

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MINUTES
December 27, 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 7:41 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 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 Williams the following meeting minutes were approved as received Workshop Meeting, December 5, 2016; Executive Meeting December 5, 2016, Caucus Meeting, December 12, 2016; Regular Meeting, December 12, 2016; Executive Meeting December 12, 2016:

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

Announcements / Presentations / Discussions:

- Committeeman Steve Martinelli announced the Annual Reorganization Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:00pm.
- Tony Monfredo Sr., Richland Volunteer Fire Company, Pastor Ken Albert, Abundant Living Church, Rev. David Mallory, First Baptist Church of Richland and Committeeman John Armato announced the donation of winter jackets to families in need. Approximately 35 jackets were collected and distributed.
- Kristie Knapp, Special Events Coordinator announced the 2017 Miss Buena Pageant will be held on March 5th at Villa Fazzalari. Applications will be available and special events committee will visit the high school. Will also feature the Township's 150 Birthday.
- Richard Calareso, Director of Public Works provided his monthly report.
- Quentin McClendon, Director of King Community Center provided his monthly report.
- David Scheidegg, Township Engineer provided his monthly report.

Mayors Report: Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated the tree project at Saw Mill Park is coming along smoothly. Approximately 65% complete. There also will be white oaks planted and brick pavers that are purchased by the residents installed around the tree when complete. The tree will be dedicated on May 27th. The Township received a nice poster from the students at Milanese School from their field trip visit to the tree to watch the carving. The LED lights by Atlantic City Electric are being installed and should be finished by mid-January. The special edition calendars have started to be delivered; also in the packet is the Route 54/40 schedule, ACUA calendar for recycling, flyer for brick pavers and two-page hometown newsletter.

Ordinances for Public Hearing (First Reading): None

Ordinances for Public Hearing (Second Reading):

37-2016 – Amending Township Code as it Relates to Certain Fees

There was no public comment.

On a motion of Armato seconded by Kelly 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:

271-16 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$1,224,086.38

On a motion of Kelly 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:

- **272-16** – Authorizing the Issuance of Street Opening Permits to SJ Gas
- **273-16** – Authorize Submission of Plan for Drug Alliance Grant for Fiscal Year of 2018
- **274-16** – Authorizing & Providing Incurrence of Indebtness; USDA, Public Works Facility
- **275-16** – Approve Annual Licenses for 2017
- **276-16** – Awarding Quote for Animal Control Services
- **277-16** – Approving Change Order #1 to Arawak Paving on Weymouth-Malaga Phs 3
- **278-16** – Authorizing Transfer of Budget Appropriations

On a motion of Martinelli seconded by Kelly 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.

Township Clerk Lisa A. Tilton provided her monthly report.

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

Mayor Chuck Chiarello announced the Municipal Court merger with Hamilton Township that will begin on January 1, 2017.

Committee Reports

- Committeeman Armato – Attended a drug summit held by Assemblyman Vince Mazzeo. Meet with the Superintendent of the High School to discuss solar and recycling programs. Thanked Rev. Mallory and Pastor Albert for the great work they do in the community.
- Committeeman Williams – Thanked the voters for their support. The LED program is improving the areas within the Township. Attended St. Augustine Prep dedication. Attended music shows for grades 1-3 & 4-5. Attended the meeting with the USDA on the expansion of the public works building. Attended the MLK Christmas party. Provided a reminder of the AA meetings at Our Lady of the Lakes that is held every Monday. Wished everyone a happy new year.
- Committeeman Martinelli – Looking forward to serving another three-years and wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Deputy Mayor Kelly – Thanked all the employees and Township Committee for their hard work and dedication, has been a great team to work with. Attended the Planning Board Meeting, Environmental Meeting and Pinelands Municipal Council Meeting. Brought attention to the issue with Atlantic City and the pilot payments from the casinos, if not received will hurt the county municipalities in 2017. Wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Mayor Chuck Chiarello – The Governor signed the Comar legislation. Teligent has continued in their expansion. Oak Road and Union Road intersection will be paved in the spring and the County will now pave the length of Oak Road to Vineland border.

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 speaker’s time to other attendees. Please step up to the microphone at the appropriate time, and state your name and address for the record.

Julie Akers – Thanked Committee for all they do. Questioned where the Train Road property was located and the size. Township Clerk Lisa Tilton stated it was Paper Street by Eleventh Street and was 4.38 acres. Ms. Akers also questioned the statement on the public works report about the Township taking over 268 Pancoast Mill Road. Mayor Chiarello stated the Township has owned the property through foreclosure for the past 2-years but was just recently able to work with the family in vacating the property and relocating the resident that was there.

Resolutions:

279-16 – Authorize Committee to go into Executive Session (action may be taken)

The Executive Session Resolution was adopted at the Caucus Meeting of December 27, 2016.

There being no further business on a motion of Williams seconded by Martinelli the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lisa A. Tilton

Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

Approved:

/s/ Chuck Chiarello

Mayor Chuck Chiarello