

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP  
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES  
January 5, 2015

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: 03 p.m.

Township Clerk Lisa Tilton read the following announcement; On December 9, 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.

The VFW Post #158 performed the Flag Salute

Eugene Moore 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

Mayor Chuck Chiarello administered the Oath of Office to Township Committeeman John Armato for a three (3) year term.

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

Absent: None

Also present were: Township Administrator / Temp CFO Jody Alessandrine, Deputy Clerk Lori Ricci, and Township Solicitor Jeff April

**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 Martinelli the 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)

Atlantic County Freeholder Colin Bell administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Chuck Chiarello and Deputy Mayor Teresa Kelly

**Resolutions:**

- **01-15** – Appointment of Jeffrey A. April, Esq., as Township Solicitor
- **02-15** – Appointment of James E. Schroeder, Esq., as Conflict Township Solicitor
- **03-15** – Appointment of Colin Bell, Esq. as Township Prosecutor
- **04-15** – Appointment of James P. Swift, Esq., as Public Defender
- **05-15** – Appointment of Michael Garcia of Ford Scott Associates as Township Auditor
- **06-15** – Appointment of Schaeffer Nassar Scheidegg as Township Planner
- **07-15** – Appointment of David Battistini of Battistini Consulting as Conflict Twp. Engineer
- **08-15** – Appointment of Joel M. Fleishman, Esq., as Township Bond Counsel
- **09-15** – Appointment of Eric M. Bernstein & Associates as Tax Appeal Counsel
- **10-15** – Appointment of Mark H. Stein Esq., as Foreclosure Counsel
- **11-15** – Appointment of Eric M. Bernstein & Associates as Labor and Employment Counsel
- **12-15** – Appointment of Eric M. Bernstein & Associates as Records Management Counsel
- **13-15** – Appointment of D'Agostino Agency as Risk Management Consultant
- **14-15** – Appointment of Tri-County Animal Control Services as Animal Control Officer
- **15-15** – Appointment of Municipal Officials & Municipal Designees
- **25-15** – Appointment of Fund Commissioner and Alternates
- **26-15** – Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer
- **27-15** – Appointments to Joint Planning / Zoning Board
- **28-15** – Appointments to Economic Development Committee
- **29-15** – Appointments to Environmental Commission/Clean Community/Sustainable Jersey
- **30-15** – Appointments to Recreation Committee
- **31-15** – Appointments to Municipal Drug Alliance Committee
- **32-15** – Appointments to Public Safety Committee
- **33-15** – Appointments to Veterans Advisory Board
- **34-15** – Appointments to Housing Rehabilitation and Emergency Assistance Committee

On a motion of Chiarello seconded by Martinelli 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:**

- **16-15** – Authorize Annual Schedule - Workshop, Caucus & Regular Township Meetings
- **17-15** – Designation of Official Newspaper(s)
- **18-15** – Adopting a Cash Management Plan
- **19-15** – Adopting Temporary Municipal Operating Budget for 2015

- **20-15** – Establishing Interest Rate and Penalties for Nonpayment of Taxes
- **21-15** – Designating of Bank Depositories
- **22-15** – Authorize Tax Collector to Conduct a Tax Lien Sale
- **23-15** – Cancellation of Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amount Less than \$10
- **24-15** – Authorize Tax Assessor to File Petitions of Appeal & Roll Back Tax Appeals

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

Atlantic County Freeholder Colin Bell administered the group Oath of Office to all Newly Appointed / Reappointed Municipal Officials

Mayor Chuck Chiarello announced the following Committee Assignments:

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| Administration/Finance   | John Williams & John Armato<br>Alt. Chuck Chiarello & Teresa Kelly |
| Economic Development   | Chuck Chiarello & Steve Martinelli<br>Alt. John Armato             |
| Insurance  | John Armato & Teresa Kelly<br>Alt. John Williams                   |
| King Center  | Teresa Kelly & John Williams<br>Alt. Chuck Chiarello               |
| Parks & Recreation   | Steve Martinelli & John Armato<br>Alt. John Williams               |
| Personnel  | Steve Martinelli & John Williams<br>Alt. Chuck Chiarello           |
| Public Works, Emergency Management<br>Public Safety, Dispatching, Town Watch<br>& Radio Communications Committee | Chuck Chiarello & John Armato<br>Alt. Steve Martinelli             |
| School/Education   | John Armato & Teresa Kelly<br>Alt. Chuck Chiarello                 |
| Senior & Youth Programs  | Teresa Kelly & John Williams<br>Alt. John Armato                   |
| Union Negotiations   | Chuck Chiarello & John Williams<br>Alt. Teresa Kelly               |

Atlantic County Freeholder Colin Bell provided remarks to the Township Committee and members of the public.

**Committee Reports**

- Committeeman Armato – Wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked everyone for their support. Looking forward to serving the community.
- Committeeman Williams – Thanked Sue Barber for her years of service and stated the additional of Committeeman Armato now completes the team in moving the Township forward.
- Committeeman Martinelli – Thanked Sue Barber for her years of service and welcomed Committeeman John Armato. The Generator for the MLK Center will happen in 2015 and the Township is working on the specifications to complete the project.
- Deputy Mayor Kelly – Thanked Committeeman John Armato for his hard work and thanked Freeholder Colin Bell for administering the Oath of Offices and for his attendance. Also thanked Fire and EMS for their hard work.

Mayor Chuck Chiarello gave his 2015 State of the Township Address – Looking forward to the various improvement programs from the 2014 Bond. The Township tax rate ended with 98.5%. The Township has made various personnel changes that will move the Township forward.

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 Martinelli seconded by Williams the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

/s/ Lisa A. Tilton  
Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

/s/ Chuck Chiarello  
Mayor Chuck Chiarello