

**SEPTEMBER 4, 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 – James Spratt

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 July 29, 2014, caucus meeting and the August 7, 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 \$1,346,639.24 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 INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING

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

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

He announced that this ordinance will be considered for adoption following proper advertisement and a public hearing to be held during the October 2 commission meeting. He then called for a motion to approve and the ordinance was approved on a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore and 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:

51-14 Appropriating Items of Revenue and Expense for Grants Received

52-14 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Increase the Change Fund

- 53-14 Appointing Pat Moriarty as Deputy Municipal Registrar
- 54-14 Authorizing the Municipal Solicitor to Take Legal Action
- 55-14 Authorizing Execution of a New Shared Services Agreement with Oaklyn for Court Services
- 56-14 Authorizing Submission of Grant Applications to the NJDOT Municipal Aid Program
- 57-14 Designating Signatories for Municipal Court Accounts

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:

- RA-418 Oaklyn Cats Cheerleading Casino Night, September 13
- RA-419 Oaklyn Cats Cheerleading 50/50, September 13
- RA-420 Oaklyn Cats Basket Auction, September 13

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 August report for the Mt. Ephraim Police Department. There were 501 calls and 283 case numbers assigned. He read highlights of the calls and reported there were 22 adult arrests. They issued 562 motor vehicle summonses for the month. 307 of the tickets were issued under the "Drive Sober, Get Pulled Over" grant program. Regarding the resolution approving the shared service with Oaklyn for court services, we have been involved for the past eight years and now are being joined by Barrington and Haddon Heights. Hopefully there will be some cost savings now that it is being shared by the four towns. Commissioner Gilmore then reported that school is open so take care in driving around town as the kids are walking to school. Also it was a long battle but we finally got the left-hand-turn arrow at Kings Highway on the Northbound side of Black Horse Pike. We thank the DOT for that.

Commissioner Greenwald reported that the Construction Department issued a total of 26 permits for a total of \$2,672.00. He then read highlights from Public Works and reported that single stream recycling was over 74,000 pounds. He read other activities performed by Public Works and included the cleaning out of the library which is now ready to be turned over to the school district.

Engineer James Spratt reported that we received confirmation from the NJDOT that the Second Avenue project can be delayed until the spring so we can avoid cold-weather operations.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of August 2014 reporting that total receipts were \$2,020,380.06 and lien redemptions were \$26,262.04. He reported the Tax Sale is scheduled for October 9 at 10am. As of this date, there are a total of 188 delinquencies on the list. He thanked Commissioner Gilmore for mentioning the left-turn off Black Horse Pike. We have been waiting for this for the past 20 years. Some good came out of all the construction. Mayor Wolk then stated that our next workshop will be September 23 at 3pm and the next commission meeting will be October 2 at 8pm.

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 8:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Shannon

Borough Clerk