

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MINUTES  
October 13, 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 7:43 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 Kelly, seconded by Martinelli the following meeting minutes were approved as received, Caucus Meeting, September 28, 2015; Regular Meeting, September 28, 2015; Executive Meeting, September 28, 2015; Workshop Meeting, October 5, 2015; Executive Meeting, October 5, 2015:

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

**Announcements / Presentations / Discussions:**

- Community Shuttle – Rt. 40/54 Corridor – Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated the Township received a letter from County Executive Dennis Levinson regarding a new shuttle bus that will be placed in service in 2016 that will travel the Route 54 and Route 40 corridor in Buena Vista Township. The Township also received a letter from Rev. Mallory regarding the shuttle bus. The Township needs to advertise the Route to the public as the shuttle bus will be pilot program to determine if long term need is required. The Township will place a flyer in the 2016 Calendars. Meeting will be on Tuesday with Buena Borough and SJTA to discuss the bus route.

**Mayors Report:** None

**Ordinances for Introduction (First Reading):**

12-2015 – Acceptance of Various Blocks / Lots – Donation of Land

On a motion of Williams seconded by Martinelli 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):**

9-2015 – Acceptance of Various Blocks 3203, Lot 6 - Donation of Land

No Public Comment

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

11-2015 – Amending Chapter 142-10 Installation of Smoke-Sensitive Alarm Devices

No Public Comment

On a motion of Armato seconded by Williams and carried the above Ordinance was adopted: (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.

- Richard Harlan questioned the invoices for the Environmental Attorney, Environmental Engineer and IGI Laboratories.

**Resolutions**

**265-15 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$135,930.42**

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)

**269-15 – Authorize Committee to go into Executive Session (action maybe taken)**

Resolution was adopted during Caucus Meeting of October 13, 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:**

- **266-15** – Authorize Cancellation of the Appropriation Reserves for 2014
- **267-15** – Certifying the Best Practices Inventory Questionnaire for CY2015
- **268-15** – Authorize Medical Leave for Township Employee

On a motion of Williams seconded by Martinelli 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 – Attended Town Meeting at ACCC regarding Heroin addiction. Veterans Handicap signs have been installed at Shoprite and Township Hall; will place another at Michael Debbi.
- Committeeman Martinelli – Complimented Committeeman Armato for his work with the Veterans. Working on Generator at the MLK Center.
- Committeeman Williams – Attended SJ Transportation work group and will continue to work on flyer for bus route.
- Committeewoman Kelly – No Report
- Mayor Chiarello – Agreement with Gateway has been signed. Meeting was held with the BPU, School Board, Township Administrator, Committeeman Armato and the Mayor regarding energy savings. The Township Newsletter has been delivered to the residents. A precon meeting was held for the 2015 Local Road Program. Calendar quotes were received, anticipate action at next meeting for the award. Cedar Branch Solar Project on Vine Road is anticipated to begin construction shortly and be completed by end of 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 Williams seconded by Armato and carried.

- No public comment

There being no further business on a motion of Armato seconded by Williams the meeting was adjourned to at 8:32 pm.

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