

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MINUTES
April 25, 2016

The Regular Meeting of Buena Vista Township Committee was held on the above date at 7:30 p.m. in the Committee Chambers Room, 890 Harding Highway, Buena, NJ, with Mayor Chuck Chiarello presiding.

Mayor Chiarello called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m.

Committee Members present: Armato, Kelly, Martinelli, Williams and Mayor Chiarello

Absent:

Also present were: Township Administrator / CMFO Kenia Nunez-Acuna and Township Solicitor Eric M. Bernstein.

Township Solicitor Eric M. Bernstein performed the Oath of Office to the Honorary Township Committee and Officials.

Honorary Township Clerk Hannah Lawless performed roll call for the Honorary Township Committee and Officials.

Honorary Township Committee Members present: Flannery, Welsford, White and Mayor Cheli

Absent: DeRossi

Honorary Township Officials Members present: Benson, Gonzalez, Hansen, Lawless, and Spellman

Absent: McAvaddy

Committeeman John Armato spoke about the Honorary Township Committee program and the cooperation with the School in reinstating the program.

Mayor Chiarello read the following announcement: On January 5, 2016, notice of this meeting was mailed to *The Daily Journal & The Press* and duly posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex. All requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met in compliance with the Sunshine Law.

Mayor Chuck Chiarello led the flag salute.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion of Martinelli, seconded by Williams the following meeting minutes were approved as received Caucus Meeting, April 11, 2016; Regular Meeting, April 11, 2016; Executive Meeting, April 11, 2016:

(Roll Call Vote: Armato, Aye; Chiarello, Aye; Kelly, Aye; Martinelli, Aye; Williams, Aye.)

Announcements / Presentations / Discussions:

- Student Government Program Participants each provided a report of their experiences with the tour of the Township and what they learned.
- Veronica Sikking received a Making Buena Vista Proud award from Deputy Mayor Teresa Kelly for being the Comcast Leaders & Achievers Scholarship Program Recipient.
- Brian Lefke from the ACUA gave a presentation on the new Recycling Container Program and provided information on the single-stream recycling. 3,200 containers will be delivered with about 85 homes receiving a trash can.
- Patricia Diamond from the Atlantic County Department of Health provided an update on health issues including on the recent new mosquito viruses. Provided documentation on BBQ cooking, rabies and ocean quality testing.
- Mayor Chuck Chiarello provided an update on the upcoming special events including the 2nd Annual Richland Village Festival, the Township newsletter and summer concerts.
- Richard Calareso, Director of Public Works provided his monthly report.
- Quentin McClendon, Director of King Community Center provided his monthly report.
- David Scheidegg, Township Engineer provided his monthly report.

Mayors Report: Mayor Chuck Chiarello requested Committeeman John Williams presented the new reusable shopping bags and stated the bags will be available for the Independence Day Festival. Township Clerk Lisa Tilton provided an update on the recertification round for Sustainable Jersey.

Ordinances for Public Hearing (First Reading):

26-2016 – Vacating Portion of Daisy Blvd, Portion of Palermo Ave. and Portion of Genoa Ave

On a motion of Kelly seconded by Williams and carried the above Ordinance was introduced upon first reading: (Roll Call Vote: Armato, Aye; Chiarello, Aye; Kelly, Aye, Martinelli, Aye; Williams, Aye)

27-2016 – Amending Chapter 238 Entitled “Solid Waste”

On a motion of Armato seconded by Williams and carried the above Ordinance was introduced upon first reading: (Roll Call Vote: Armato, Aye; Chiarello, Aye; Kelly, Aye, Martinelli, Aye; Williams, Aye)

Ordinances for Public Hearing (Second Reading):

24-2016 – Amending Township Code Chapter 69 “Alcoholic Beverages” & Chapter 133 “Fees and Charges”

There was no public comment.

On a motion of Armato seconded by Kelly and carried the above Ordinance was adopted upon final reading: (Roll Call Vote: Armato, Aye; Chiarello, Aye; Kelly, Aye, Martinelli, Aye; Williams, Aye)

25-2016 – Acceptance of Block 1913, Lot 17 (Razel Avenue) – Donation of Land

There was no public comment.

On a motion of Kelly seconded by Armato and carried the above Ordinance was adopted upon final reading: (Roll Call Vote: Armato, Aye; Chiarello, Aye; Kelly, Aye, Martinelli, Aye; Williams, Aye)

Public Comment on Current Agenda Items Only:

Committeeman Steve Martinelli read the following statement into the record: In order for the Committee to conduct the business of the Township in the most productive manner possible, meeting attendees will be given two (2) minutes, all-inclusive to comment on any agenda item(s) without comment or question from the Committee, but only on items specified on the agenda listed for the current meeting. Please step up to the microphone at the appropriate time, and state your name and address for the record.

- Julie Akers questioned the purchase order for Promotional Junction and what were the services for. Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated it was for replacement of three signs which included Quigley Park, Richland Village and Patcong.

Resolutions

123-16 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$883,814.18

On a motion of Williams seconded by Armato and carried the above Resolution was adopted: (Roll Call Vote: Armato, Aye; Chiarello, Aye; Kelly, Aye; Martinelli, Aye; Williams, Aye)

Consent Agenda:

Committeeman Steve Martinelli read the Consent Agenda includes items of business which are not controversial and do not require individual discussion. A Motion approving the Consent Agenda is moved, seconded and voted upon as one item by the Township Committee. If any discussion is requested on a Consent Agenda item, it is removed from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

Resolutions:

- **124-16** – Authorizing the Issuance of Street Opening Permits to SJ Gas
- **125-16** – Approval of Park Rental Applications for Michael Debbi Park
- **126-16** – Authorize Issuance of Roadway Solicitation Permit to Buena Vista Township EMS
- **127-16** – Pledging Support for the New Jersey Wildlife Action Plan
- **128-16** – Appointment to the Environmental Commission

On a motion of Kelly seconded by Armato and carried the above Resolutions were adopted by consent agenda: (Roll Call Vote: Armato, Aye; Chiarello, Aye; Kelly, Aye; Martinelli, Aye; Williams, Aye)

Honorary Township Clerk Hannah Lawless performed roll call for the Honorary Township Committee:

On a motion of Cheli seconded by Flannery and carried the above Resolutions were adopted by consent agenda: (Roll Call Vote: Cheli, Aye; Flannery, Aye; Welsford, Aye; White, Aye)

Mayor Chuck Chiarello and Township Committee thanked the Honorary Township Committee and Officials for participating in this year’s program. Students were invited to stay. The students then gathered their belongings and left the meeting.

Township Solicitor Eric M. Bernstein performed the Oath of Office to Valerie Behrens, Alternate #2 to the Environmental Commission.

Township Administrator & Department Reports

Township Administrator Kenia Nunez-Acuna provided her report to the Township Committee.

Township Clerk Lisa A. Tilton provided her report to the Township Committee.

Mayor Chuck Chiarello provided the other department reports to Township Committee.

Committee Reports

- Committeeman Martinelli – No report.
- Committeeman Armato – Attended the Police and Fire service with Committeeman John Williams. Attended the monthly meeting at Cranberry Run. Narcan Training will be May 24th. Attended two meetings where Lt. Governor spoke on economic development. Provided information regarding veteran discounts. Richland Vol. Fire Co. had their chicken BBQ fundraiser this past Saturday. Attended the support group at Abundant Living Church.

- Committeeman Williams – The Environmental Commission applied for a grant for Michael Debbi Park for the nature trail. Provided an update on the 54/40 shuttle. Presented updated information to Our Lady of the Lakes on the 54/40 shuttle. Attended a meeting in Atlantic City that would help with the CRA process for businesses. Volunteered with the clean-up for Knights of Columbus. Attended Earth Day Festival for the ACUA.
- Committeewoman Kelly – Run4Ricky fundraiser is coming up. Friends of Joey Riser Foundation Fundraiser is also coming up. Eric Hensel spoke at the monthly Historical Society Meeting. Attended the Public Safety Meeting held by Debbie Bell. Attended Senior Appreciation Day at the MLK Center. Attended several County meetings and stated the new bail bill may cost the Town money.

Public Comment: Committeeman Steve Martinelli read the following into the record: The Committee welcomes participation of interested organizations and individuals during regular, caucus, workshop, and special meetings. However, in order to conduct the business of the Township in the most productive manner possible, attendees will be given four (4) minutes, all inclusive, including all dialogue, questions, and responses from both the speaker and the Committee for the designated public portion of the meeting. There may be no transference of a speakers time to other attendees. Please step up to the microphone at the appropriate time, and state your name and address for the record.

- Julie Akers questioned the foreclosure registration program and improvements to the Richland Village properties. Township Clerk Lisa Tilton stated the program is from the 2014 ordinance adopted that mirrored the ordinance from Vineland. This program is partnered with ACIA and Community Champions and should make the process for Code Enforcement smoother and more efficient. Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated the registration program is completely different that the improvements occurring in Richland Village.

129-16 – Authorize Committee to go into Executive Session (action may be taken)

The Executive Session Resolution was adopted at the Caucus Meeting of April 25, 2016.

There being no further business on a motion of Kelly seconded by Williams the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lisa A. Tilton

Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

Approved:

/s/ Chuck Chiarello

Mayor Chuck Chiarello