

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MINUTES  
November 23, 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 7:44 p.m.

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

Absent:

Also present were: Township Administrator / CMFO Kenia Nunez-Acuna, Township Engineer David Scheidegg, 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, November 9, 2015; Regular Meeting, November 9, 2015; Executive Meeting, November 9, 2015:

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

**Announcements / Presentations / Discussions:**

- Township Solicitor Jeff April administered the Oath of Office to Kathleen Merlino, Township Tax Collector as her family held the Bible.
- Diane Alcantara, Lorraine Dutta and Linda Christopher from AMURTEL International Boutique Fundraiser/St. Aug Prep invited the public to their 7<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser event on December 5<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>. They presented their experiences overseas and displayed their items for sale.
- Rev. David Mallory provided Mayor and Committee with an update to the 54/40 Shuttle Bus Route which is scheduled to begin January 14<sup>th</sup>. Richard Harlan thanked Committee for their and also provided updates to the Shuttle and displayed the flyer.
- Trooper Mark Campagna, New Jersey State Police provided the November 2015 statistical report to Township Committee.
- Mayor Chuck Chiarello on behalf of Dolores Comparri updated the public with the various events for December 2015, including the Tree Lighting at the Complex and stated over 100 people attended the tree lighting at Saw Mill Park. The Santa Express begins on Saturday and will also offer a Winter Express. Dedication for the lantern previous in the Switch Tower from 1901 will be Saturday at 11am with the family whom donated the lantern at the Patcong Building.
- Rick Bracaliello, Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement presented to the public zoning and code enforcement information, including hours and contact information. Mr. Bracaliello also provided information regarding foreclosed homes and the process for clean-up.
- Quentin McClendon, Director of King Community Center provided his monthly report and updated the Public and Committee on the December 2015 events at the center.
- David Scheidegg, Township Engineer provided his monthly report.

**Mayors Report:** Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated a meeting regarding the Atlantic County Central Dispatch was held by Atlantic County. The Township currently pays \$68,000 a year now for dispatching services and the County has estimated the Township to pay \$134,000 with the County Dispatch.

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

**Ordinances for Public Hearing (Second Reading):**

13-2015 – Authorize Sale of Township Land

The Mayor opened the meeting to the Public.

No Public Comment

On a motion of Kelly seconded by Martinelli 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 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.

- No Public Comment

## **Resolutions**

### **290-15 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$2,335,040.59**

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

### **291-15 – Authorize Committee to go into Executive Session (action maybe taken)**

Resolution was adopted during Caucus Meeting of November 23, 2015.

## **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:**

- **292-15** – Authorizing the Issuance of Street Opening Permits to SJ Gas Co.
- **293-15** – Awarding Bid to Mid-Atlantic Salt LLC for Rock Salt
- **294-15** – Authorize Performance Guarantee Reduction for St. Augustine Preparatory School
- **295-15** – Appointing The Elm Group as Special Environmental Engineer and LSRP
- **296-15** – Approving Chapter 159 for Statewide Insurance Fund Risk Control Grant
- **297-15** – Rescinding Sale of Public Land and Authorizing Corrective Deed B. 901 L. 20 & 21
- **298-15** – Approving Change Order #1 Arawak Paving for 2015 Local Road Program

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 Township received \$15,500 as reimbursement for FEMA. Ms. Nunez also stated she attended several seminars at the NJLOM including Sustainable Jersey and Pension reform.

Township Clerk Lisa A. Tilton provided the Clerk's Office monthly report to the Township Committee.

## **Committee Reports**

- Committeeman Armato –Veterans from the VFW presented to the high school history classes about their experiences in the service. Attended several seminars at the NJLOM including those involving social media in municipalities. Still working on resources for drug addiction for families, and attended seminars including same. Also attended the complimentary dinner for senior citizens.
- Committeeman Williams – Provided update of the meeting for the 54/40 shuttle bus. Attended the Veterans Day ceremony at the municipal complex. Attended the natural helper's dinner on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Attended the Central Dispatching meeting and also attended the NJLOM seminars including Sustainable Jersey for schools and Environmental Commission. The environmental commission is striving for the silver designation. Attended the former governors' presentation for the transportation fund. Also attended project for heroin presentation to help those with the drug addiction.
- Committeeman Martinelli – Congratulated the Buena Chiefs, coaches and players. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.
- Committeewoman Kelly – Attended the NJLOM and seminars. The seminar for Abandoned and Foreclosed homes was packed. Buena Braves won against Northfield, welcomed Aldo Falasca and the team to the December TV Night. Attended the Sustainable Jersey seminar. The All Saints youth choir received certificates on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Also attended OPRA seminars at the NJLOM.
- Mayor Chiarello – Spoke about the update on the Atlantic City PILOT bill being conditionally vetoed by the Governor. Rutgers is working on the Municipal Data Book.

**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 Armato and carried.

- Nick Reina questioned the proposed rates for the County Dispatch and how the County came up with the figures for Buena Vista. Mayor Chiarello stated the County has not told the towns how the figure came to be. Mayor Chiarello provided Mr. Reina with a copy of the County presentation.
- Betty Reina questioned the period of time the \$134,000 had to be paid for County Dispatching. Mayor Chiarello responded, yearly.
- Richard Harlan questioned if the charges were based on the disparity of the calls. Mayor Chiarello stated the County has not provided how the number was calculated. Mr. Harlan also questioned a comment regarding Atlantic County being the highest in the country on foreclosures. Committeewoman Kelly responded yes. The casinos with the loss of jobs has contributed to the number.

There being no further business on a motion of Williams seconded by Martinelli the meeting was adjourned to at 9:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

/s/ Lisa A. Tilton

/s/ Chuck Chiarello

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Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

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Mayor Chuck Chiarello