BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
CAUCUS MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 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 at 890 Harding Highway, Buena, New Jersey.

Statement of 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, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Martinelli, Mr. Williams and Mr. Chiarello. ABSENT: None

Also present were Township Administrator/CMFO Quinones, Township Solicitor April and Township Clerk Gonzales.

Mayor Chiarello announced the following proposed ordinances and resolutions as a preliminary review and for discussion prior to the Regular Meeting.

ITEM NO. 1.
REVIEW / DISCUSSION
PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

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

Said ordinance is being introduced tonight to revoke and rescind Ordinance No. 7 - 2013. This to reinstate the policies and procedures previously in place and established by Section 36 - 2 of the Code of Buena Vista set in Ordinance No. 185 - 1984.

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

Said ordinance is being introduced tonight to revoke and rescind Ordinance No. 8 - 2013. Ordinance No. 8 -2013 rescinded Ordinances No. 4-2006 and 9-2006 which established the said Redevelopment Plan. This ordinance being introduced re-establishes the Redevelopment Plan which identified an area in Richland Village known as the Richland Village Redevelopment Area.

C. 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)

Said ordinance is being introduced tonight. The Township Administrator/CMFO indicated that the COLA for CY 2014 budgets are calculated at .5%. which is less than the statutory maximum of 2.5%. The governing body may pass a COLA ordinance increasing the cap base to 3.5%. or bank for up to two years. She indicated that the difference between its final appropriation subject to the cap and 3.5%. Cap bank balances from 2012 and 2013 are available for use in 2014 and further that cap banking is not automatic.

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

Said resolution revokes and rescinds Resolution No. 76 - 2013. This reverts to the policies and procedures to the Administration of the Township that which was in place prior to April 8, 2013.

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

Said resolution revokes and rescinds Resolution No. 263 - 2013. This relates to the use of Block 4528, Lot 12 indicated that the matter should have been governed as set by the zoning laws of the Township of Buena Vista and any actions are taken by the consolidated Planning/Zoning Board.

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

Said resolution revokes and rescinds Resolution No. 2 - 2013. The Township Solicitor indicated that this sets procedures for the conduct of Public Meetings under the OPMA. Mr. April indicated that all public meetings in the Township shall end by 11:00 p.m. since it has been judicially determined that actions taken by a public body after 11:00 p.m. is voidable due to fatigue. The meeting is to be adjourned at 11:00 p.m. and take the matter off where you left off at the next meeting.

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

The Township filed a claim to Statewide Insurance for loss to the building and received an estimate. This resolution authorizes to proceed with the mold remediation of the blue house.

H. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMITS TO SJGC
Said resolution authorizes the issuance of street opening permits to South Jersey Gas Company.

I. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS
Said resolution authorizes the payment of bills presented by the Chief Financial Officer.

J. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION
Said resolution authorizes a Closed Session not open to the public to discuss personnel matters and potential legal matters under the Attorney-Client Privilege as indicated in Resolution No. 34 - 2014.

K. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR AND APPOINTING AN ACTING MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR
Said resolution to accept the resignation of the Municipal Prosecutor and the appointment of an Acting Municipal Prosecutor. Jeff Waldman has been nominated as Superior Court Judge. The Township Solicitor indicated that a Municipal Prosecutor cannot serve in that capacity once you are nominated for Superior Court Judge. The candidate to fill in as Acting Municipal Court Judge is Jim Shroeder who meets the criteria for the position of a Municipal Prosecutor. Mr. Schroeder will serve pending the receipt of Request for Proposals for a Municipal Prosecutor.

ITEM NO. 2.
APPLICATION FOR USE OF KING COMMUNITY CENTER
APPLICANT: THE SENIORS OF NEWTONVILLE
DATE: JANUARY 20, 2014 FROM 12:00 NOON TO 7:00 P.M.
PURPOSE: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
Said application was approved on a motion made by Ms. Kelly seconded by Mr. Martinelli to approve and waive all applicable fees. The above mentioned motion was voted in the affirmative by all members.

ITEM NO. 3.
DISCUSSIONS
A. NEWTONVILLE ELECTION POLLING PLACE RELOCATION
Mayor Chiarello indicated that this discussion is being brought up to obtain feedback from the governing body on a request made to relocate the polling place from District No. 3 known as Newtonville Election Polling Place to the Martin Luther King Community Center. Upon the discussion, it was suggested that the Township Clerk contact the Fire Commission and Fire Chief to attend the next scheduled Workshop Meeting for further discussion.

B. TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE / DAVID V. MALLORY
Rev. Mallory presented the Township Committee an update on the Transportation Initiative that has been pursued for the past couple of years. Its priority is a need to provide Western Atlantic County Transportation Initiative services in Atlantic County as there seems an absence in transportation in this end of the County. Rev. Mallory summarized the developments and the support that is needed to help with this transportation initiative program such as passenger vehicles that will be the Route 54/Route 40 Shuttle that will circulate from Hammonton to Richland bus/train terminals. He also indicated that there local transportation committee has ascertained volunteers who would be driving the passenger vans to transport people to the shuttle stops. Upon further discussion, it was suggested that Rev. Mallory contact the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders to meet with the Township Committee to discuss the matter further at a future Workshop Meeting as the Township is in support in assisting with this transportation initiative. There being no further comment or discussion, the Township Committee thanked Rev. Mallory for the update and looking forward to hearing further developments. The Transportation Initiative is under the Pascale Sykes Foundation and Atlantic County.

C. BUENA VISTA CAMPGROUND PAD FEES
A discussion was held regarding correspondence that the Township received from the Buena Vista Campground to reconsider the pad fees for the campground. It was indicated that the occupancy sites at the campground have been very low. The Township Solicitor indicated that these fees from his understanding have been in place for quite a period of time and are set by ordinance. The municipality has a right to set those fees in lieu of taxes. It was further indicated that their occupancy level is not the Township's concern. During the discussion, it was suggested that we reach out to the person who sent the correspondence to the Township to meet with our Township Administrator to ascertain their request and report back to the Township Solicitor and Township Committee.

D. LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR
Letter received by the Township Committee from the Municipal Prosecutor. The resignation was explained under the proposed resolutions portion tonight.

E. AUTHORIZATION FOR SOLICITATION OF RFP'S FOR MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR
To obtain authorization for the solicitation of Request for Proposals for the position of Municipal Prosecutor.

ITEM NO. 4.
REVIEW
BILL LIST PROVIDED BY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
The bill list provided by the Chief Financial Officer was reviewed. There were no objections.

ITEM NO. 5.
REVIEW
REGULAR / CLOSED SESSION AGENDAS
The agendas for the Regular and Closed Session were reviewed. There were no objections.

There being no further business, Mayor Chiarello asked for a motion to adjourn the Caucus Meeting. Ms. Barber moved and Mr. Williams seconded the motion to adjourn. All committee members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk