

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MINUTES
August 24, 2015

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 7:41 p.m.

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

Absent:

Also present were: Township Administrator / CMFO Kenia Nunez-Acuna, Township Engineer David Scheidegg, 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 Williams the following meeting minutes were approved as received, Caucus Meeting, August 10, 2015; Regular Meeting, August 10, 2015; Executive Meeting, August 10, 2015:

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

Announcements / Presentations / Discussions:

- Tom Reilly, Atlantic City Electric Public Affairs Manager, provided an update of the June 23rd storm that hit the area. Atlantic City Electric will provide more frequent updates to the municipalities regarding storms and updates. Atlantic City Electric anticipates merging with Exelon.
- Assemblyman Chris Brown, District 2, provided an update regarding the Casino Stabilization Act also known as PILOT program. Governor has not signed the legislations. Provided an updated with the CRDA.
- Frank Mosentoff, Richland Village Business Coordinator announced the Richland Village Festival for next year will be on May 21, 2016. Working on Superhero and specialty car parade.
- Anthony Robideau, Richland Deli stated they are remodeling the deli and will be providing pizza and extending hours, including delivery service.
- Mark Mesiano, Landis Building Service & Recycling LLC provided an update on their business and services.
- Richard Calareso, Director of Public Works provided his monthly report to Township Committee
- Quentin McClendon, Director of Martin Luther King Community Center provided his monthly report to Township Committee and shared upcoming events that will take place at the center.
- David Scheidegg, Township Engineer Report provided his monthly report to the Township Committee.

Mayors Report: The Mayor stated Assemblyman Vince Mazzio will be conducting Community Office Hours on Tuesday from 4-7pm in the Court Room. Land Sale is scheduled for September 26th at 6:00 p.m. The County Executive sent a letter to the Township explaining the rate for the PILOT program if approved. Cat Country had planned a balloon launch in the Michael Debbi Park without prior approval from the Township. The radio station decided not to launch the balloons and gave tickets away at the Hamilton Mall. The County Alliance will be scheduling a meeting to work on upcoming projects.

Ordinances for Introduction (First Reading): None

Ordinances for Public Hearing (Second Reading): None

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 two bills for Triad Associates in the amount of \$800 and \$2,475.00.

Resolutions

222-15 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$989,602.52

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

223-15 – Authorize Committee to go into Executive Session (action maybe taken)

Resolution was adopted during Caucus Meeting of August 24, 2015.

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:

- **224-15** – Authorizing the Issuance of Street Opening Permits to SJ Gas Co.
- **225-15** – Authorizing Issuance of Park Rental Permits to Thomas Rode SJF
- **226-15** – Authorizing Issuance of Park Rental Permits to First Union Baptist Church
- **227-15** – Amending Res. 209-2015 Refund of Park Rental Application
- **228-15** – Amending Res. 45-2015 Municipal Alliance Grant Submission
- **229-15** – Approving Chapter 159 – Municipal Alliance Grant
- **230-15** – Authorizing Mayor and Twp. Clerk to Execute Quit Claim Deed
- **231-15** – Granting the Renewal of Plenary Liquor Licenses for 2015-2016 – Special Ruling
- **232-15** – Authorize Sale of Public Land

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 provided her monthly report and update on FEMA reimbursements.

Township Clerk Lisa A. Tilton provided her monthly report.

Committee Reports

- Committeeman Armato – Attended Red Cross Shelter Management classes. Shredder event is September 19th. Prescription drop has garnered 43lbs of medicine that has been dropped off. Meeting scheduled with the BOE Administrator. Flag box also has been receiving many flags. OPRA Requests have been exceeding last year’s limits and now anonymous requests are being made.
- Committeeman Williams – Meeting at the MLK Center with a potential lease. Personal Policies are continuing to be reviewed. Received letter from the Mayor regarding resignation of Leonard Williams.
- Committeeman Martinelli – Spoke regarding OPRA requests and concerns from resident on a specific OPRA request for It’s a Toy Store. Attended a meeting with the Central Labor Council. Attended carious fundraisers.
- Committeewoman Kelly – Attended Fire Disaster Workshop and Buena Pride Day. Summer Concerts end on August 26th and New Kuban will be having their BBQ.
- Mayor Chiarello – Meeting was held with the new branch manager of Susquehanna Bank that will now be BB&T Bank. The Township paid half of the Buena Braves Insurance Policy.

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 Kelly seconded by Williams and carried.

- Julie Akers – Questioned who was responsible for the electrical work at It’s a Toy Store, questioned the wording in the lease. Stated reasons why she OPRA’s the Township.

There being no further business on a motion of Williams seconded by Kelly the meeting was adjourned at 9:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lisa A. Tilton

Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

Approved:

/s/ Chuck Chiarello

Mayor Chuck Chiarello