

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP  
CAUCUS MINUTES  
March 14, 2016

The Caucus 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 7:08 p.m.

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

Absent: Martinelli

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

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.

**Discussions:**

Mayor Chiarello reviewed the March 14, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda.

Paul Miola from the Atlantic County Joint Insurance Fund presented Township Committee with a check in the amount of \$10,987.00 for the 2016 Dividends. The Township previously was in the Atlantic County JIF from 1990 to 2010 and has received over \$300,000 in dividends. This is the 19<sup>th</sup> year dividends have been issued. The JIF now has new programs including a Wellness program, Cyber Program and Technological Risk Program and Audits. If the Township is interested in re-joining the Atlantic County JIF an application would need to be completed. Mayor requested the JIF come back at the August Workshop for discussion.

Mayor Chuck Chiarello handed out pictures that would be the proposed replacement of the Blue House in Richland. Proposed is a steel building with 1,040 sq. ft. on the bottom floor and 640 sq. ft. on the top floor. Projected cost is approximately \$75,000 and the Township still has approximately \$58,000 left in insurance money to go towards it. The insurance money has to be used by May or the Township will lose it. Mayor requested Committee's permission to authorize the Township Engineer to place out to bid.

**Resolutions:**

**101-16 – Authorizing Township Engineer to Proceed with Bid Specifications for the Replacement of the Blue House**

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

Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated a Job Fair will be held at the MLK Community Center tomorrow from 10am to 2pm and local businesses will be there. Impact Harvest is seeking to install a Community Garden at the MLK Center, requested Quentin McClendon to find a location that would not be impacted the baseball fields. Sustainable Jersey Team is seeking Silver designation. The Rider agreement with the ACUA has been received. There will be another meeting with the BPU on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am. The Nature Trail has been cleaned up with a new path. The Township Administrator will be attending a meeting in the afternoon on March 23<sup>rd</sup> with the ACIA for CDBG grants. Law Enforcement Appreciation day is April 10<sup>th</sup> and a local church will be honoring those officers. The Township held the EMEX auction for electricity. The Township received a rate of 2 ½ cents below Atlantic City Electric Rate. Township will save approximately \$20,000 in two years. Attended the Pineland Municipal Council Meeting and spoke with Cindy Randazzo and requested any assistance into looking into the repairs at the Collings Lakes Dams.

There being no further business on a motion of Williams seconded by Kelly and carried the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lisa A. Tilton

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Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

Approved:

/s/ Chuck Chiarello

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Mayor Chuck Chiarello