BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
CAUCUS MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014

A Caucus Meeting of the Township Committee of Buena Vista Township was called to order by Mayor Chiarello at 7:04 p.m. on the above mentioned date at the Municipal Building, 890 Harding Highway, Buena, New Jersey.

Statement of the Open Public Meetings Act Compliance: Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Mayor Chiarello announced that public notice of this meeting was provided by an annual notice sent to The Press of Atlantic City, The Daily Journal and posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building. All requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met for this meeting in compliance with the Sunshine Law.

The following roll call was recorded: PRESENT: Ms. Barber, Mr. Martinelli, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Chiarello. ABSENT: Ms. Kelly

Mayor Chiarello announced that Deputy Mayor Kelly will be arriving soon.

Mayor Chiarello advised that the flag salute would be led during the Regular Meeting.

Mayor Chiarello announced the following are a preliminary to the Regular Meeting for the Township Committee for review, discussion and any questions they may have.

ITEM NO. 1.
PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR 8:00 P.M. / ORDINANCE NO. 4 - 2014
(ESTABLISHES WAGE AND SALARY RANGE FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING CENTER DIRECTOR)
Mayor Chiarello indicated that the salary range for the position is scheduled for a second reading and final passage.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
ORDINANCE

- INTRODUCTION TO ORDINANCE NO. 8 - 2014 GRANTING RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO COMCAST OF SOUTH JERSEY, LLC TO CONSTRUCT, CONNECT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY *(FRANCHISE RENEWAL CONTRACT)*

Mayor Chiarello announced on the renewal of the Comcast franchise cable agreement. The municipality and Comcast have been in negotiations on said matter since last year. Buena Vista Township is ready to grant Comcast its renewal of its non-exclusive municipal consent to construct, connect, maintain in the Township of Buena Vista a cable television and communication system. The duration of the franchise is 15 years. Mayor Chiarello indicated that upon receipt of the Renewal Certificate of Approval by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, Comcast shall provide cable service to an extent on Pancoast Mill Road.

A subcommittee or designated representative of the Buena Vista Township Committee will meet once every even numbered year in the month of January during the initial term of the franchise to discuss the possibilities of extending cable service into non-serviced areas of the municipality.

The Township of Buena Vista will also receive a one time technology grant in the amount of $20,000.00. Said grant indicated to serve as meeting the technology and or cable related needs of the community.

Deputy Mayor Kelly arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Chiarello announced the following resolutions are a preliminary to the Regular Meeting for the Township Committee to review, discuss and if they have any questions.

Township Engineer Scheidegg arrived at 7:05 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

- AUTHORIZATION TO REFUND TAX PAYMENT FOR BLOCK 219, LOT 2 KNOWN AS 202 WAYNE AVENUE
- ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR TO THE GREATER VINELAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
- ISSUANCE OF RAFFLE LICENSES TO ST. MARY'S REGIONAL SCHOOL GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION
- ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMITS TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY
- AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE PERFORMANCE SURETY BOND FOR STREET OPENING PERMIT NO. 55 - 2013

- AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS
- AUTHORIZATION FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION
- OPPOSING THE PRIVATIZATION OF SCHOOL CAFETERIAS IN THE BUENA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (Mayor Chiarello announced that the Township Committee supported and adopted a resolution in opposition last year. The privatization is back on the table as a result of the new school board administration).

ITEM NO. 2.
MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS
RECREATION COMMITTEE
(SEE ATTACHED LISTING - NEW MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES ARE IN BOLD)
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION/CLEAN COMMUNITIES/SUSTAINABLE JEREY
(SEE ATTACHED LISTING - NEW MEMBER IN BOLD)
Mayor Chiarello announced as a result of resignation notices received, he will be appointing members to fill those slots accordingly.

ITEM NO. 3.
REVIEW
BILL LIST PROVIDED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
The Township Committee reviewed the bill list. There were no objections to the bill list.

ITEM NO. 4.
REVIEW
REGULAR / CLOSED SESSION AGENDAS
The Township Committee reviewed the Regular and Closed Session Agendas. The Township Solicitor requested an item be added to tonight's Closed Session if there were no objections from the governing body to discuss the following matter:
CITIMORTGAGE, INC., (PLAINTIFF), VS. ANTHONY PASSALACQUA AND SHIRELY PASSALACQUA A/K/A SHIRLEY A. PASSALACQUA, ET AL AND BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP (DEFENDANTS)
There were no objections from the governing body. Said item was added to the Closed Session for discussion tonight.

There being no further business, Mayor Chiarello asked for a motion to enter into Closed Session. Ms. Kelly moved and Mr. Martinelli seconded the motion. The above mentioned motion was unanimously passed.

Mayor Chiarello asked for a motion to adjourn the Caucus Meeting. Mr. Williams moved and Mr. Martinelli seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The above mentioned motion was unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Gonzales
Township Clerk