-turn only sign and hung the 4x8 sign for the ramp project on the front of borough hall.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that they have started design for the Grant Avenue project which is funded by 2015 NJDOT and will be completed next spring and summer. They will be submitting the 2016 applications for Lowell and Harding, Lincoln and they will be submitting a bikeways plan as well. The ramp project on the front of borough hall will be starting soon.

Mayor Wolk reported we will be meeting again on the 27th at 1pm for a budget workshop and then at 3pm for the caucus meeting. November 5 will be the next commission meeting at 8pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Wolk opened the meeting to the public and asked that residents state their name and address for the record. Tom Albertini from Cherry Hill said he heard we had an ordinance about snow removal. He fell on February 20 in front of the borough hall and was taken to the hospital by ambulance and he is still in pain. He has a \$2000 bill from Cooper Hospital and a bill from the ambulance and he thinks the borough should pay for them. He spoke to an attorney who told him he can't sue the borough. He was coming here to pick-up a permit for his son who lives in Mount Ephraim and there was ice in front of the building that had not been salted. Mayor Wolk asked if we received a claim on this and Clerk Shannon reported that she had not received a claim. Solicitor Riso stated he can sue a municipality and he has to file a tort claim notice with the borough. Clerk Shannon said she has the blank notices and will provide same to Mr. Albertini.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

Solicitor Riso stated that Officer Reichelderfer has retired and the retirement agreement has been prepared and approved and Officer Reichelderfer has signed it. We need a motion to approve the retirement agreement with Officer Reichelderfer. On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the retirement agreement was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Tovinsky-yes; Wolk-yes. Mayor Wolk said we wish Officer Reichelderfer well in his retirement.

On a motion by Commissioner Tovinsky, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Shannon
Municipal Clerk