

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MINUTES
January 12, 2015

The Regular Meeting of Buena Vista Township Committee was held on the above date at 7:30 p.m. in Committee Chambers, 890 Harding Highway, Buena, NJ, with Mayor Chuck Chiarello presiding.

Mayor Chiarello called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also present were: Township Administrator / 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 and held a moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion of Williams, seconded by Martinelli the Regular meeting minutes of December 22, 2014 were approved as received:

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

On a motion of Williams, seconded by Martinelli the Reorganization meeting minutes of January 5, 2015 were approved as received:

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

Announcements / Presentations:

- DEP – Electronic Waste Management Changes, Yard Waste Pickup – Mayor Chiarello announced the DEP is changing some of the requirements for Electronic Waste including no longer accepting printers as electronic waste. More updates will be forthcoming.
- Atlantic County Tax Quarterly Payments - Mayor Chiarello announced the County taxes will now be done electronically and by taking part of that program the Township will eliminate the interest required to pay on late payments.
- ACUA – Additional Yard Waste Collections July & August (1,463.38 x 2) – Mayor Chiarello requested Committee thoughts on adding two additional Yard Waste Pick-ups for July and August. Committee agreed with the addition.

Mayors Report: None

Ordinances for Introduction (First Reading): None

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.

- Nick Reina questioned the \$644 bill to the New Jersey League of Municipalities.
- Julie Akers questioned the salaries not listed on the bill list and requested a summary sheet going forward.
- Betty Reina questioned the Atlantic City Electric bills and Electric bill for Cains Mill Road.

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

Resolutions

35-15 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$198,005.63

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

36-15 – Authorize Committee to go into Executive Session (action may be taken)

On a motion of Martinelli seconded by Williams 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:

- **37-15** – Approving Transfer of Budget Appropriations
- **38-15** – Authorizing the Issuance of Street Opening Permits to SJ Gas Co.
- **39-15** – Asking the State Legislature to Work with BVT and Atl. County in Any Enactment of Proposed Casino Gambling Properties Tax Relief Legislation and the Opposition to the Current Proposed Bills
- **40-15** – Placement of Lien on 507 Cushman Avenue for Maintenance Performed

On a motion of Armato 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 Clerk Lisa Tilton stated that the first phase of the attic clean-up has been completed. Additional work will be scheduled for additional organization of the attic. Thanked the volunteers and committee for allowing the time for clean-up.

Township Administrator Jody Alessandrine stated he is working on the 2015 Budget and the yearly financial reports should be completed ahead of schedule.

Committee Reports

- Committeeman Armato – Found an American Flag in the trash, advised residents to dispose of flags properly. There is a drop-off at the Post Office. Still working on finalizing the Prescription Drug drop-off box.
- Committeeman Williams – Thanked Committee for having Resolution 39-15 on the Agenda.
- Committeeman Martinelli – None
- Committeewoman Kelly - None

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.

- Sue Barber thanked Township Administrator Jody Alessandrine for his hard work and wished him luck in his future endeavors.
- Julie Akers requested the status of the Township website and questioned why the Township has a hard time keeping an Administrator. Also requested the status of the Green Acres Application.
- Nick Reina questioned the bill for Committee for a party at Martins in Buena Borough.

There being no further business on a motion of Williams seconded by Armato the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. to enter into Executive Session.

Township Committee reconvened into open session at 9:06 p.m.

On a motion of Williams, seconded by Armato, Resolution 41-15 was added to the agenda.

41-15 – Resolution appointing Mary McRae as Clerk Typist

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, Aye; Williams, Aye)

There being no further business on a motion of Williams seconded by Kelly the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

/s/ Lisa A. Tilton
Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

/s/ Chuck Chiarello
Mayor Chuck Chiarello