

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MINUTES
December 28, 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 7:43 p.m.

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

Absent: Township Solicitor Jeff April

Also present were: Township Administrator / CMFO Kenia Nunez-Acuna and Township Engineer David Scheidegg

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 Kelly the following meeting minutes were approved as received, Executive Session December 7, 2015, Caucus Meeting December 14, 2015, Regular Meeting, December 14, 2015, and Executive Session December 14, 2015:

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

Announcements / Presentations / Discussions:

- Anthony Robideau, Richland Pizza & Subs provided an update to his business in Richland Village. Also brought free pizzas for the audience and members of staff / Committee.
- Aldo Falasca, Buena Braves Football Team introduced the entire team as Committeeman Steve Martinelli and Committeeman John Williams handed out Making Buena Vista Proud awards for winning the championship. Renese White and Alisa Gonzalez introduced the Buena Cheerleaders and handed out Making Buena Vista Proud awards.
- Miss Buena & her Courts, Special Events thanked the public for their support. Mayor Chuck Chiarello announced that Miss Buena and her Courts will continue to reign for one more year before a new Miss Buena is crowned.

Mayor Chuck Chiarello requested a ten minute break at 8:16 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

- Reverend Mallory, 54/40 Community Shuttle gave an update to the launching of the 54/40 shuttle on January 4, 2016. There will be a ribbon cutting from 11-12 on the 4th at the MLK Center where members of the public are invited and members of the media can ride the shuttle for free. The schedule has been released.
- Mayor Chuck Chiarello provided the report for Public Works. Also stated the Township has decided to end the DRP program due to liability concerns. The Township continues to collect leaves and have continued issues with illegal dumping.
- Quentin McClendon, Director of King Community Center provided his monthly report and upcoming events.
- David Scheidegg, Township Engineer provided his monthly report.

Mayors Report: Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated the Township reorganization meeting will be held on January 4, 2016 at 7pm. The 2016 calendars have been delivered. If anyone from the public received a damaged calendar they can swap it out at the municipal complex. Additional municipalities have opposed the countywide dispatch plan. Additional reports indicate that the County can operate the dispatch center with just half of the municipalities participating.

Ordinances for Introduction (First Reading): None

Ordinances for Public Hearing (Second Reading):

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

There was no public comment.

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

15-2015 – Amending Township Code Chapter Personnel Policies

There was no public comment.

On a motion of Armato seconded by Martinelli 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.

- Julie Akers questioned the invoice for the Elm Group and requested an update on the Post Road water contamination. Mayor Chiarello stated the Elm Group is the environmental engineer and is reviewing the DEP reports and assisting in the application for a loan or grant that the Township can utilize for any costs toward a new water line if needed.

Resolutions

315-15 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$126,131.88

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

316-15 – Authorize Committee to go into Executive Session (action maybe taken)

Resolution was adopted during Caucus Meeting of December 28, 2015.

323-15 – Authorize Deputy Mayor to Execute a Settlement and General Release Agreement in the Litigation Matter of Mosentoff vs. Buena Vista Township, Barber, Harlan, Bylone and Gindhart

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

- **317-15** – Designating Bus Stops along County Roads
- **318-15** – Authorizing Mayor to Execute Proposal for Designation of Bus Stops / State Hwy
- **319-15** – Authorize Submission of Strategic Plan; Municipal Alliance Grant Fiscal Year 2017
- **320-15** – Opposing Verizon Petition Before Board of Public Utilities
- **321-15** – Authorizing the Issuance of Street Opening Permits to SJ Gas
- **322-15** – Authorizing Transfer of Budget Appropriations

On a motion of Kelly seconded by Williams 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 presented her monthly report.

Township Clerk Lisa A. Tilton presented her monthly report.

Committee Reports

- Committeeman Armato – Attended a clean community’s seminar with the children at Milanese School for recycling. Richland Fire Company and East Vineland Fire Company donated \$500 to the family on Vine Road that lost their house due to a fire. Richland Fire Company also donated \$500 to a needy family in Buena Vista. Wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Committeeman Williams – Attended a clean community’s seminar at Collings Lakes School for recycling with Committeeman John Armato. Opposed to centralized dispatch plan by the county as the costs are doubled to the municipality. Wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Committeeman Martinelli – Wished everyone a Happy New Year and a Happy Birthday to his wife.
- Committeewoman Kelly – Attended the same meetings. Wished everyone a Happy New Year and is happy to see the Community Pride back with the appreciation of the Kids at the MLK Center and the different events with Special Events. Thanked the Staff for their hard work this year and through the adversity. Also thanked the Fire and Emergency rescue for their dedication. Also thanked the Mayor for his hard work on the Calendar.
- Mayor Chiarello – Thanked Pamela McDaniels for her hard work on this year’s calendar. Also thanked the advertisers as it has been the biggest year for advertisers. Also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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.

- Julie Akers wished everyone a Happy New Year.

There being no further business on a motion of Williams seconded by Armato the meeting was adjourned to at 9:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

/s/ Lisa A. Tilton

/s/ Chuck Chiarello

Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

Mayor Chuck Chiarello