

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MINUTES
July 6, 2015

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

Mayor Chiarello called the meeting to order at 7:00 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

Approval of Minutes

On a motion of Martinelli, seconded by Williams the following minutes were approved as received, Caucus June 22, 2015, Regular Meeting June 22, 2015, and Executive June 22, 2015):

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

Announcements / Discussions / Presentations

- None

Mayors Report: Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated a fruit basket was sent to Sue Barber. There was a hazardous waste discharge on Route 54 / Sixth Road due to an overturned truck with approximate 100 gallons of diesel fuel. Gateway will be visiting the MLK Center on Thursday to look at the space for lease. Committeeman Armato and Committeeman Martinelli attended a County economic meeting. Bids for the Generator will be going out shortly. Independence Day Festival was a great success with approximately 2,000 in attendance. Raised \$10,505 towards the Independence Day, and additional money raised will go towards expenses for Concert Series. Emergency Management visited the Township today to inspect the storm damage and FEMA is due back on Wednesday for additional inspections.

Ordinances for Introduction (First Reading): None

Ordinances for Public Hearing (Second Reading):

07-2015 – Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds & Notes for Various Capital Improvements

Public Comment:

- Mark Demitroff stated the Bond Ordinance was a way to raise taxes and that the Township is put on notice that he will be watching the expenditures since the Township has not been able to account for expenditures on other bonds.
- Frank Mosentoff requested if any legal action has been taken against the Township or any official for 2009 Bond, and further requested if any tax increase would be part of this Bond.
- Committeeman Martinelli stated he can assure to the public that checks and balances regarding the payments of funds are foolproof.

Public Comment was closed by motion of Martinelli, seconded by Armato. All members voted Aye.

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

Public Comment on Current Agenda Items Only:

Committeeman 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:

180-15 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$368,978.91

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

185-15 – Authorize Committee to go into Executive Session (action may be taken)

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

187-15 – Authorize the Filing of Application for USDA Rural Development Funding

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

- **181-15** – Approving Corrective Action Plan for 2014 Fiscal Year Annual Audit
- **182-15** – Authorizing Issuance of Park Rental Permits to Various Organizations
- **183-15** – Opposing Statewide Referendum on November Ballot to Expand Casino Gaming
- **184-15** – Adopt Twp. Emergency Operations Plan for Office of Emergency Management
- **186-15** – Authorizing the Rejection of Proposal for Lease at the MLK Center

On a motion of Martinelli seconded by Kelly 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 the User Friendly budget is complete. Working on calculation for Emergency Storm and Public Works is working on debris removal with the County.

Township Clerk Lisa Tilton had no report.

Committee Reports

- Committeeman Armato – Attended County Economic Conference with Committeeman Martinelli, would like to invite businesses in the community to attend TV night and spot light their business for the month. Also looking to see if any retail establishments would be interested in offering a veteran's discount. Visited IGI Laboratories and Comar. Attended the Independence Day Festival and would like to look into the bathrooms situation regarding the septic system. Waiting for additional information on the Oak Tree in Sawmill Park. Public Works yard needs to be cleaned up.
- Committeeman Martinelli – Attended the Independence Day Festival and it was a great event.
- Committeeman Williams – Environmental Commission gave out 150 birdfeeders and about 125-150 butterfly gardens. Flowers and plants were distributed. Addressed comment made by resident Mark Demitroff regarding the Township Administrator.
- Deputy Mayor Kelly – Thanked Dave and Debbie Bell and Lisa Tilton for their work on the Emergency Plan. Thanked Richland, Collings Lakes and Milmay for their work during the emergency on giving water and other services. Attended the Independence Day Festival and it was a great event.
- Debbie Bell – Provided an update on the latest storm and recovery. Social media worked great in getting the information out to those in need. County and FEMA will be inspecting this week. OEM Plan is complete and submitted to the County. Completing work on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Buena Regional will be hosting a Pride Day on August 22, 2015.

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.

- Mary Motter questioned if someone is in need if electric is out and they have oxygen. Debbie Bell assisted in answer.
- Mark Demitroff reviewed his history of purchases of properties in Richland Village. Questioned if the Township received payment back for the double payment of \$40,000 to Trackbuilders.
- Frank Mosentoff questioned if any official was charged or had any action against them. Questioned if checks and balances are in place for spending.
- Betty Reina stated she attends and helps the food bank with Richard and Loretta Harlan.
- Mickey Riggan stated he has performed a preliminary assessment of the Oak Tree located in Sawmill Park in Richland. There is decay in root and the root system cannot support the canopy of the tree. Suggested moving the fence located around the tree to the outside of the tree limbs for protection. Will meet with a subcommittee to discuss the report further.

There being no further business on a motion of Williams seconded by Martinelli the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. to enter into Executive Session.

Township Committee reconvened into open session at 9:12 p.m.

There being no further business on a motion of Martinelli seconded by Armato the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

/s/ Lisa A. Tilton

/s/ Chuck Chiarello

Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

Mayor Chuck Chiarello