

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MINUTES
August 22, 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 7:40 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 Eric M. Bernstein.

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 Armato the following meeting minutes were approved as received Caucus Meeting, August 8, 2016; Regular Meeting, August 8, 2016; Executive Meeting August 8, 2016:

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

Announcements / Presentations / Discussions:

- Dan Evans and Elden Evans of Tombstone Saloon & Grill provided the public with details regarding their business, location and hours.
- Rita Muzzarelli of Muzzarelli Farm Market provided the public with details regarding their business, location and hours.
- David Scheidegg, Township Engineer provided his monthly report.
- Trooper Mark Campagna, New Jersey State Police provided the monthly report.

Mayors Report: Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated the Transportation Trust Fund still is not up and running. Weymouth Malaga Road still has road closed signs from the paving project in Hamilton Township. The Hamilton Township Police Department is ticketing drivers using the road that are not local residents. The Township is conducting two land sales on August 29, 2016, one at 6pm and the second at 7pm. Thanked Committeeman Steve Martinelli and John Armato for volunteering and installing new lights at Saw Mill Park. Lights were donated by Billows Electric. The Township is working on a LED Lighting program for replacement street lights with Atlantic City Electric. The Township will hold a 9-11 memorial service at Saw Mill Park at noon on September 11th.

Ordinances for Public Hearing (First Reading): None

Ordinances for Public Hearing (Second Reading):

33-2016 – Bond Ordinance for New LED Electric Street Lighting Project

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

Julie Akers stated the ordinance was very good and a good reason to bond. The ordinance also environmentally makes a lot of sense.

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

Announcements / Presentations / Discussions:

- Trooper Mark Campagna, New Jersey State Police provided the monthly report.

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.

On a motion of Williams, seconded by Armato the meeting was opened to the Public for comment on agenda items only. *No Public Comment.*

Resolutions:

194-16 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$991,666,14

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)

199-16 – Establishing Use of Facility Fees for Michael Debbi, MLK Center & Wilder Hines Parks

On a motion of Armato seconded by Williams 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:

- **191-16** – Authorizing the Settlement of Tax Appeal for Buena Corp vs. Buena Vista Twp.
- **195-16** – Authorizing the Issuance of Street Opening Permits to SJ Gas
- **196-16** – Awarding Bid to Cargill Inc. for Rock Salt
- **197-16** – Authorizing a Leave of Absence
- **198-16** – Authorizing the Settlement of Tax Appeal for Poultry Investors vs. BVT
- **200-16** – Supporting Efforts to Include Names of 74 Sailors of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall

On a motion of Kelly 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 Township met with individuals from a solar company and the Township is looking at possible solar at the Township Hall and MLK Center. Township also submitted another grant application for additional cameras at the Township Hall and MLK Center.

Township Clerk Lisa A. Tilton provided her monthly report and also stated the Shredding Event is September 17th.

Mayor Chuck Chiarello presented the department reports for Tax Collector, Tax Assessor, Municipal Court, Animal Control and Zoning.

Committee Reports

- Committeeman Armato – Veterans Breakfast is September 10th. Assemblyman Mazzeo is sponsoring a bill to require Narcon kits in each High School and school nurses to be trained how to use them. Met with School Board Administrator and will begin another committee person for a day. Looking for local businesses to attend TV nights. Drug Summit will be held on August 29th in the Court Room.
- Committeeman Williams – Met with School Board Administrator for school recycling program. Chicken BBQ at Our Lady of the Lakes is September 11th. Green Team is working on the Nature Trail at Michael Debbi Park. Sustainable Jersey will be resubmitting corrections on application for Silver designation in November.
- Committeewoman Kelly – Our Lady of the Lakes holds AA Meetings every Monday. Summer Concerts are coming to a close with one last concert with Tear it Up on Wednesday. Attended Special Event meetings and working on Fall Festival. The Township made the ACUA Paper with the recycling bin program.
- Committeeman Martinelli – No Report.
- Mayor Chuck Chiarello – Diane Myers from the Drug Alliance will be honored with the Volunteer on the Year award in Trenton on September 21st. Special Events committee is working on the 150th Anniversary for 2017. Recycling containers are for sale at the Township Clerks office for \$50.00. Nice article was written by American Express on the Richland Company Missing Piece Puzzle Company. A revised schedule for the Route 54 shuttle will be out soon.

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.

Public Comment was opened by a motion of Williams seconded by Kelly and carried.

- Julie Akers stated she came under criticism for the letter to the editor. Stated she appreciates the work of Committee and Staff. Concerned about spending in Richland Village. Thanked the Township Clerk for OPRA responses. Stated concerns over taxes being raised but understands it's with the schools. Questioned where money was coming from for Economic Development and would like to volunteer with the economic development committee. Thanked Committee and urged to hear the concerns on Richland Village.

Committeeman John Armato stated he was concerned that rumors in the letter about the Rail were never publicly addressed to the Township Committee.

Deputy Mayor Teresa Kelly stated the only place the Township has to do Economic Development in Buena Vista is Richland Village due to the constraints with the Pinelands. There has been a notable difference in Richland Village.

Resolutions:

201-16 – Authorize Committee to go into Executive Session (action may be taken)

The Executive Session Resolution was adopted at the Caucus Meeting of August 22, 2016.

There being no further business on a motion of Kelly seconded by Armato the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lisa A. Tilton

Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

Approved:

/s/ Chuck Chiarello

Mayor Chuck Chiarello