

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MINUTES  
March 9, 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 7:38 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also present were: Township Administrator / Acting CFO Jody Alessandrine, Township Auditor Michael Garcia 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, Workshop March 2, 2015, Executive February 10, 2015, Executive February 23, 2015, and Executive March 2, 2015:

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

**Announcements / Presentations:**

- Mayor Chiarello presented a proclamation for National Poison Prevention Week, March 15-21, 2015.

*Presentation and Public Hearing of 2015 Municipal Hearing*

- Township Auditor Michael Garcia presented the 2015 Municipal Budget. The amendment is minor and not material. It adds \$5,000 for codification from the fund balance. The tax rate is 39.4 cents. The tax levy is \$7,168.00 less and the spending is \$139,000 less. There also is \$132,000 spending less in capital due to the new bond in 2014. This budget is \$165,000 below the spending cap and \$573,000 below the tax levy.

On a motion of Martinelli, seconded by Williams, the Budget Hearing was open to the Public.

- Julie Akers questioned the \$0.00 amount in the clean communities for 2014 and 2015. Garcia replied that the 2015 is \$0.00 until a new grant is received and an amendment by way of a Chapter 159 is complete. Will look into 2014.

On a motion of Williams, seconded by Martinelli, the Budget Hearing was closed to the Public.

**Resolutions**

**77-15 – Amendment to the 2015 Municipal Budget**

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)

**88-15 – Adoption of 2015 Municipal Budget**

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)

**Mayors Report:** The Mayor stated the ACUA will be doing a mailer to the residents on recycling and encouraging increase of recycling. The ACUA contract is for 5-years with two additional pick-ups. The County just released the County Equalization Table and Buena Vista is in good shape. Mayor will be working with the NJLOM on the budget situation with the recent storms and state of emergency declared in order to recoup costs. A check in the amount of \$90,000 is in the mail from FEMA for the derecho storm. The specs for the Generator are being worked on and anticipate going out to bid soon. The Township newsletter was mailed out and the first rabies clinic was a success with new system instituted by the Clerk. Collings Lakes drainage has become worse, looking into possible emergency repair.

**Ordinances for Introduction (First Reading):** None

**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.

- Dan Fleming had a question regarding the business recycling and if they are in compliance.

The public portion was closed by a motion of Williams seconded by Kelly.

**Resolutions**

**78-15 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$97,857.59**

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

**79-15 – Authorize Committee to go into Executive Session (action may be taken)**  
Resolution was adopted in Caucus Meeting of March 9, 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:**

- **80-15** – Fixing and Establishing Wages and Salaries for 2015
- **81-15** – Refunding Tax Overpayment to First National Land Transfer for B. 116, Lot 8
- **82-15** – Authorizing Purchase Under State Contract T2810 – Heavy Duty Vehicle Lift
- **83-15** – Authorize Issuance of Assemblage Permit to Camp Jam in the Pines, LLC
- **84-15** – Authorize Mayor to Execute Agreement with ACUA
- **85-15** – Authorizing Withdraw of \$300 for Petty Cash for 2015 Dog Clinics
- **86-15** – Authorizing Signature on Township Bank Accounts
- **87-15** – Appointing Certifying Officer for Division of Pensions and Benefits

On a motion of Williams seconded by Armato 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 Jody Alessandrine reviewed his Administrative Report and still working on recovering additional money from FEMA.  
Township Clerk Lisa Tilton stated the rabies clinic was a success and thanked Committeeman Martinelli for the work on the new heaters.

**Committee Reports**

- Committeeman Armato – Stated the dog clinic was well run and thanked the Public Works Department for maintaining the roads clean during the storms.
- Committeeman Williams – Stated the dog clinic was well run and thanked the Public Works Department for maintaining the roads clean during the storms. Friends of Joey Reiser event is coming up.
- Committeeman Martinelli – None
- Committeewoman Kelly – Attended MLK Advisory Board and an upcoming Municipal Alliance meeting.
- Mayor Chiarello – Sierra Sikking was crowned as the new Miss Buena.

**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 Kelly and carried.

- Sue Barber thanked Jody Alessandrine for his work while in Buena Vista Township.

Mayor Chiarello announced Jody Alessandrine will be leaving Buena Vista and has accepted a position with the Nature Conservancy. The Township has appointed Kenia Nunez as the new Township Administrator / CMFO / Purchasing Agent and she starts on Thursday.

There being no further business on a motion of Williams seconded by Williams the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 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