

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MINUTES
January 13, 2014

The Regular Meeting of Buena Vista Township Committee was held on the above date at 8:00 p.m. in Committee Chambers, 890 Harding Highway, Buena, NJ, with Mayor Chuck Chiarello presiding.

Mayor Chiarello called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

Mayor Chiarello read the following announcement: On January 7, 2014, 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.

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

Absent: None

Also present were: Township Administrator / CMFO Susan Quinones, and Township Clerk Linda Gonzales

Mayor Chiarello led the flag salute.

Mayor Chiarello stated the Caucus Meetings and Workshop Meetings will begin to be held in Council Chambers and Executive Sessions in the Conference Room. A Public Comment has been added to the agenda for agenda items only and then a separate public comment at the end of the meeting.

Ordinances for Introduction (First Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 1 – 2014 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BUENA VISTA, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REVOKING AND RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 7 – 2013

Committeewoman Barber asked if the Ordinance was allowed to be revoked that was approved by a previous administration. Committeewoman Barber also asked if the hearing can be on TV night.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2 – 2014

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BUENA VISTA, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REVOKING AND RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 8 - 2013

Committeewoman Barber requested the Ordinance Hearing to be on TV Night. Additional questions from unidentified audience members requesting what the ordinance entailed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3 – 2014

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK CALENDAR YEAR 2014 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

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

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 28 - 2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BUENA VISTA, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REVOKING AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 76 - 2013

Committeewoman Barber stated the resolution was initially put into place because the Township was losing five different employees.

Public Comment:

- Unidentified resident requested what the reason was for a resolution to be replaced.
- Fred Akers requested the difference of ordinance where employees had expirations
- Nick Reina requested who the employees report to.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 29 - 2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BUENA VISTA, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REVOKING AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 263 – 2013

Public Comment:

- Unidentified resident requested clarification regarding the prior administrations adoption of the resolution that is now being rescinded.
- Julie Akers stated the Block and Lot on the resolution are incorrect. There are problems with the properties especially with dilution and a valid deed restriction.
- Unidentified resident stated issue with sawmill park.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 30 - 2014

A RESOLUTION REVOKING AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2 - 2013 AND ADOPTING PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

Committeewoman Barber questioned if it is proper to have the Clerk modify and edit the minutes after the minutes were approved.

Mayor Chiarello stated that previous minutes were being modified by the Solicitor to exclude dialogue that was said at a meeting, and this resolution will eliminate that and allow the Clerk to produce the minutes for committee approval.

Mr. April stated the Clerk determines what is placed in the minutes and Committee reviews and approves the minutes.

Committeewoman Kelly stated the minutes will be placed on the website.

Public Comment:

- Mr. Fleming asked if a statement can be added to the minutes.
- Nick Reina stated according to Roberts Rules, it should be what was done, not what was said.
- Mr. Lentz stated Roberts Rules have been around too long and they are too old.
- Mr. Akers commends Committee on adding comment for agenda items. Still would like to see comment at the end of the Planning Board meetings.
- Julie Akers, public comment should be 4-minutes and commend the Township for putting the agenda on the website.

Township Administrator Susan Quinones stated the Township is looking into software that will be more interactive and allow the agenda, resolution, and ordinances to be published.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 31 - 2014

A RESOLUTION GRANTING STATEWIDE INSURANCE TO PROCEED WITH MOLD REMEDIATION AT 1260 HARDING HIGHWAY - AKA - THE BLUE HOUSE

Public Comment:

- Nick Reina asked what happens if it exceeds the amount of the \$60,000.
- Tony Cinnotti stated the mold will come back after the remediation if the building stays vacant.
- Charles Jost couldn't sell at \$40,000, take the money and tear it down.
- Don Lentz questioned what the building was purchased for.
- Mr. Orlandini questioned purchasing on properties higher than assessed values.
- Julie Akers questioned if there were any appraisals done on the properties that were purchased.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 32 - 2014

A RESOLUTION OF BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMITS TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY PERMIT NO. 61 – 2013, PERMIT NO. 1 - 2014, PERMIT NO. 2 - 2014

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

RESOLUTION NO. 33 - 2014

A RESOLUTION OF BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$132,577.78

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

RESOLUTION NO. 34 - 2014

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNDER N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7), and N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b)(8)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 35 - 2014

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR AND APPOINTING AN ACTING MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR

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

Old Business: None

New Business: Mayor stated he would like to see the Township put out a proposal for Grant Consultant and proposal for Labor Counsel.

RESOLUTION NO. 36 - 2014

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF A LABOR COUNSEL AND A GRANT CONSULTANT

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

Township Clerk Linda Gonzales read the announcements

Committee Reports

- Committeewoman Barber stated it was a rewarding year.
- Committeeman Williams stated he was please Rev. Mallory brought the idea of the shuttle to Committee.
- Committeeman Martinelli stated no report.
- Committeewoman Kelly stated Saturday night at The Rail there is a fundraiser for the Adair family. Flu shots and Pnemonia shots are being provided by the County.

Mayors Report

- Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated a subcommittee with be meeting with the Pinelands Committee to address several outstanding issues. Meeting was held with the two engineers on the status of projects. New administrative employee is updating the website and is also the Planning / Zoning Board Secretary. Various committees will begin to meet.

Administrative Reports

- Township Administrator Susan Quinones is working on FEMA with the storm clean-up.
- Township Clerk Linda Gonzales stated the contracts for the NJDOT phase two will be delivered by the Engineer.

Public Comment

Public Comment was opened by a motion of Barber seconded by Williams and carried.

- David Fleming requested what the new clerk typist position is doing.
- Betty Reina read a statement into the record.

- Katie Farroy requested if the positions were advertised.
- Fred Akers stated the Pinelands Commission passed an application for Buena Vista for improvements at the MLK Center.
- Don Lentz commented regarding transportation from Hammonton.
- Betty Merighi made a statement about the Richland Village redevelopment.

Public Comment was closed by a motion of Williams seconded by Martinelli and carried.

There being no further business on a motion of Williams seconded by Martinelli the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

Mayor Chuck Chiarello