

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MINUTES
February 23, 2015

The Regular Meeting of Buena Vista Township Committee was held on the above date at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference 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: None

Also present were: Township Administrator / Acting CFO Jody Alessandrine, Township Engineer David Scheidegg, 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 Martinelli, seconded by Williams the following meeting minutes were approved as received, Caucus Meeting February 9, 2015, Regular Meeting February 9, 2015, and Special Meeting February 10, 2015:

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

Announcements / Presentations:

- Patti Thorne, FFA Advisor – Presentations were made to the students who placed in the Flower Shower for the Agriculture Education.
- Alice Reiser, Friends of Joey Reiser Foundation – Announced the Friends of Joey Reiser Foundation Dinner to be held on April 25, 2015 at 7PM at the Estate of Monroe in Williamstown.
- Sgt. Edward Robertson, NJ State Police Assistant Station Commander provided Committee with the monthly statistic for January and provided an update regarding the repairs on the bridge in Folsom.
- Dolores Comparri, Special Events Chair, gave a brief update on the Special Events Miss Buena and the Comedy Show that tickets are on sale. Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 28, 2015.
- Jennifer Ortiz, Network Manager, Western Atlantic Network provided the upcoming activities for the month of March.
- David Scheidegg, Township Engineer provided his monthly report of January with Committee.

Mayors Report: The Mayor stated several members of committee meet with the Acting Superintendent of Schools to discuss various concerns. ACUA will be mailing out flyers regarding recycling program. The spring edition of the newsletter is complete and ready for mailing. The website is up and running, a couple things still need to be completed.

Ordinances for Introduction (First Reading): None

Ordinances for Public Hearing (Second Reading):

01-2015 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 30 Officers and Employees

No Public Comment

On a motion of Armato 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)

02-2015 – Ordinance to Establish a Cap Bank for Calendar Year 2015

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)

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 Martinelli seconded by Williams.

Resolutions

61-15 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$1,844,663.34

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)

62-15 – Authorize Committee to go into Executive Session (action may be taken)

Was acted upon in Caucus Meeting on February 23, 2015

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:

- **63-15** – Authorizing the Issuance of Street Opening Permits to SJ Gas Co.
- **64-15** – Authorizing the Issuance of Park Rental Permits to Various Sports Teams
- **65-15** – Waiving Related Fees for use of Township Baseball/Softball Fields
- **66-15** – Approving Transfer of Budget Appropriations
- **67-15** – Authorize Purchase Under State Contract for a 2015 Ford F350
- **68-15** – Authorize Purchase Under State Contract for a 2015 Ford F350 w/Lift Gate

On a motion of Williams seconded by Martinelli 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 the Assessor has completed her portion required for the updates to the Tax Maps and has sent the information to the Engineer. The reimbursement for the MLK roof has been received. Continuously working on the Capital projects for 2015. Attended quarterly Insurance Meeting with the JIF. Thanked Public Works for their job on clearing the Ice and Snow from the storms.

Township Clerk Lisa Tilton advised of the Dog Clinics in March 2015. Also provided committee with the January report for the Clerks Office.

Committee Reports

- Committeeman Armato – Thanked the Road Department for their job well done on the Snow Storms. Still working on finalizing the Prescription Drug drop-off box and the new flag box has been installed in the Complex in front of the Clerks window. Winslow High School is working on a Veterans program called honor flight. Sat down with the acting superintendent regarding issues or potential shared services. Working with the schools on a Veterans Day and Memorial Day event. Attended a conference on Police and Police Shootings. Working with St. Augustine Prep on honoring Veterans.
- Committeeman Williams – Provided an update with Church events. Attending a conference with the NJLOM for County Assessment program that will allow towns to maintain their local assessor. Environmental Committee will be at the local events in Buena Vista including the Easter Egg Hunt. Also attended the Township Officials Meeting.
- Committeeman Martinelli – None
- Committeewoman Kelly – Attended the Pinelands Municipal Council and Planning Board Meeting. There also is a catastrophic fund that those in need can contact the State and receive assistance.
- Mayor Chiarello – Planning Board approved a new Inspira Medical Center that will be located at the old Buena Tavern. The Zoning Board approved a 50-acre Solar Farm that will be located on Vine Road. Attending a two-day conference for Creative New Jersey in Atlantic City.

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.

- Marry Motter stated the Environmental Commission will have an Earth Day table at the Easter Egg Hunt event and will be providing the items needed for making Pine Cone bird feeders.

There being no further business on a motion of Williams seconded by Armato the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lisa A. Tilton

Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

Approved:

/s/ Chuck Chiarello

Mayor Chuck Chiarello