

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP  
CAUCUS MINUTES  
February 9, 2015

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

Mayor Chiarello called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Absent:

Also present were: Township Administrator / Temp. CFO Jody Alessandrine, Township Auditor Michael Garcia, 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.

**Discussions:**

Mayor Chiarello reviewed the February 9, 2015 Regular Meeting Agenda.

**2015 Budget Presentation:**

Auditor Michael Garcia presented the 2015 Budget to Township Committee. The anticipation of adoption of the budget will be on March 9, 2015. The budget in a whole has decreased \$377,443.37. There is \$144,000 less in the budget as revenue due to grants. A \$72,000 emergency bond has been paid off and \$132,000 less in Capital spending. The tax levy in 2015 is \$2,563,960.52 and in 2014 the tax levy was \$2,571,128.54. The tax rate for 2015 will be 39.4 cents, same as in 2014.

2015 the Township will be \$181,000 below the levy cap and \$560,000 below the 3.5 spending cap. The debt levy is \$431,500. There is no increase scheduled for the 2015 budget, it will remain flat.

The Township will see an increase in the Pension bill by \$21,000. Contractual increases and 2% increase for payroll is anticipated in the 2015 budget. The Municipal Energy receipt tax will remain the same.

There is \$662,081.19 in the Fund balance, of that \$400,000 is used to balance the budget. With the FEMA reimbursement and Landsales already completed half of the fund balance is anticipated to be replenished already.

Pending any amendments, the Budget is anticipated to be adopted after the hearing on March 9, 2015.

There being no further business on a motion of Armato seconded by Williams and carried the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 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