

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MINUTES
January 25, 2016

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

Mayor Chiarello called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

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

Absent:

Also present were: Township Administrator / CMFO Kenia Nunez-Acuna and Solicitor Dominic DiYanni, Esq.

Mayor Chiarello read the following announcement: On January 5, 2016, 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.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion of Martinelli, seconded by Williams the following meeting minutes were approved as received Caucus Meeting, December 28, 2015; Executive Session December 28, 2015; Reorganization Meeting January 4, 2016; Caucus Meeting, January 11, 2016; Regular Meeting, January 11, 2016:

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

Announcements / Presentations / Discussions:

- “Making Buena Vista Proud” Certificates to BVT Public Works Employees, Committeeman John Armato presented the employees of the public works department a certificate for the hard work and dedicated work performed during the Blizzard of 2016 storm “Jonas”. Employees present were Soren Hudyma, Alan Bourgojn, Chuck Henrichsen, Steve Priest and Anthony Merlino. Public Work Director Richard Calareso also was presented with a certificate of appreciation.

Resolutions:

54-16 – Proclaiming January 2016 as School Board Recognition Month

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

Announcements / Presentations / Discussions:

- Debbie Bell, Buena Regional School District thanked Township Committee for the resolutions recognition of School Board Month. The school board would like to reinstate the program of a student to serve on Committee for the day. The schools will have a 2-hour delay due to the snow. She also thanked the work of the public works department on the roads for the snow removal. Mrs. Bell also spoke in regards to the storm damage and indicated that estimates need to be calculated for the County and that there would be claims on the activities of the Storm. Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated there was about \$50,000 worth of time and supplies spent for the storm.

Ordinances for Introduction (First Reading):

17-2016 Amending Township Code Chapter 74 - Animals

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

Announcements / Presentations / Discussions:

- Dr. Nick Holland, Linda Gentile, and Rob Beach of Shore Animal Control introduced their company to the public. Shore Animal Control is contracted for 2016 as the Township’s Animal Control. They predominately serve Cape May County and a couple of Atlantic County municipalities. The website is shoreanimalcontrol.com. They are also located on facebook and requested the Township link their website and facebook to the Township’s website. Thanked Public works for being vigilant in keeping an eye on properties for outdoor dogs in need. Ms. Gentile encouraged newsletter and press releases on the new ordinance be done and would like to complete a dog census. Would be interested in coming back at a future meeting. Thanked the staff of the Clerk’s office for being responsive and reporting issues with the dogs.
- Trooper Mark Campagna, New Jersey State Police provided his monthly report for the month of December.
- Richard Calareso, Director of Public Works provided his report for the month of Dec-Jan. Also thanked the public works employees for the dedication they had during the Blizzard.
- Mayor Chuck Chiarello provided the report for the MLK Director.
- David Scheidegg, Township Engineer provided his report to the Township Committee.

Mayors Report: Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated an article was printed in the daily journal regarding the overall tax increases in Atlantic and Cumberland County. Buena Vista is listed with a zero tax increase. Deputy Mayor Teresa Kelly reported the Township Committee held a dedication for the late Mrs. Corbitt. The Community room at the

MLK Center was renamed to the Mrs. Roberta Corbitt room. Mayor Chiarello stated the Seniors of Newtonville have selected a new president.

Ordinances for Public Hearing (Second Reading):

16-2016 - Sale of Public Land

There was no public comment.

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

Public Comment on Current Agenda Items Only:

Committeeman Steve 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.

- Carolyn Vinci – Thanked Township Committee for hiring Shore Animal Control and for introducing the ordinance on the animals.

No public comment on the resolutions.

Resolutions

51-16 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$1,042,832.79

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

52-16 – Authorize Committee to go into Executive Session (action may be taken)

The Executive Session Resolution was adopted at the Caucus Meeting of January 25, 2016.

Consent Agenda:

Committeeman Steve Martinelli read the 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:

- **53-16** – Appointing Triad Associates as Township Grant Consultant
- **55-16** – Appointing Timothy Hoffman Inc. as Appraiser for Certain Tax Appeals
- **56-16** – Authorizing Withdraw of \$300 for Petty Cash for 2016 Dog Clinics
- **57-16** – Refunding Payment to CODE Green
- **58-16** – Authorize Mayor to Execute ACIA Memorandum of Understanding for CDBG Grant
- **59-16** – Authorize Mayor to Execute Rider to Shared Service Agreement with ACUA

On a motion of Kelly seconded by Armato 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 Administrator Kenia Nunez-Acuna provided her report to the Township Committee regarding new dental cards for the employees; the Township auditors have begun their review and the Tax Sale went well for the Township.

Township Clerk Lisa A. Tilton stated the clerk's office is processing dog and cat license renewals and preparing the dog clinics.

Committee Reports

- Committeeman Armato – Attended the Municipal Alliance meeting and looking to begin new alcohol and drug abuse programs. Working on the recycling program with the schools and the student participation with the Township Officials. Monitoring a bill that was introduced by Assemblyman Mazzeo that would supply Narcon to EMS and Fire personnel.
- Committeeman Williams – Working with the 54/40 Shuttle program. Offered kind words in regards to the dedication of the MLK room to Mrs. Roberta Corbitt stated she will be missed. Attended the NJLOM meeting where centralized dispatching was again a topic of discussion. The Environmental Commission attended a webinar for Sustainable Jersey and obtaining the Silver designation. Applied for a grant for a revitalization of the nature trails for Michael Debbi Park. The grant is approximately \$1,500. Working with Committeeman John Armato on the school recycling program.
- Committeeman Martinelli – Stated he was disappointed since December in regards to the generator at the King Center. Still waiting for the company to come and start the generator for the inspectors. The Township is not able to do it or it will void the warranty. Stated the County continues to use scare tactics in regards to the Centralized Dispatching.
- Committeewoman Kelly – Attended the Municipal Alliance meeting and stated Committeeman John Armato as chairman has brought new ideas. Attended Environmental Committee meeting and the NJLOM meeting

where a presentation on active shooter response was given. There is a meeting scheduled at Stockton in the next couple weeks on the centralized dispatching. The Township is now part of the abandoned property program with the County and there are over 7,000 foreclosures in Atlantic County.

- Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated the Governor did not sign the PILOT bill which leaves the State to takeover Atlantic City. There was an article written by Michele Post about the Hamilton Township dispatch center and an article in the previous week on Gloucester County Dispatch Center. Someone ran into the sign at Quigley Park and the sign will have to be repaired. The Township received a letter from the NJ State BPU acknowledging receipt of the resolution the Township Committee passed on the Verizon request.

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 Kelly seconded by Williams and carried.

- Julie Akers stated the Public Works crew did a great job in the storm and questioned when the preliminary budget will be ready. Township Administrator Kenia Nunez-Acuna stated the Township will likely have ready for the February 8, 2016 meeting. Mayor Chuck Chiarello requested Mike Garcia be available for the Workshop meeting to go over the budget and the Township still had time to introduce the budget after February 8th.

There being no further business on a motion of Armato seconded by Williams the meeting was adjourned to at 9:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lisa A. Tilton

Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

Approved:

/s/ Chuck Chiarello

Mayor Chuck Chiarello