

**OCTOBER 2, 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 8:00pm.

**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 Augusts 26, 2014, caucus meeting and the September 4 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 \$632,605.20 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:

08-14            Amending Chapter 89, Taxation, in the Borough Code for commercial tax abatements

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 none, on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public hearing was closed. Then, on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, Ordinance 08-14 was adopted with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes. Ordinance 08-14 was adopted.

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING**

Mayor Wolk announced that the following ordinance is being introduced on first reading: Ordinance 09-14, Amending Chapter 75A, Brush, Grass and Weeds, in the Borough Code. This is our bamboo regulations ordinance. He stated that this ordinance will be considered for adoption following proper advertisement and a public hearing to be held during the November 6 commission meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the first reading of Ordinance 09-14 was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON CDBG YEARS 35 AND 36 PROJECT REVISIONS**

Clerk Shannon explained that we are requesting approval from CDBG to reprogram \$16,000 of Year 35 funding from the curb ramps project to the Charles Dougherty Senior Center improvements for a roof and air conditioning. We are also requesting approval to transfer \$20,000 from the Year 36 funding from the Charles Dougherty Senior Center improvements project to Removal of Architectural Barriers at the Municipal Building. This will be the first payment for a handicapped ramp and entrance on the front of this building. Mayor Wolk opened the public hearing and asked for any questions or comments. He explained that we need to make repairs to the entrance of this building and this was the time to upgrade to a handicapped accessible entrance. Seeing no public comments, on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public hearing was closed.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

- 58-14           Appointing Judge McCrink as Municipal Court Judge for a Three-Year Term
- 59-14           Appointing Pat Moriarty and Terry Shannon as Alternate Registrars
- 60-14           Approving Change Order No. 1—Codification Project
- 61-14           Appointing Municipal Court Administrator and Deputies
- 62-14           Sustainable Land Use Pledge
- 63-14           Authorizing Change in Use of CDBG Funds
- 64-14           Authorizing Refund of Street Opening Escrow to Envirotrac

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.

**RAFFLE LICENSES FOR APPROVAL**

Mayor Wolk announced that we have the following raffle licenses for approval:

- BA-421           PTA St. Rose of Lima School, Coach Bag Bingo on October 18
- RA-422           PTA St. Rose of Lima School, 50/50 on October 18

On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the raffle licenses were approved with all in favor.

**REPORTS**

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the September report for the Mt. Ephraim Police Department. There were 419 calls and 265 case numbers assigned. He read highlights of the calls and reported there were 27 adult arrests and he then read highlights of the arrests. The department issued 215 motor vehicle summonses for the month. He then said he had the

pleasure of introducing Kelsey Coan, a 17 year-old resident who sang at the Camden County Fair this past weekend and he was honored to be able to introduce her to the crowd.

Commissioner Greenwald reported that the Construction Department issued a total of 17 permits for a total of \$3,838.00. He then read highlights from Public Works and reported that single stream recycling was over 61,000 pounds. He read other activities performed by Public Works which included hanging of fall banners, painting of the school and borough parking lots, painting of various streets, clearing of lower lot at public works as leaf collection will be starting soon. He also reported that October 26 will be the kids Halloween costume contest and parade hosted by the Celebrations Committee.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that the NJDOT Second Avenue project is scheduled for spring of 2015. The 2015 DOT Municipal Aid applications are being prepared and will be submitted to DOT soon.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of September 2014 reporting that total receipts were \$135,701.25 and lien redemptions were \$416.89. He reported that our Tax Sale is scheduled for October 9 at 10am and we have a total of 146 delinquencies as of today. If you want to know if you are on the list, just look in the paper. Mayor Wolk then congratulated Judge McCrink on her new appointment and commented that she will preside over the new shared service that includes Barrington and Haddon Heights. He then reported that Halloween is October 31 and the Trick or Treating schedule is 3pm-8pm. Mayor Wolk then stated that our next workshop will be October 28 at 3pm and the next commission meeting will be November 6 at 8pm. He reported that our new MedExpress opened this week and asked Chief Beppel if there have been any traffic problems. Chief Beppel responded that there have not been any traffic problems. Mayor Wolk added that we are happy to have MedExpress aboard and asked that the proclamation we presented to them be included in the minutes.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mayor Wolk opened the meeting to the public and asked that residents state their name and address for the record.

Stan Witkowski of 106 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue asked about all the patches on the Black Horse Pike by the Hess Station and asked if they are going to be repaired. Commissioner Gilmore responded that there were repairs made by PSE&G after DOT paved the street. Chief Beppel said PSE&G is negotiating with DOT to get around the fines. Our information is they will be out to do a permanent repair to the street. We don't know what the timeline is but PSE&G will be out to make the necessary repairs. Stan then asked if we know anything about the Spread. Commissioner Greenwald said he spoke to the owner and he hopes to be starting work in October and it will take five or six months to get completed. Stan then asked if we have heard anything from the diocese about plans for the Sacred Heart location. Mayor Wolk said he has not heard anything from the diocese as of yet.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the public portion was closed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Terry Shannon*  
Borough Clerk