

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MINUTES
July 13, 2015

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 7:36 p.m.

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

Absent:

Also present were: Township Administrator / CMFO Kenia Nunez-Acuna, and Township Solicitor Jeff April

Mayor Chiarello read the following announcement: On January 8, 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.

Mayor Chuck Chiarello led the flag salute and held a moment of silence for the passing of the Larry Zitto

Approval of Minutes

On a motion of Martinelli, seconded by Kelly the following meeting minutes were approved as received, Workshop Meeting July 6, 2015:

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

Announcements / Presentations:

- Storm Update / Public Safety – Mayor provided an update on the latest storm damage through the Township. The Township was visited by the New Jersey State Police Emergency Management and then the County Emergency Management. The storm qualified for the Federal threshold. Approximate cost of damage in Buena Vista is approximately \$100,000. FEMA does not cover personal loss of food and will not cover cost of labor during normal business hours.
- Phone System at Municipal Building – Mayor and Administrator will have a meeting on Thursday to check out possibilities of upgrading the phones currently in the Township and internal system.
- Wilder Hines Park Tennis Courts – The Tennis Courts are complete and Committee will schedule for a ribbon cutting, most likely on a Wednesday. Mayor to schedule and to update Committee.
- Façade Improvement Program- The program was originally for Richland Village would like to reinstate program and open up to businesses. Committee okay with program.

Mayors Report: None

Ordinances for Introduction (First Reading): None

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.

- Julie Akers questioned the Façade Improvement program and where does the money come from. Questioned how much money is in the Economic Fund.

Resolutions

189-15 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$1,040,532.01

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

194-15 – Authorize Committee to go into Executive Session (action maybe taken)

On a motion of Armato seconded by Williams and carried the above Resolution was adopted: (Roll Call Vote: Armato, 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:

- **190-15** – Authorizing Issuance of Amended Park Rental Permit to Sports Outlet
- **191-15** – Authorizing Township to Enter into Cooperation Agreement with Atl. County
- **192-15** – Authorizing Mayor to Execute Agreement with Muccio Electric
- **193-15** – Authorizing Hiring of Temporary Public Works Employee
- **195-15** – Authorizing Acceptance of Bid for Land Sale

- **196-15** – Authorizing Township Committee to Reinstitute Façade Improvement Program

On a motion of Martinelli seconded by Williams 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 stated she was working on the FEMA paperwork and storm recovery assessment.

Committee Reports

- Committeeman Armato – Shredding event is September 19th. 10am to 2pm at Township Hall. Cooling station was used at Richland Vol. Fire Company and East Vineland Fire Company. Collings Lake and Milmay gave out bottled water. The Township moved the fence below the Oak Tree in Richland Village out more to cover the branch areas. Township is looking to upgrade the Public Works cell phones to include internet access. The survey for businesses on Veteran Discounts is going well. September 12th there will a breakfast at the MLK Center for Veterans.
- Committeeman Williams – Toured IGI Laboratories and attended a meeting at the MLK Center with a potential renter.
- Committeeman Martinelli – Reflected on Larry Zitto. Not satisfied with the response from Atlantic City Electric and Verizon. Board of Public Utilities should be notified. Independence Day was a great success.
- Committeewoman Kelly – None
- Mayor Chiarello – Township hired a new fireworks company and the show was excellent. Atlantic City Electric lost four transmission lines in the last storm. Comcast should have installed cable on Pancoast Mill Road, waiting for Verizon approval.

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 Williams seconded by Martinelli and carried.

- Julie Akers – Thanked the Township Clerk for updating the website. Public Works did a great job with the storm cleanup. Agrees Board of Public Utilities needs to get involved and review the response of Atlantic City Electric and outage by Verizon.

There being no further business on a motion of Williams seconded by Martinelli the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:19 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:50 pm. and no public was present.

Resolutions:

197-15 – Authorizing Medical Leave of Absence for Township Employee

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

There being no further business on a motion of Armato seconded by Kelly the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lisa A. Tilton

Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

Approved:

/s/ Chuck Chiarello

Mayor Chuck Chiarello