

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014
7:00 P.M.

A Caucus Meeting of the Township of Buena Vista Township was called to order by Mayor Chiarello at 7:11 p.m. on the above mentioned date at the Municipal Building, 890 Harding Highway, Buena, New Jersey.

Statement of the 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 staff members: Township Administrator/CMFO Quinones, Township Solicitor April Township Clerk Gonzales and Township Engineer Scheidegg.

Mayor Chiarello announced that the flag salute would be led during the Regular Meeting.

Mayor Chiarello announced the following proposed ordinances and resolutions are an overview of items for the Regular Meeting.

ITEM NO. 1.

DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

- INTRODUCTION TO ORDINANCE NO. 4 - 2014
AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND ESTABLISHING WAGES AND SALARY RANGES OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY - MARTIN LUTHER KING CENTER DIRECTOR
The introduction to Ordinance No. 4 - 2014 is to add the position of the MLK King Center Director to our wage and salary ordinance and also an adjustment to the minimum wage as accordingly established by law.
- A RESOLUTION CANCELLING RESOLUTION NO. 256 - 2013 AUTHORIZING REMINGTON VERNICK & WALBERG ENGINEERS, LLC TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE PINELANDS COMMISSION NOT TO EXCEED \$21,700.00
The cancellation of Resolution No. 256 - 2013 relates to the cancelation of work that was not started by the former Township Engineer Remington Vernick & Walberg Engineers that will be transferred to the new Township Engineer David S. Scheidegg, Schaeffer Nassar & Scheidegg Engineers, LLC not to exceed \$21,700.00
- A POTENTIAL RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF TOLL ROAD MERGER / NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AND GARDEN STATE PARKWAY
- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMIT FOR DRIVEWAY APRON INSTALLMENT
Said resolution is for driveway installation
- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMITS TO SJGC
Said resolution is for road openings permits to South Jersey Gas Company.
- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS
Township bills for payables
- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION
To discuss matters regarding the Responses to the RFP for Municipal Prosecutor and Comar Inc. vs Buena Vista Township Tax Court Appeal
- GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT EXTENSION PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2014
Said grant is a \$25,000.00 grant to help fund the Municipal Drug Alliances

ITEM NO. 2.

DISCUSSION

A. UPDATE ON PINELANDS ISSUES / VIOLATIONS

Mayor Chiarello announced on the meeting that was scheduled last Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. with the New Jersey Pinelands Commission along with members of the Township Committee and the subcommittee was canceled due to the adverse weather conditions. The meeting was to discuss the various violations issues

outstanding with the Pinelands Commission pertaining to the Michael Debbi Park, the Martin Luther King Center and the Richland Village. A conference call was held with the New Jersey Pinelands on Friday.

Mr. Scheidegg indicated that the New Jersey Pinelands Commission has requested a wetlands delineation and survey of the entire park at the Michael Debbi Park and also require stormwater management, relocation of the nature trail and possibly a threatened and endangered species study in order to satisfy them accordingly to obtain approval for the proposed playground equipment. There is a list of things to satisfy the Pinelands Commission pertaining to the Richland Village and indicated that a 45 day window period was provided to try to come to an end to some of those issues. The matter pertaining to the Martin Luther King Center, all items have been addressed for this park and a certificate of filing was done.

Mayor Chiarello asked for a motion to authorize the Township Engineer to move forward with the Pinelands Commission issues and violations and report back to the Township Committee with a summary of what needs to be done on these matters. Mr. Martinelli moved and Ms. Kelly seconded the motion. The following roll call was recorded: AYES: Ms. Kelly, Mr. Martinelli, Mr. Williams and Mr. Chiarello. NAYS: Ms. Barber

B. ENGINEER'S PROJECTS

A transition meeting will be scheduled with the incoming and outgoing Engineers to go over open projects that may require engineering action for Union Road Landfill Closure, Chestnut Avenue Drainage Improvements, Unexpected Road Dam and underground storage tanks at the former Richland Garage and Milmay Auto.

ITEM NO. 3.

REVIEW

BILL LIST PROVIDED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Township Committee reviewed the bill list. The bill list reflected a large school tax payment in the amount of \$768,000.00 and added omitted tax appeals in the amount of \$10,000.00. No objections received on the payables.

ITEM NO. 4.

REVIEW

REGULAR AND CLOSED SESSION AGENDAS

The Township Committee reviewed the Regular and Closed Session agendas.

There being no further business for the Caucus Meeting, Mayor Chiarello asked for a motion to adjourn and enter into Closed Session to discuss the following pursuant to Resolution No. 42 - 2014 for the following matters:

Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege:

1. ***COMAR, INC. VS BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP TAX COURT APPEAL***

Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship:

1. ***PROFESSIONAL SERVICE RESONSE(S) TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR***

Mr. Williams moved and Ms. Kelly seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 42 - 2014 authorizing to enter into Closed Session. The following roll call was recorded:

AYES: Ms. Barber, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Martinelli, Mr. Williams and Mr. Chiarello

NAYS: None

Ms. Kelly moved and Mr. Williams seconded the motion to adjourn the Caucus Meeting. All committee members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

Mayor Chuck Chiarello