

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2013, GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF MT. EPHRAIM**

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wolk called the meeting to order at 8:03pm.

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 –Joe Federici and Doug Akin
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.”

PROCLAMATIONS AND CERTIFICATES

Mayor Wolk announced the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to the Mount Ephraim Rotary Club for their generous donation of AED Heart Start defibrillators to the Mount Ephraim Police Department. He, Commissioner Gilmore and Chief Beppel presented the certificate to members of the Rotary Club.

Mayor Wolk then read a proclamation proclaiming September as “National Recovery Month”.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mayor Wolk asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2013, commission meeting and the June 25, 2013, caucus meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the minutes were approved with all in favor.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Mayor Wolk announced that vouchers in the total amount of \$1,389,860.80 were submitted for approval. 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 ON ORDINANCES BEING CONSIDERED FOR ADOPTION

Mayor Wolk read the following ordinance for public hearing and adoption: Ordinance 06-13, Amending Chapter 94, Vehicles and Traffic, in the Borough Code and explained this impacts traffic movements on Station Avenue and Fourth Avenue. Mayor Wolk then opened the public hearing. Seeing no comments from the public, 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, the ordinance was adopted with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Wolk read the following ordinance for introduction on first reading: Ord. 07-13, Amending, Supplementing and Revising Chapter 8, of the Borough Code Entitled “Drug Free School Zones”. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the first reading of Ordinance 07-13 was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes. Mayor Wolk announced that the public hearing on this ordinance would be held during the October 8 commission meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

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

- 60-13 Authorizing Renewal of Membership in the Camden County Joint Insurance Fund
- 61-13 Appointing Sean Kennedy as a Member to the Mt. Ephraim Fire Department
- 62-13 Authorizing Participation in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program and Creating the Green Team
- 63-13 Authorizing Capital Ordinance Transfers and Cancellations
- 64-13 Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application to the NJDOT for Resurfacing and Safety Improvements to Second Avenue
- 65-13 Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application to the NJDOT for Resurfacing and Safety Improvements to Garfield Avenue
- 66-13 To Hire an Environmental Consultant and Award a Proposal to Evaluate the Environmental Approvals Necessary for the MedExpress Urgent Care Facility Project
- 67-13 Authorizing the Borough Engineer to Proceed with Design and Inspection Services Relative to the Roosevelt Avenue Project

Commissioner Greenwald stated that 65-13 needs to be corrected. It does say Garfield Avenue in the body but the title says Second Avenue. The Clerk announced she would amend the resolution. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the consent agenda as amended was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes.

MERCANTILE LICENSES FOR APPROVAL

Mayor Wolk read the following licenses for approval: Mid-Atlantic Lubes (Valvoline), 237 S. Black Horse Pike. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the mercantile license was approved with all in favor.

BINGO/RAFFLE LICENSES FOR APPROVAL

Mayor Wolk read the following bingo/raffle licenses for approval:

- BA-396 Emmaus Catholic Community-Coach Bag Bingo
- RA-397 Emmaus Catholic Community-50/50
- RA-398 Oaklyn Cougars Athletic Association-Casino Night
- BA-399 St. Rose of Lima-Coach Bag Bingo
- RA-400 St. Rose of Lima-50/50

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

REPORTS

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the Police Department monthly report for August, 2013. Total calls were 447 and they assigned 293 case numbers. Some of the highlights included, 18 alarms, 41 ambulance assists, nine animal complaints, four assaults, six burglaries, five domestic violence offenses, 14 motor vehicle accidents. There were 31 adult arrests and he read some of the offenses. They issued 223 motor vehicle summonses. He then read highlights from the August report from the Mount Ephraim Fire Department. They answered nine alarm systems, three EMS assists and one PD assist. One building fire, three drills, one investigation, five calls for mutual aid, three rescue assignments. Total calls for service were 28 and they had total man hours of 208. Combined with training hours, the total was 328. He then reminded everyone school is open. Please pay attention to the Station Avenue change in traffic flow.

Commissioner Greenwald reported that the construction report for August showed 13 permits for total fees of \$8,041.00. Public Works reports that single stream recycling was over 103,000 pounds. They painted crosswalks and yellow curbing, put up signs on Station for school opening, and painted the parking lot at Borough Hall. They also started picking up Runnemede trash through a shared service venture with Bellmawr to generate some revenue for the town. We are also entering a shared service with Oaklyn, Bellmawr, Gloucester and Runnemede for sharing of trash, concrete work, line striping, yellow curbing, paving, grass cutting and sharing of equipment. Municipal Maintenance was at Second Ave pump station for over-heating and they raised the generator at Harding Avenue because of the recent flooding. DPW responded to ten sewer calls in August. He then reported that he, Chief Beppel, Ken Jones, the Mayor of Bellmawr, their fire and police chiefs and engineer all met with DOT to discuss the flooding problems we have been having. The work at the bridge has decimated our storm drain at the bottom of Bell Road. The storm inlet is completely blocked. We are hoping to get this corrected so Little Timber Creek clears properly and that this helps with the flooding.

Engineer Joe Federici reported that they received approval to advertise for bids for the Roosevelt Avenue project and that ad would be placed soon. The work will be done this fall. Also they will be preparing and submitting DOT grant applications for Second Avenue and Garfield Avenue.

Mayor Wolk read the receipt totals from the Tax Collector report for the month of July, 2013. He read the details of receipts and reported that total receipts were \$786,934.85.

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 8:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Shannon
Borough Clerk