

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
February 2, 2015

The Regular Meeting of Buena Vista Township Committee was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in Committee Chambers, 890 Harding Highway, Buena, NJ, with Mayor Chuck Chiarello presiding.

Mayor Chiarello called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also present were: Township Administrator / Temp CFO Jody Alessandrine, Township Engineer David Scheidegg, MLK Director Quinton McClendon, Director of Public Works Richard Calareso, 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.

Deputy Mayor Teresa Kelly led the flag salute and Mayor Chuck Chiarello held a moment of silence.

**Approval of Minutes**

- On a motion of Williams, seconded by Kelly the following minutes were approved as received, Caucus December 22, 2014, and Executive Session December 22, 2014):  
(Roll Call Vote: Chiarello, Aye; Kelly, Aye; Martinelli, Aye; Williams, Aye)
- On a motion of Armato, seconded by Williams the following minutes were approved as received, Caucus January 12, 2015, Regular January 12, 2015, Executive Session January 12, 2015, and Emergency January 26, 2015):  
(Roll Call Vote: Armato, Aye; Chiarello, Aye; Kelly, Aye; Martinelli, Aye; Williams, Aye)
- On a motion of Chiarello, seconded by Kelly the following 2013 meeting minutes were approved as received with the following motion statement made by Mayor Chiarello and Deputy Mayor Teresa Kelly: *"We understand we have to approve these minutes, however we object to certain content established by the previous Clerk but will approve these at this point."*

2013 Caucus Meetings: January 14, January 28, February 11, February 25, March 11, April 8, April 22, May 13, May 28, June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22, August 26, and September 9.

2013 Regular Meetings: January 14, January 28, February 11, February 25, March 11, March 25, April 8, April 22, May 13, May 28, June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22, August 26, September 9.

(Roll Call Vote: Chiarello, Aye with objections; Kelly, Aye with objections)

**Announcements / Presentations:**

- Debra Bell, Emergency Management Coordinator provided updated information for the Mitigation Plan. Information for emergency services can be found online at [aclink.org](http://aclink.org) or social media. The School Board is currently interviewing for Superintendent, and working on the 2015 Budget. Working on being able to provide charging station at the MLK center when the Generator is installed in case of emergency.
- Quentin McClendon, Director of King Community Center gave a brief update on the monthly activities and shared his report with Committee.
- Jennifer Ortiz, Network Manager, Western Atlantic Network gave an update on the February events.
- David Scheidegg, Township Engineer provided his monthly report of January with Committee.
- Dolores Comparri, Special Events Chair and Miss Buena Victoria Cox announced the 2015 Miss Buena Pageant. Preparations for the Comedy Show have begun. Easter Egg Hunt will be in April. New event for May is being planned in Richland Village.
- Richard Calareso, Director of Public Works provided his monthly report with Committee.
- Frank X. Balles, Atlantic County Sheriff presented the Economic & Energy Assistance EXPO for Thursday, March 12, 2015 at the Hamilton Mall. Working with Committeeman John Armato on installing a prescription drop off box in the Municipal complex. Provides assistance with those in foreclosures.

**Mayors Report:** Mayor Chuck Chiarello addressed the Atlantic City Tax Situation. A special meeting was held on Martin Luther King Day with the County and Mayors in Atlantic County to discuss the situation in Atlantic City. Multiple programs and PILOT programs were discussed resulting in a potential \$120 million dollar PILOT payment. An Economic summit was held at ACCC where Committeeman John Armato, Committeeman Steve Martinelli, and Mayor attended. Also working on the 2015 Budget. Martinelli and Armato stated they were disappointed the representatives presenting at the Economic summit did not know the Pinelands Commission existed.

**Ordinances for Introduction (First Reading):**

**01-2015** – Amending Township Code Chapter 30 Officers and Employees

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)

**Ordinances for Public Hearing (Second Reading):** None

**Public Comment on Current Agenda Items Only:**

Committeeman 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

The public portion was closed by a motion of Kelly seconded by Williams.

**Resolutions**

**54-15 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$2,846.65**

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, Aye)

**43-15 – Authorize Committee to go into Executive Session (action may be taken)**

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

**Consent Agenda:**

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:**

- **44-15** – Approving Transfer of Budget Appropriations
- **45-15** – Authorizing Submission of Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant
- **46-15** – Changing Petty Cash Monetary Amount in the Township Clerks Office
- **47-15** – Releasing Tax Sale Proceeds to Buena Borough MUA; Block 4001, Lot 11
- **48-15** – Authorizing Approval of Application for Social Affair Permit – GV Chamber of Comm
- **49-15** – Approving Financial Consulting Services as Needed
- **50-15** – Resolution Authorizing the Sustainable Jersey Grant Application
- **51-15** – Authorizing Approval of Application for Social Affair Permit – St. Mary School PTA
- **53-15** – Authorizing the Issuance of Street Opening Permits to SJ Gas Co.
- **55-15** – Resolution Opposing DOT Commissioners Suspension of Local Transportation Aid

On a motion of Williams 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 Jody Alessandrine stated he is working on the 2015 Budget and the yearly financial reports have now all been filed. FEMA money is estimating \$99,000, and the Township will most likely receive the new JIF grant for \$14,500 to \$15,500 that will go towards the security systems in the MLK and Public Works.

Township Clerk Lisa Tilton stated the Township as doubled the revenue for the Dog and Cat Licenses for 2015. All license renewals have been completed for 2014.

**Committee Reports**

- Committeeman Armato –Still working on finalizing the Prescription Drug drop-off box. Attended class in Eatontown for newly elected officials and the three main issues discussed was taxes, OPRA and security.
- Committeeman Williams – Worked on Sustainable Jersey grant application that will help with recycling education in the grade schools. Our lady of the lakes will be conducting fundraisers on Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup>, and March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Committeeman Martinelli – Working on Car Show for May 30<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Helped with Heating and Air Conditioning project in the various offices. Spoke regarding OPRA and the purpose of the all the requests. Thanked Sheriff Balles for his attendance.
- Committeewoman Kelly – Attended the meeting with County and Mayors regarding the Atlantic City Tax situation. Would like to see the ACUA recycling program increased. Attended the MLK Ceremony and mentioned the Mayor has been selected by the NJLOM to do an article on Buena Vista Township’s Calendar.
- Mayor Chiarello – Mentioned the recent articles regarding the Commercial use of OPRA. Township Clerk Tilton elaborated on the NJ Clerks Association piece on NJTV. A change in legislation would need to occur. Had meeting with the Acting School Superintendent regarding concerns and issues.

**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 agreed with the increase for the recycling program. Questioned the invoice on the Jan 26<sup>th</sup> bill list for GCSI security and the QC Testing also on the Jan 26<sup>th</sup> Bill List.
- Frank Mosentoff questioned the status of the drainage issue at Route 40 and Main Avenue. DOT Special project may be needed for that project.

There being no further business on a motion of Williams seconded by Armato the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m. to enter into Executive Session.

Township Committee reconvened into open session at 9:30 p.m.

On a motion of Armato, seconded by William, a minimum bid amount of \$80,000 was set for Resolution 56-2015. (Roll Call Vote: Armato, Aye; Chiarello, Aye; Kelly, Aye, Martinelli, Abstain; Williams, Aye)

**56-15 – Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Township Owned Land**

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, Abstain; Williams, Aye)

There being no further business on a motion of Williams seconded by Kelly the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lisa A. Tilton

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Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

Approved:

/s/ Chuck Chiarello

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Mayor Chuck Chiarello