

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MINUTES
November 9, 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 7:34 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 Kelly the following meeting minutes were approved as received, Caucus Meeting, October 26, 2015; Regular Meeting, October 26, 2015; Executive Meeting, October 26, 2015:

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

Announcements / Presentations / Discussions: None

Mayors Report: Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated there was meeting on the #553 Bus Route with NJ Transit, Buena Borough, Buena Vista Mayor, and Committeeman John Williams with Rev. Mallory and Richard Harlan present. Buena Borough had an issue with the buses on Central Avenue. Additional discussions were had regarding the change of Route and utilizing the new bus route along Route 40. Bus stops and shelters would need to be provided and additional conversation with NJ Transit will be had. A meeting regarding the Atlantic County Central Dispatch will be Tuesday evening, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be in attendance. The Township currently pays \$60,000 a year now for dispatching services. The School Board had a vacancy and filled the seat by appointing JoAnna Gautier to serve the un-expired term. JoAnne is a Township resident. Arawak Paving is almost complete with the Township's road program, anticipated to be complete in the next week. Microsurfacing in Collings Lakes on the one side is complete; the other side will be in the spring due to the weather along with the Township parking lot. The Governor has conditionally vetoed the PILOT agreement with Atlantic City.

Ordinances for Introduction (First Reading):

13-2015 – Authorize Sale of Township Land

On a motion of Martinelli seconded by Armato and carried the above Ordinance was introduced: (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 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

283-15 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$495,848.77

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)

284-15 – Authorize Committee to go into Executive Session (action maybe taken)

Resolution was adopted during Caucus Meeting of November 9, 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:

- **285-15** – Authorizing the Issuance of Street Opening Permits to SJ Gas Co.
- **286-15** – Awarding Contract to Asphalt Paving Systems for Microsurfacing Railroad Blvd.
- **287-15** – Authorize Township to Enter in Sales Agreement with Wells Fargo for 107 Pine Street and Authorize Township Engineer to Proceed with Subdivision and Pinelands Application.

- **288-15** – Authorize Performance Guarantee Reduction for IGI Laboratories

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 Kenia Nunez-Acuna had no report.

Township Clerk Lisa A. Tilton had no report.

Committee Reports

- Committeeman Armato – Preparing for the Nov 11th Veterans Ceremony that will held at the Municipal Complex. The Abundant Life Church will have meal for the Veterans on Nov 11th. The Seventh Day Adventist Church will also have a Veterans Dinner on November 11th. Clean Communities has a grant for \$1,700 that can utilized for recycling programs for the Schools. Veterans from the VFW presented to the high school history classes about their experiences in the service.
- Committeeman Williams – Will continue meetings with the NJ Transit on the bus routes.
- Committeeman Martinelli – None
- Committeewoman Kelly – None
- Mayor Chiarello – Buena Chiefs are doing well and the Buena Braves requested extra time in the park for playoffs. An additional heating unit was purchased for the Court, the unit will be an upgraded model but will replace the old wall in the wall. Scrap metal prices are done, recommended holding selling the vehicles and items for scrap until the prices come back up. Township Engineer recommended for 2016, going out to bid for road maintenance which will handle cracks, seals and lining when needed. Will continue to discuss in 2016.

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 Martinelli seconded by Armato and carried.

- Julie Akers questioned the labeling on the Caucus Agenda for Private / Public Land Sale.
- Betty Reina questioned why there were some addresses for land sale properties and why others do not have an address.

There being no further business on a motion of Martinelli seconded by Kelly the meeting was adjourned to at 8:15 pm into Executive Session.

Committee reconvened into open session at 8:51 p.m.

289-15 – Authorizing Administrator to Hire PT Employee to Full Time and Layoff Seasonal As Needed

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

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Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lisa A. Tilton

Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

Approved:

/s/ Chuck Chiarello

Mayor Chuck Chiarello