

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MINUTES
July 11, 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 7:50 p.m.

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

Absent: None

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

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.

Mayor Chuck Chiarello requested a moment of silence for the passing of former Township Committeeman Don Adams and for the victims of the Dallas, TX attack on Police Officers.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion of Martinelli, seconded by Armato the following meeting minutes were approved as received Caucus Meeting, June 27, 2016; Regular Meeting, June 27, 2016; Executive Meeting June 27, 2016:

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

Announcements / Presentations / Discussions:

- TV Night Meeting on July 25, 2016 has been Cancelled and Rescheduled for Monday, August 1, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

Mayors Report: Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated the Township received multiple letters and a phone call for notification of the Transportation Trust shutdown from the executive order issued by the Governor. The shutdown will affect Phase 5 of the Weymouth-Malaga Road reconstruction. The Governor also cut back on aid that normally would go to South Jersey. The New Jersey League of Municipalities received a decision from the Court on COAH that strikes any previous affordable housing units obligations and states the obligations will be from now going forward.

Ordinances for Public Hearing (First Reading):

- **32-2016** – Authorize Sale of Public Land

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

Ordinances for Public Hearing (Second Reading): None

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.

- No Public Comment

Resolutions:

173-16 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$400,217.78

On a motion of Williams seconded by Martinelli and carried the above Resolution was adopted: (Roll Call Vote: Armato, Abstain PO# 16-00690, Aye on Remaining Bills; Aye; Chiarello, Aye; Kelly, Aye; Martinelli, Aye; Williams, Aye)

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:

- **174-16** – Authorizing the Issuance of Street Opening Permits to SJ Gas
- **175-16** – Authorize Issuance of Roadway Solicitation Permit to Milmay Vol. Fire Co
- **177-16** – Authorize the Rollover of Existing Bond Anticipation Note
- **178-16** – Granting the Renewal of Plenary Liquor Licenses for 2016-2017
- **179-16** – Appointment of Seasonal Public Works Employee

On a motion of Kelly seconded by Martinelli 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 and Mayor Chuck Chiarello updated Township Committee on the estimated savings and cost for the new LED street lights through Atlantic City Electric. There are 644 total lights in the municipality. Total cost is estimated approximately \$585,647.36 with an estimated savings of \$69,306.12 per year. The Township can adopt an ordinance for a bond anticipation note and have it paid down within 10-years without having to go out for permanent financing. A grant through the BPU may be able to be obtained to off-set costs.

Township officials had a meeting with a solar company as the Township is looking to place solar at Township Hall and MLK Center. The solar company will apply to Atlantic City Electric at no cost to the Township to see if approval can be obtained. The Township could save approximately 40% on the electric bill, minus normal fees.

Township Clerk Lisa A. Tilton had no report.

Committee Reports

- Committeeman Armato – There have been some issues involving the EMS and Fire Departments with Gloucester County Dispatch. The EMS and Fire Companies need to contact Gloucester County at the end of the run to address any issues so they can be resolved. Discussion was had regarding possible paid EMS versus volunteer squad. Thanked Township for the flowers that were sent to him. Scheduling a town hall meeting for August 29th on the heroin epidemic. Meeting will be at the Township Hall.
- Committeeman Martinelli – Requested if South Jersey Mustang Club could also be invited for TV Night. Committee agreed. Stated the Independence Day Celebration was a great success and fun was had by all. Invited Committee for a tour of the parks at the next Recreation meeting on the 19th starting in Collings Lakes at 6:30 p.m.
- Committeeman Williams – No report
- Committeewoman Kelly – No report
- Mayor Chuck Chiarello –Special Events Committee raised approximately \$10,000 for the Richland Village Festival and approximately \$9,000 for the 4th of July Celebration. The Pinelands is holding their annual orientation course on July 28th.

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.

- Julie Akers – Stated she supported a Bond Anticipation Note for the expense of the Street Lights.

Resolutions:

176-16 – Authorize Committee to go into Executive Session (action may be taken)

The Executive Session Resolution was adopted at the Caucus Meeting of July 11, 2016.

There being no further business on a motion of Williams seconded by Armato the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lisa A. Tilton

Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

Approved:

/s/ Chuck Chiarello

Mayor Chuck Chiarello