

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
January 4, 2016

The Annual Reorganization Meeting of Buena Vista Township Committee was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in Committee Chambers, 890 Harding Highway, Buena, NJ, with Mayor Chuck Chiarello presiding.

Township Clerk Lisa Tilton called the meeting to order at 7: 14 p.m.

Township Clerk Lisa Tilton read the following announcement; On December 17, 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.

The VFW Post #158 performed the Flag Salute

Victoria Cox performed the Star Spangled Banner

Rev. David Mallory of the First Baptist Church of Richland performed the Invocation

The Bud Dennis Duo provided a musical selection performance

Eugene Moore performed a song selection, you are so beautiful.

Senator Jim Whelan administered the Oath of Office to Township Committeewoman Teresa Kelly for a three (3) year term joined by her husband Joe Kelly and family.

Senator Jim Whelan administered the Oath of Office to Township Committeeman Chuck Chiarello for a three (3) year term joined by his wife Cheryl Chiarello.

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

Absent: None

Also present were: Township Administrator / CFO Kenia Nunez-Acuna and Deputy Clerk Lori Ricci

Motion to Nominate Mayor / Chairperson

On a motion of Martinelli, seconded by Williams, Committeeman Chuck Chiarello was nominated and approved for Mayor / Chairperson:

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

Motion to Nominate Deputy Mayor / Vice Chairperson

On a motion of Williams, seconded by Armato, Committeewoman Teresa Kelly was nominated and approved for Deputy Mayor / Vice-Chairperson:

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

Senator Jim Whelan administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Chuck Chiarello and Deputy Mayor Teresa Kelly

Resolutions:

- **01-16** – Appointment of Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, as Township Solicitor, Labor and Employment Counsel, Records Management Counsel, and Tax Appeal Counsel
- **09-16** – Appointment of Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, as Foreclosure Counsel

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

Township Solicitor Eric M. Bernstein, Esq. joined Township Committee on the dais.

Resolutions:

- **02-16** – Appointment of Colin Bell, Esq. as Township Prosecutor
- **03-16** – Appointment of James P. Swift, Esq., as Public Defender
- **04-16** – Appointment of Amanda H. Mazzoni Esq., as Conflict Public Defender
- **05-16** – Appointment of Michael Garcia of Ford Scott Associates as Township Auditor
- **06-16** – Appointment of Schaeffer Nassar Scheidegg as Township Planner
- **07-16** – Appointment of David Battistini of Battistini Consulting as Conflict Twp. Engineer
- **08-16** – Appointment of Joel M. Fleishman, Esq., as Township Bond Counsel
- **10-16** – Appointment of D'Agostino Agency as Risk Management Consultant
- **11-16** – Award Bid to Shore Animal Control for Animal Control Officer
- **12-16** – Appointment of Kenia Nunez-Acuna as Qualified Purchasing Agent
- **13-16** – Appointment of Kathleen Merlino as Township Tax Collector
- **14-16** – Appointment of Municipal Officials & Municipal Designees

On a motion of Martinelli seconded by Williams and carried the above Resolutions were 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:

- **15-16** – Authorize Annual Schedule - Workshop, Caucus & Regular Township Meetings
- **16-16** – Designation of Official Newspaper(s)
- **17-16** – Adopting a Cash Management Plan
- **18-16** – Adopting Temporary Municipal Operating Budget for 2016

- 19-16 – Establishing Interest Rate and Penalties for Nonpayment of Taxes
- 20-16 – Designating of Bank Depositories
- 21-16 – Authorize Tax Collector to Conduct a Tax Lien Sale
- 22-16 – Cancellation of Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amount Less than \$5
- 23-16 – Authorize Tax Assessor to File Petitions of Appeal & Roll Back Tax Appeals
- 24-16 – Appointment of Fund Commissioner and Alternates
- 25-16 – Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer
- 26-16 – Appointments to Joint Planning / Zoning Board
- 27-16 – Appointments to Economic Development Committee
- 28-16 – Appointments to Environmental Commission/Clean Community/Sustainable Jersey
- 29-16 – Appointments to Recreation Committee
- 30-16 – Appointments to Municipal Drug Alliance Committee
- 31-16 – Appointments to Public Safety Committee
- 32-16 – Appointments to Special Events Committee
- 33-16 – Appointments to Housing Rehabilitation and Emergency Assistance Committee
- 34-16 – Appointments to Martin Luther King Advisory Board

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

Senator Jim Whelan administered the group Oath of Office to all Newly Appointed / Reappointed Municipal Officials

Mayor Chuck Chiarello announced the following Committee Assignments:

Administration/Finance	John Williams & Chuck Chiarello
Economic Development	Chuck Chiarello & Steve Martinelli
Insurance	John Armato & Teresa Kelly
King Center	Teresa Kelly & John Williams
Parks & Recreation	Steve Martinelli & John Armato
Personnel	Steve Martinelli & John Williams
Public Works, Emergency Management Public Safety, Dispatching	Chuck Chiarello & John Armato
School/Education	John Armato & Chuck Chiarello
Senior & Youth Programs	Teresa Kelly & John Williams
Union Negotiations	Chuck Chiarello & John Armato

Committee Reports

- Committeeman Armato – Wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the Fire and EMS Departments for their dedication. Worked on prescription drop off that garnered 54lbs in medication in 2015. Held first ever shred event and will hold another in 2016 with a prescription drop off. Handled bus issues.
- Committeeman Williams – Wished everyone a Happy New Year. Thanked Committee for working together. Excited about the 54/40 Community Shuttle.
- Committeeman Martinelli – Wished everyone a Happy New Year and will continue to work in providing the best service for the residents.
- Deputy Mayor Kelly – Thanked the voters for their support and for a great working team in the Township Committee.

Mayor Chuck Chiarello gave his 2016 State of the Township Address. Township continues to work on several road programs with additional grant programs coming in 2016. Township continues to take proactive approaches on various issues.

Rev. Ken Albert, Abundant Living Church performed the Benediction.

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. There was No Public Comment.

There being no further business on a motion of Williams seconded by Armato the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lisa A. Tilton

Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

Approved:

/s/ Chuck Chiarello

Mayor Chuck Chiarello