

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MINUTES
August 1, 2016

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 7:07 p.m.

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

Absent:

Also present were: Township Administrator / CMFO Kenia Nunez-Acuna, and Solicitor Dominic DiYanni, Esq.

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

Mayor Chuck Chiarello held a moment of silence for the passing of former Township Committeeman Don Adams and for the Victims of the Dallas, TX attack.

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion of Martinelli, seconded by Kelly the following minutes were approved as received, Caucus Meeting July 11, 2016, Regular Meeting July 11, 2016, and Executive Session July 11, 2016):
(Roll Call Vote: Armato, Aye; Chiarello, Aye; Kelly, Aye; Martinelli, Aye; Williams, Aye)

Announcements / Discussions / Presentations:

- Carl Farrell, Veteran's Museum Committee along with Committeeman John Armato addressed the public regarding the Atlantic County Veterans Museum and donations being sought of veteran artifacts.
- Sarah Roorda, CEO - Big Brothers Big Sisters Atlantic & Cape May County along with Rev. David Mallory spoke about the program that began in 2012. The program served 30 children in 2016 and has held various fundraisers. Rev. Mallory provided an update on the 54/40 shuttle including the recent statistics of riders.
- Assemblyman Chris Brown provided a legislative update on the various bills and on Atlantic City. Also provided information on Atlantic City and closing of another casino.
- Ben Notaro Dave Nelson & Anthony Simone, South Jersey Cruisers Assoc. were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for their work and dedication into the various car shows for the Township's events.
- Marvin Askins, South Jersey Mustang Club were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for their work and dedication into the various car shows for the Township's events.

Mayors Report: Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated the Township is working with Atlantic City Electric in replacing over 700 lights with new LED lights that they will install. The Township will need to have a bond anticipation note to pay for them but the savings with the new lights will pay for themselves. Independence Day was a great success and money raised covered the costs of the event. Mayor Chuck Chiarello, Committeeman Steve Martinelli and Committeeman John Armato made statements regarding the recent letters to the editors placed in the area newspapers by Buena Vista Township residents.

Ordinances for Introduction (First Reading): None

Ordinances for Public Hearing (Second Reading):
32-2016 – Authorize Sale of Public Land

On a motion of Williams, seconded by Martinelli the Hearing was opened to the Public.

No Public Comment

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:

Township Clerk Lisa Tilton 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. No Public Comment.

Resolutions:

180-16 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$127,843.59

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

- **181-16** – Authorizing the Issuance of Street Opening Permits to SJ Gas
- **182-16** – Approval of Park Rental Applications for Michael Debbi Park & Wilder Hines Park
- **183-16** – Authorizing the Refund of Tax Overpayment to Youth Consultation Service, Inc
- **184-16** – Adopting Green Grounds Maintenance Policy
- **185-16** – Authorize Mayor to Execute Contract with Penn Power Systems

On a motion of Williams seconded by Martinelli 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 revised policy and procedure manual is ready for review by the personnel committee.

Township Clerk Lisa Tilton provided her monthly report.

Mayor Chuck Chiarello provided the department reports and stated the adjusted bills will be out by end of September.

Committee Reports

- Committeeman Armato – The Township faced another rain storm. There will be a drug summit at the Municipal Complex on August 29th. The September 11th ceremony will be held at Saw Mill Park at 11am. A support group meets at the Abundant Living Church each month. Would like to start a new program that when street signs are replaced that they include addresses on the to better direct residents and emergency responders.
- Committeeman Williams – The Environmental Commission gave out 130 birdfeeders at the Independence Day Festival along with two fruit baskets and plants that were donated. Over 100 people signed a pledge to use the re-useable bags that were given out. Will be attending the Pinelands meeting on the 28th. Our Lady of the Lakes Church will hold their chicken BBQ on September 11th.
- Deputy Mayor Teresa Kelly – Thanked Committee and Township staff for their hard work and dedication. Provided the summer concert schedule. Attended a Master Plan Committee meeting. Spoke regarding and article that was published addressing an anti-fraud kit for seniors and residents.
- Committeeman Martinelli – Stated he was proud to serve on Township Committee and reflected on the letters to the editors.
- Mayor Chuck Chiarello – Stated recycling containers are still for sale at the Township Clerks Office.

Public Comment: 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.

Frank Mosentoff – Spoke regarding the letters to the editor that were recently published and stated he supported the Township Committee and Staff.

Resolutions:

186-16 – Authorize Committee to go into Executive Session (action may be taken)

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

There being no further business on a motion of Williams seconded by Armato the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m. to go into Executive Session.

Township Committee reconvened the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Resolutions:

187-16 – Authorize Sale of Public Lands

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

There being no further business on a motion of Kelly seconded by Kelly the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Lisa A. Tilton

Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

Approved:
/s/ Chuck Chiarello

Mayor Chuck Chiarello