

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MINUTES
April 6, 2015

The Regular Meeting of Buena Vista Township Committee was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, 890 Harding Highway, Buena, NJ, with Mayor Chuck Chiarello presiding.

Mayor Chiarello called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also present were: Township Administrator / CMFO Kenia Nunez-Acuna, and Township Solicitor Jeff April

Mayor Chiarello read the following announcement: On January 8, 2015, 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 Kelly the following minutes were approved as received, Caucus March 23, 2015, Regular Meeting March 23, 2015, and Executive Meeting March 23, 2015):

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

Announcements / Discussions / Presentations

- 2015 Shred Event – Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated Committeeman John Armato has been working on a Township wide shred event. Looking for dates in wither September or October. On a motion of Armato, seconded by Martinelli, Township Committee unanimously approved the Shred Event. Dates in September starting on the 19th were selected. Township Clerk will contact the company.
- Proclamation – Bill Dressel, Executive Director of the NJ League of Municipalities; Mayor Chuck Chiarello requested Township Committee for their approval of the presentation of a Proclamation to Mr. Dressel for his years of service. Committee agreed

Mayors Report: Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated the New Jersey League of Municipalities has published an article on the Township Calendar. Rutgers has done a review of Buena Vista Township; copies were handed out to members of Committee. Rev. Mallory is working on getting a shuttle bus that will help residents get from Newtonville area to Public transportation bus stops. The flyer for the Richland Festival is complete, the event is May 30th. Comedy Night is April 18th and tickets are still available. ACUA is working on obtaining a grant for the free 64-gallon containers in the initiative for recycling in 2015. Assemblyman Mazzeo contacted the Township stating the Township was awarded a grant for the 4th phase of Weymouth-Malaga Road reconstruction. Will try to get that as part of the 2015 Road Program if funding comes in prior, or have the Engineer begin the design so it is ready for bid when the award comes in. Green Acres has advised that the Township will not receive an answer for the latest grant until late April / Early May. Public Works installed a stone trench at Wildwood Avenue as a temporary fix prior to the bid being awarded and work complete. The Route 54 detour is planned for Friday night starting at 8pm until Sunday Morning. Letter from the Engineering firm that is working on Route 40 repaving that the crossing bars in Richland have been installed and the cross lights are forthcoming for activation.

Ordinances for Introduction (First Reading): None

Ordinances for Public Hearing (Second Reading):

03-2015 – Authorize Sale of Public Land

On a motion of Martinelli, seconded by Williams and carried the public comment for the above ordinance was opened.

Richland Harlan questioned the date ranges of the applications for Landsales that the fee is being returned.

On a motion of Kelly seconded by Martinelli 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 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.

- Richard Harlan questioned the rate for the Grant Consultant and if they were still in business.

Resolutions:

102-15 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$242,689.84

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

110-15 – Authorize Committee to go into Executive Session (action may be taken)

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

105-15 – Appointing Triad Associates as Township Grant Consultant

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

109-15 – Authorize Sale of Public Land – Vine Road

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

Consent Agenda:

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:

- **103-15** – Supporting Proposed Detour Plans for Closure of Route 54 Bridge
- **104-15** – Amending Resolution 95-2015 Refunding of Land Sale Deposit
- **106-15** – Refund of Land Sale Deposits on Various Applications
- **107-15** – Authorizing the Issuance of Street Opening Permits to SJ Gas Co.
- **108-15** – Authorizing Lease Agreement with Stewart Business Systems

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

Township Administrator & Department Reports

Township Administrator Kenia Nunez-Acuna stated the 2014 Audit is wrapping up and the application for the CDBG grant for 2015 funding is being prepared to be submitted.

Township Clerk Lisa Tilton had no report.

Committee Reports

- Committeeman Armato – Prescription box is doing well
- Committeeman Martinelli – Requested an update on the gross receipt taxes and the SJ Mustangs are ready for the car show.
- Committeewoman Kelly – None
- Committeeman Williams – Easter Egg Hunt was this past Saturday and pinecones birdfeeders were given out by the Environmental Commission.

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.

- Nick Reina questioned what will happen to the drug drop off box that is in the NJSP barracks. Armato stated that was a one-time drop off and they declined having the drop off box in the station.

There being no further business on a motion of Martinelli seconded by Williams the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m. to enter into Executive Session.

Township Committee reconvened into open session at 8:19 p.m.

There being no further business on a motion of Kelly seconded by Williams the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lisa A. Tilton

Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

Approved:

/s/ Chuck Chiarello

Mayor Chuck Chiarello