

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MINUTES
March 23, 2015

The Regular Meeting of Buena Vista Township Committee was held on the above date at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room, 890 Harding Highway, Buena, NJ, with Mayor Chuck Chiarello presiding.

Mayor Chiarello called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also present were: Township Administrator / CMFO Kenia Nunez-Acuna, Township Engineer David Scheidegg, Public Works Director Rich Calareso, MLK Director Quinton McClendon 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 Kelly the following meeting minutes were approved as received, Caucus Meeting March 9, 2015, Regular Meeting March 9, 2015, and Executive Meeting March 9, 2015:

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

Announcements / Presentations:

- Oath of Office for Township Administrator / CMFO Kenia Nunez-Acuna was performed by Mayor Chuck Chiarello while her family held the bible.
- Oath of Office for Special Events Junior Member Ciara Sikking was performed by Mayor Chuck Chiarello while her family held the bible.
- Frank Martinelli and Lou Creisi from the 54 Diner stated they are the new owners of the Diner and look forward to a grand opening in about 3 weeks.
- Claudia Ratzlaff, CEO – Women’s Center; Child Care Resource & Referral spoke about the non-profit organization and the defunding from the State to support their programs. Requested community support to help the programs continue to run. The defunding could potentially lay off dozens of workers.

Resolutions

99-15 – Oppose State Defunding of Two Local Child Care Agencies

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

Announcements / Presentations:

- Committeeman John Armato stated Sheriff Frank Balles obtained permission to install a prescription drop off box in the Municipal Complex. The box will be located across the Township Clerks Office. A Flag box has also been installed and is located across from the Township Clerks Office.
- Dolores Comparri, Special Events Chair introduced Miss Buena Ciara Sikking and her courts, Selena Gonzalez and Clarrisa Guzman. Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday and the Comedy Show is April 18th. Richland Village Festival will be held on Saturday, May 30th.
- Quinton McClendon provided the upcoming activities for the month of April and also gave a brief review of the prior months activities.
- David Scheidegg, Township Engineer provided his monthly report of February and March with Committee.
- Richard Calareso, Director of Public Works provided his report for the month of February.

Mayors Report: The Mayor stated the ACUA postcard has arrived to the residents in Buena Vista and cans have already been ordered. Route 54 Bridge is scheduled for closure and a detour scheduled in the upcoming weeks. The Historical Society held a meeting at the Township that included residents from Milmay. Car Show will be held at the Independence Day Parade at Michael Debbi Park. The Lift for the Public Works Department has arrived, and the Atlantic County Freeholders have approved a no passing zone on Union and Post Roads.

Ordinances for Introduction (First Reading):

03-2015 – Authorize Sale of Public Land

On a motion of Armato seconded by Williams 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 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.

Public Comment:

- Nick Renna questioned Resolution 97-15 and if everyone has fees waived. Committeeman Martinelli clarified that only three organizations were listed for waiving of the fees.
- Richard Harlan questioned Resolution 95-15 as to why the Land sale Deposit was being refunded

Resolutions

89-15 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$1,007,423.15

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

90-15 – Authorize Committee to go into Executive Session (action may be taken)

Was acted upon in Caucus Meeting on March 23, 2015

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:

- **91-15** – Authorizing the Issuance of Street Opening Permits to SJ Gas Co.
- **92-15** – Authorizing the Issuance of Street Opening Permits to J & D Holdings
- **93-15** – Authorizing Advertisement of Bids for Wildwood / Woodland Drainage Project
- **94-15** – Authorizing Advertisement of Bids for Reconstruction Weymouth Rd. Phs. III
- **95-15** – Refunding Land Sale Deposit to Steven Funk
- **96-15** – Authorize Interlocal Agreement with ACIA for CDBG Grant – Emergency Generator
- **97-15** – Waiving Related Fees for use of Township Baseball/Softball Fields
- **98-15** – Authorizing the Issuance of Park Rental Permits to Various Sports Teams
- **100-15** – Amend Resol. 312-2014 Awarding Contract to J. Regalbuto Plumbing HVAC
- **101-15** – Amend Resol. 82-2015 Authorizing Purchase for 1,200 Pound Vehicle Lift

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 the Township received \$94,128.04 from FEMA for the Derecho Storm. Also the ACIA has about \$42,000 in additional funds for Buena Vista after they receive the application. NJDEP reports for 2012 & 2013 have been submitted and 2014 is being worked on. Looking for form a committee for 2015 to handle some of the storm water incentives and programs and reporting.

Township Clerk Lisa Tilton the 2015 Dog Clinics were a success.

Committee Reports

- Committeeman Armato – Thanked the Road Department for their job well done on the Snow Storms. Attended a Heroin seminar and thanked Committee for their support on the Prescription Drug Box. Attended Budget Meeting and meeting with the County dealing with the loss of taxes. Richland Fire Company BBQ, see a firefighter for a ticket.
- Committeeman Williams – Atlantic City Electric is giving away 1,500 trees, ACUA recycling incentive. Friends of Joey Riser Foundation auction are for sale. Bird feeder kits will be available at the Easter Egg Hunt. Thanked the Engineer on working quickly on the Wildwood Avenue drainage.
- Committeeman Martinelli – Thanked and Congratulated Kenia and welcomed her to Buena Vista Township. Recreation Committee reviewed the request by Richard Harlan regarding Pickleball for the Tennis courts.
- Committeewoman Kelly – Attended the Pinelands Municipal Council and Planning Board Meeting including other various meetings. Also attended the service on March 1st at Rev. Mallory's church.
- Mayor Chiarello – Had a meeting with the Fire Chiefs and State Police and the school budget is looking at a 2% increase.

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.

- Betty Reina welcomed Kenia Nunez-Acuna to Buena Vista Township. Requested anyone planting trees from AC Electric to not plant them under the electric wires. Reminded residents to take off the labels on prescription bottles before depositing them in the new box.
- Nick Reina questioned what the status is on the Veterans set aside for contracts.
- Richard Harlan requested an update on the Blue House.

There being no further business on a motion of Kelly seconded by Williams the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m. to go into Executive Session.

Committee reconvened the meeting at 10:35 pm.

There being no further business on a motion of Williams seconded by Martinelli the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

/s/ Lisa A. Tilton

/s/ Chuck Chiarello

Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

Mayor Chuck Chiarello