

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MINUTES
August 8, 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 7:44 p.m.

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

Absent: Williams

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

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 Kelly, seconded by Martinelli the following meeting minutes were approved as received Workshop Meeting, August 1, 2016; Executive Meeting August 1, 2016:

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

Announcements / Presentations / Discussions: None

Mayors Report: Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated the Township is working on plans for the September 11th ceremony. Members of Township Committee, Martinelli and Armato volunteered their time to install replacement lights that are now LED at Saw Mill Park. The RAB lights were donated by Billows. There was an article in the Press regarding the Governor's plan on school funding and based on the calculations Buena Regional would stand to lose \$7 million dollars. The Township received a letter from Assemblyman Chris Brown requesting input on proposed changes to pedestrian crosswalks. Committee had no comment on the letter. Narcon Kits have been installed at the Municipal Complex and MLK Center and placed in the AED Cabinets.

Ordinances for Public Hearing (First Reading):

- **33-2016** – Bond Ordinance for LED Street Lighting Project

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

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.

- Richard Harlan requested the amount for the tax appeal on Resolution 190-16. Solicitor Dominic DiYanni stated it was approximately \$240,000 for tax years 2011 to 2014 that will be refunded.
- Julie Akers questioned the bills for tree removal. Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated the trees cut were in the Right of Way and not part of the abandoned house program.

Resolutions:

188-16 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$1,003,041.61

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

Solicitor Dominic DiYanni requested resolution 191-16 be removed from the agenda and placed on an upcoming meeting agenda when complete. Committee agreed.

Resolutions:

- **189-16** – Authorizing the Issuance of Street Opening Permits to SJ Gas
- **190-16** – Authorizing the Settlement of Tax Appeal for Buena Vista RV vs. Buena Vista Twp.
- **193-16** – Approving Budget Amendment Chapter 159 – Municipal Alliance Grant

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

Township Administrator & Department Reports

Township Administrator Kenia Nunez-Acuna stated she is processing rollovers of Bond Anticipation Notes and Bids are scheduled to be accepted.

Township Clerk Lisa A. Tilton had no report.

Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated as a reminder the Township has two separate land sale planned for August 29, 2016, one at 6:00 p.m. and the second one at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Committee Reports

- Committeeman Armato – Thanked Billows Electric for donating the LED lights at Saw Mill Park. The Town Hall Meeting with JTAC is scheduled for August 29, 2016 in the Court Room. Would like to find an organization that would be willing to accept medical supplies like crutches, wheelchairs that could be donated to individuals in need.
- Committeeman Martinelli – No report
- Committeeman Williams – Absent
- Committeewoman Kelly – No report

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. *No Public Comment.*

Resolutions:

192-16 – Authorize Committee to go into Executive Session (action may be taken)

The Executive Session Resolution was adopted at the Caucus Meeting of August 8, 2016.

There being no further business on a motion of Martinelli seconded by Armato the meeting was adjourned in Executive Session at 8:12 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:13 p.m. where Solicitor Dominic DiYanni provided a provided a summary of Executive Session with no formal action to be taken.

Mayor Chuck Chiarello updated Committee on the meeting held with the Atlantic County Joint Insurance Fund.

Township Administrator Kenia Nunez-Acuna updated Committee on county tax appeals and stated the Township will see a loss of \$300,000 less in revenue in 2017 due to the reduced assessments.

There being no further business on a motion of Martinelli seconded by Armato the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lisa A. Tilton

Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

Approved:

/s/ Chuck Chiarello

Mayor Chuck Chiarello