

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MINUTES  
February 22, 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 7:38 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 Kelly the following meeting minutes were approved as received Caucus Meeting, February 8, 2016; Regular Session February 8, 2016; Executive Meeting, February 8, 2016:

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

**Announcements / Presentations / Discussions:**

- Township Solicitor Eric M. Bernstein administered the Oath of Office to JoAnna Gautier for the MLK Advisory Board.
- Tony Monfredo Sr. and Ron Grattini, Richland Vol. Fire Department thanked the Collings Lakes Lady auxiliary with feeding the firefighters during a fire in January. Thanked the public works department for clearing of the fire houses during the snow storm. In 2011 the firefighters started a program that would help families in the area. All the donations were from fundraisers and firefighters. The annual chicken barbeque is on April 24<sup>th</sup> and Santa will be arriving in December.
- Brenda Phillips, Founder "We Care" / MLK Peer Leadership Group reviewed the program for young ladies and young men. The meetings are every Thursday at the MLK Center from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. The group was founded in 2013 and also participates in community services.
- Tom Reilly, Sr. Public Affairs Manager, Atlantic City Electric provided an update regarding the transmission line project throughout thirteen municipalities in five counties. Residents in the area have been sent letters. Anticipate project completion by 2018.
- Trooper Mark Campagna, New Jersey State Police provided his monthly report.
- 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 based on the Governor's budget address, the state aid will most likely remain flat. There is a special meeting on Thursday at 6pm with the public regarding the Post Road Water Investigation. Inspira Medical Facility had a grand opening and ribbon cutting at 3:00pm. The Annual Easter egg hunt at Michael Debbi Park is March 19<sup>th</sup>. The Easter Egg Express Train will be March 21<sup>st</sup> and the Township Newsletter is just about ready.

**Ordinances for Public Hearing (First Reading):**

**18-2016** – Amending Township Code to Add Chapter 230 – Smoking

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

**Ordinances for Public Hearing (Second Reading):**

**19-2016** – Amending Township Code Chapter 253 – Streets and Sidewalks

There was no public comment.

On a motion of Kelly 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)

**20-2016** – Ordinance to Establish a Cap Bank for Calendar Year 2016

There was no public comment.

On a motion of Kelly 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.

There was no public comment on the resolutions

**Resolutions**

**78-16 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$907,949.25**

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

**79-16 – Authorize Committee to go into Executive Session (action may be taken)**

The Executive Session Resolution was adopted at the Caucus Meeting of February 22, 2016.

**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:**

- **80-16** – Approval of Park Rental Applications for Michael Debbi / Wilder Hines Parks
- **81-16** – Approving Change Order #2 Arawak Paving for 2015 Local Road Program
- **82-16** – Authorizing Purchase of 2016 White Ford Escape

On a motion of Armato 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 stated the Township will have armored car service till the end of the year provided by BB&T Bank.

Township Clerk Lisa A. Tilton stated the clerk's office is processing dog and cat license renewals and preparing the dog clinics.

**Committee Reports**

- Committeeman Armato – Meet with Principal Santoro and the meeting went well; looking to reinstitute the kids serving as a member of committee for the day. Attended the MLK Center where there was an African American Music presentation. Applications for the Honor Flight are in the Township Clerks office and flyers are on the tables in the lobby. The Abundant Living Church will hold the program on drug counseling. Reminder the prescription drug box program.
- Committeeman Williams – Attended the NJLOM Dinner where they discussed the Countywide Assessment system. Attended the Inspira opening at 3:00pm, and Our Lady of the Lakes is holding fish dinners on Fridays.
- Committeeman Martinelli – No report.
- Committeewoman Kelly – Thanked John Armato on the new program for the drug counseling and reminded the public there are also AA Meetings. Attended the NJLOM Dinner with the assessment program being discussed. Attended the Buena Historical Society meeting. Pleased with the \$12,000 grant for the Collings Lakes Nature Trail, and Rev. Mallory African American Day is coming up.
- Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated the Township has received feedback on the shuttle times. Meet with NJ Transit for the extension of the bus line and shelters which could take 6-8 months, and the Richland Village Festival and Parade is coming up in May.

**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 Kelly seconded by Williams and carried.

- Eric Hensel thanked Mayor and Committee for the breakfast tray on the passing of his wife. Asked Township Committee to look into the new bill for minimum wage package in Trenton before taking a position on it. Supported the County Assessment and Evaluation and said it may get properties back on target.

There being no further business on a motion of Williams seconded by Armato the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 pm in order to go back into Executive Session and will come back to public when complete.

Township Committee reconvened the meeting 9:58 p.m.; Township Solicitor Eric M. Bernstein provided a brief synopsis of items covered in Executive Session.

Township Committee added Resolution 83-16 to the agenda.

**Resolutions**

**83-16 – Resolution to Terminate Diane Morgan Effective February 29, 2016**

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

There being no further business on a motion of Armato seconded by Williams the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 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