

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MINUTES
December 14, 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 7:42 p.m.

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

Absent:

Also present were: Township Administrator / CMFO Kenia Nunez-Acuna 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 Williams, seconded by Armato the following meeting minutes were approved as received, Workshop Meeting, December 7, 2015:

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

Announcements / Presentations / Discussions:

- Approve Reorganization Date – Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:00pm. Committee had no objections to the date. Township Clerk to advertise.
- Countywide Dispatch Center – Mayor Chuck Chiarello reviewed the meeting held by the County at the Tony Canale Center for the Mayors, Police Chiefs and Fire Chiefs on the proposed Centralized Dispatch Center. Mayor stated the meeting was conducted by County Executive Dennis Levinson and there were still more questions regarding the total cost of the project and cost to municipalities. The Township is satisfied with the service provided by Gloucester County. A resolution is on the agenda to oppose the current proposed plan by the County.

Mayors Report: Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated the Township received a letter from the School Board President and was happy to see the students decorated and the choir attended the tree lighting. The School is moving ahead with the recycling program with clean communities and having a presenter to speak at four assemblies in the schools. There will be a land pattern shift for the Route 54/322 project. The Calendar proof was just received and should be completed by early next week.

Ordinances for Introduction (First Reading):

14-2015 – Capital Ordinance for Improvements; Appropriating \$20,000

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

15-2015 – Amending Township Code Chapter Personnel Policies

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

- Julie Akers questioned the items that were read for Executive Session in Caucus. Township Clerk Lisa Tilton re-read the Executive Session resolution.

Resolutions

307-15 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$908,635.66

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

308-15 – Authorize Committee to go into Executive Session (action maybe taken)

Resolution was adopted during Caucus Meeting of December 14, 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:

- **309-15** – Authorizing Mayor & Clerk to Execute Shared Service Agreement with ACIA
- **310-15** – Authorizing Transfer of Budget Appropriations
- **311-15** – Authorizing Participation in NJ Health Benefits Plan for SHBP Dental Coverage
- **312-15** – Opposing Atlantic County’s Proposal for Removal of Dispatch Services
- **313-15** – Authorizing Listing Agreements with Gazarra Real Estate for Sale of Twp Property
- **314-15** – Authorizing the Issuance of Street Opening Permits to SJ Gas

On a motion of Williams seconded by Armato 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 held an annual meeting with the Municipal Court regarding security. The Township is compliant.

Township Clerk Lisa A. Tilton had no report.

Committee Reports

- Committeeman Armato – Attended the Bus Route Kick-off at the King Center with Rev. Mallory. Richland Vol. Fire Company participated in the Helping People Program with the First Baptist Church.
- Committeeman Williams – Attended the Bus Shuttle Route Kick-off. There needs to be 64 one way trips per day to be successful. The shuttle bus will begin on January 4, 2016.
- Committeeman Martinelli – No report
- Committeewoman Kelly – Attended the same meetings. On NJ News there was a story regarding the service for Verizon Wireless. Individuals with complaints need to call the BPU. A resolution was passed by Hopewell, maybe something for the Township to look into.
- Mayor Chiarello – Also attended the Bus Route Kick-off meeting at the MLK Center. The tower in Milmay has been demolished due to structural issues and will be rebuilt in the near future.

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 Armato and carried.

- Betty Reina questioned resolution 313-15 and how the decision was made to choose Gazzara Real Estate. Mayor stated Gazzara Real Estate has helped the Township previously at no cost and they are located in Buena Vista Township. There is no cost to the Township in these contracts.
- Nick Reina stated he believed the County-wide dispatch was a good idea and suggested inviting county officials to a meeting to explain how the cost was calculated. The Mayor explained how the cost was calculated based on ratables. Mr. Reina stated he did not agree with the how it was calculated.
- Cecil Palmer questioned the electric bills and the amount per month. Mayor stated the bills were for street lights and are paid each month.
- Julie Akers asked if anyone knew what the sign was for at 5-Points for Richland Development. Mayor stated the Township just became aware of the sign over the weekend. Deputy Mayor Teresa Kelly stated she called the number and the gentleman is from New York and looking for a developer to purchase.
- Betty Reina questioned the article written by Michelle Post about commercial development along Route 40 and Route 322 being a major commercial route. Mayor stated Towns along Route 322 like Hammonton are looking for development. The Township is always looking for developers and some places along Route 40 can be developed.

There being no further business on a motion of Armato seconded by Martinelli the meeting was adjourned to at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

/s/ Lisa A. Tilton

/s/ Chuck Chiarello

Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

Mayor Chuck Chiarello