

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MINUTES
December 12, 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 7:49 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.

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: None

Announcements / Presentations / Discussions: None

Mayors Report: Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated he would hold his report till the end of the meeting.

Ordinances for Public Hearing (First Reading): None

Ordinances for Public Hearing (Second Reading):

36-2016 – Amending Township Code Chapter 36 “Personnel Policies”

On a motion of Martinelli, seconded by Kelly, the hearing was open to the public.

No public comment

On a motion of Martinelli, seconded by Williams, the hearing was open to the public.

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)

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. *No Public Comment.*

Resolutions:

267-16 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$203,250.79

On a motion of Kelly seconded by Armato and carried the above Resolution was adopted: (Roll Call Vote: Armato, Aye; Chiarello, Aye; Kelly, Aye; Martinelli, Aye; Williams, Abstain PO# 16-01155 and Aye on remaining bills)

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:

- **268-16** – Authorizing the Issuance of Street Opening Permits to SJ Gas
- **269-16** – Appointing Kristie Knapp as Administrative Assistant

On a motion of Armato seconded by Martinelli and carried the above Resolutions were adopted by consent agenda: (Roll Call Vote: Armato, Aye; Chiarello, Aye; Kelly, Aye; Martinelli, Abstain on 269-16 and Aye on 268-16; Williams, Aye)

Township Administrator & Department Reports

Township Administrator Kenia Nunez-Acuna stated the project for Wilder Hines Tennis Court is complete and closed out.

Township Clerk Lisa A. Tilton had no report.

Committee Reports

- Committeeman Armato – Held a meeting with the School Board Administrator for the recycling program at the high school and working on solar projects. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- Committeeman Martinelli – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
- Committeeman Williams – Attended the LED kickoff with ACE and dedication of the administration building for St. Augustine Prep. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- Deputy Mayor Kelly – Attended the Environmental Meeting, Atlantic Officials meeting and wished everyone a Happy Holidays.
- Mayor Chiarello – Work on the tree project in saw mill park and the school was there to visit and watch the tree carving.

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.

- Maryann McCormick – read a letter to committee that was previously emailed to them regarding the services provided by Shore Animal Control. Supported Shore Animal Control.
- Terry Acilio – stated she supported Shore Animal Control and requested committee to keep them.
- K. Warden from Atlantic County SPCA – has a great working relationship with Shore Animal and wishes to continue to work with them.
- Linda Gentile, Shore Animal Control – thanked committee and appreciated the support over the past year and Shore Animal Control has great workers that do what they do because they love animals.
- Cindy Teleskin – stated she supported Shore Animal Control and also volunteers with them. She has had issues with the previous animal control Tri-County.

Resolutions:

270-16 – Authorize Committee to go into Executive Session (action may be taken)

The Executive Session Resolution was adopted at the Caucus Meeting of December 12, 2016.

Mayor Chiarello stated Committee began Executive Session in Caucus however additional business needs to be discussed including Animal Control and the public is welcome to stay and wait till after executive session.

There being no further business on a motion of Armato seconded by Williams, Committee went back into Executive Session at 8:21 p.m.

Township Committee reconvened the meeting 8:34 p.m.

Solicitor Dominic DiYanni provided a summary of executive session to the public. Stating there were deficiencies from Shore Animal Control proposal that could be cured. Decision will be made at the December 27th.

There being no further business on a motion of Williams seconded by Martinelli the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lisa A. Tilton

Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

Approved:

/s/ Chuck Chiarello

Mayor Chuck Chiarello