

OCTOBER 4, 2012, GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF MT. EPHRAIM

MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Wolk called the meeting to order at 8:05pm.

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 Greenwald, Commissioner Gilmore and Mayor Wolk all present.

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Borough Solicitor – Eric Riso
Borough Engineers – Joe Federici and Doug Akin
Borough Clerk – Terry Shannon
Tax Collector/Dep. Clerk – Marie Darlington
Police Captain—Brian Beppel

“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:

On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the minutes from the August 28, 2012, Caucus and September 6, 2012, Commission meetings were approved with all in favor.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Mayor Wolk read the voucher list total for the month is \$585,830.35. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, seconded by Commissioner Gilmore, the bill list was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes.

PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

The Clerk read the following Ordinances for public hearing and adoption:

Ordinance 05-12, Amending Chapter 43-1, Animals, in the Borough Code. This ordinance raises license fees.

Ordinance 06-12, Adding Chapter 44, Cats, to the Borough Code (this ordinance prohibits the feeding of feral cats).

Mayor Wolk then opened the public hearing. Danielle and Patrick O'Brien, from 205 4th Avenue, stood and said they have been having an ongoing problem with a neighbor who feeds many feral cats in her open garage. Their dog has been injured two times because of cats getting in their yard and fighting with their dog. Eric explained that this is exactly what this ordinance deals with. They expressed they are grateful for this ordinance and asked how the neighbor will know about the new ordinance. Eric said if it continues they need to notify the police or someone at borough hall and the appropriate violation will be issued.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the public hearing was closed.

On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, seconded by Commissioner Gilmore, ordinances 05-12 and 06-12 were adopted with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes.

RESOLUTIONS:

The Clerk announced that the following resolutions would be approved as a Consent Agenda:

- 87-12 Chapter 159 for Recycling Grant Received
- 88-12 Authorizing Submission of Application for DOT 2013 Municipal Aid for Roosevelt Avenue
- 89-12 Authorizing Submission of Application for DOT 2013 Municipal Aid for Second Avenue
- 90-12 Authorizing Advertisement of Request for Proposals for Lease of Borough Owned Land for Existing Billboard
- 91-12 Setting the Hours for Curfew and Trick or Treating

Mayor Wolk announced the curfew from October 26-October 31 will be 9pm and Trick or Treating will be from 3pm-8pm on Wednesday, October 31.

On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the consent agenda was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes.

APPROVAL OF BINGO LICENSES:

Mayor Wolk announced the following Bingo license applications for approval

- BA-379 Oaklyn Cougars Athletic Assoc. Coach Bag Bingo at Emmaus Catholic Church, October 6, 2012

BA-380 PTA St. Rose of Lima School, Coach Bag Bingo at Emmaus Catholic Church, October 21

RA-381 PTA St. Rose of Lima School, 50/50 Draw Raffle at Emmaus Catholic Church, October 21

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

REPORTS:

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the Police Department monthly reports for September. Total calls for the month were 378. Some of the offenses included 15 burglaries, 13 domestic violence offenses, 8 drug offenses, 15 motor vehicle accidents, and assorted other offenses. Adult arrests for the month were 34. They issued 200 motor vehicle summonses. Fire company is still working on their computer. I am pleased to see the progress on the Bell Road drainage project. It should solve a lot of the drainage problems in the area.

Commissioner Greenwald reported 26 permits were issued in September for total fees of \$3,514.00. In Public Works there were no violations or incidents to report. Personnel are being trained on operation of the new trash truck. Single stream recycling was over 80,000 pounds. They continue to maintain the ball fields and abandoned properties. Handled sewer calls and changed banners on Kings Highway. They continue to work on the Lambert Avenue senior center. Recently had a facility inspection and did pretty well. In ground fuel tank will need to be addressed in the near future. We have firewood available for the residents. Just call the garage to swing by and get firewood. The Bell Road project is moving along at a good pace. Pioneer Pipe said they expect to have Bell Road completely finished by Columbus Day and then they will do the side street which should take about three weeks. Wishes for a speedy recovery to Officer Michael Beach.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that they will be making application to NJDOT for 2013 funding for Roosevelt Avenue from Kings Highway to the end and Second Avenue from Black Horse Pike to Delaware Avenue.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of August, 2012. Total receipts were \$2,849,714.76. We will be here again October 23 for the workshop and the public meeting will be November 1. Halloween is approaching so please be careful as the children will be out.

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, the public portion of the meeting was closed on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore.

On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Shannon,
Borough Clerk