

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MINUTES
October 24, 2016

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 7:48 p.m.

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

Absent: Kelly

Also present were: Township Administrator / CMFO Kenia Nunez-Acuna and Township Solicitor Eric M. Bernstein.

Township Solicitor Eric M. Bernstein performed the Oath of Office to the Honorary Township Committee and Officials.

Honorary Township Clerk performed roll call for the Honorary Township Committee and Officials.

Honorary Township Committee Members present: Bermudez, Nelson, Robinson and Mayor Jost

Absent: Hoover

Honorary Township Officials Members present: Dixon, Fulmar, Schiendelman and Williams

Absent: Aretz, Galloway, Hernandez, Kinkade, and Lenko

Committeeman John Armato spoke about the Honorary Township Committee program and the cooperation with the School in reinstating the program.

Mayor Chiarello read the following announcement: On January 5, 2016, 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: None

Announcements / Presentations / Discussions:

- Rev. David Mallory updated Township Committee and the Public on the Route 54/40 Shuttle. The shuttle was renewed for another year and additional routes were added to the shuttle.
- Assemblyman Chris Brown provided legislative updates and information regarding the ballot question #1 on Casinos.
- NJ State Police Station Commander Lt. Richard Minton provided the September report of statistics. Lt. Minton expressed his opposition to the merger of courts with Hamilton Township. Mayor Chuck Chiarello reviewed the process of the court negotiations stating they were confidential and that the merger is a savings to the Township and reduces the overcrowding.
- Mayor Chuck Chiarello updated the public with information on the Santa Express tickets that will be on sale in two-weeks and additional of two trains.
- Township Administrator/CMFO Kenia Nunez-Acuna presented the Municipal Best Practices to the Township Committee.
- Mayor Chuck Chiarello provided the Director of King Community Centers monthly report.
- David Scheidegg, Township Engineer provided his monthly report.

Mayors Report: Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated the Comar legislation was approved by the Senate and Assembly and is headed to the Governor's desk for signature. The LED Lighting project has been approved and should begin soon. The Township has raised \$11,500 towards the Saw Mill Park Tree Project and over \$9,000 for the calendar. Mayor Chiarello also stated the agreement with the Hamilton Township for Joint Courts is mutually beneficial. Announced Deputy Mayor Teresa Kelly is receiving an award for the elected public official of the year award and will be honored at an upcoming ceremony.

Ordinances for Public Hearing (First Reading): None

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

240-16 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$994,687.48

On a motion of Williams seconded by Armato and carried the above Resolution was adopted: (Roll Call Vote: Armato, Aye; Chiarello, Abstain on PO#16-00973, Aye on remaining bills; Martinelli, Aye; Williams, Aye)

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:

- **241-16** – Authorizing the Issuance of Street Opening Permits to SJ Gas
- **242-16** – Opposing Public Question #1 to Permit Casinos in Two Additional Counties in NJ
- **243-16** – Authorize Cancellation of 2015 Appropriation Reserves
- **244-16** – Calling for Use of 911 Service Fee Revenues for 911 Maintenance and Infrastructure

On a motion of Armato seconded by Martinelli and carried the above Resolutions were adopted by consent agenda: (Roll Call Vote: Armato, Aye; Chiarello, Aye; Martinelli, Aye; Williams, Aye)

Honorary Township Clerk performed roll call for the Honorary Township Committee:

On a motion of Nelson seconded by Jost and carried the above Resolutions were adopted by consent agenda: (Roll Call Vote: Bermudez, Aye; Nelson; Aye, Robinson, Aye; Jost, Aye)

Mayor Chuck Chiarello and Township Committee thanked the Honorary Township Committee and Officials for participating in this year's program. Students were invited to stay. The students then gathered their belongings and left the meeting.

Township Administrator & Department Reports

Township Administrator Kenia Nunez-Acuna provided her report to the Township Committee.

Township Clerk Lisa A. Tilton provided her report to the Township Committee.

Mayor Chuck Chiarello provided the other department reports to Township Committee.

Committee Reports

- Committeeman Armato – November 9th the Veterans will be speaking at the schools. Attended the dedication of the MLK to Rev. Mallory. Richland Vol. Fire Company had the Narcan Training and also held a fire prevention week at Milanasi School. The DOT is providing waivers to veterans on trucking endorsements. The Natural Helpers will be hosting a Turkey Dinner and thanked Mayor and Committee for their dedication and commitment to the Comar project.
- Committeeman Williams – Announced Buena Vista Township has obtained Silver Designation for Sustainable Jersey. Thanked the Township Clerk, Environmental Commission and Green Team for their efforts in that achievement. Pleased to see the resolution opposing the ballot question on additional casinos.
- Committeeman Martinelli – Addressed NJ State Police Commander Lt. Minton on additional presence of State Police on Landis Avenue.
- Deputy Mayor Kelly – Absent
- Mayor Chuck Chiarello – Halloween fun day was a great success with over 150 kids attending. There is free help for those facing foreclosure.

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.

- Julie Akers stated it was really great to see the kids at the meeting. Questioned the resolution from the last meeting for the replacement building the amount and accounts listed on the resolution from the insurance and directed her question towards Committeeman Martinelli. Committeeman Martinelli stated he has been out of town but was able to sit with the Mayor to review everything and it is a pole barn building. Ms. Akers questioned how much more money will be spent on the property for septic and utilities and what does the building look like. Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated the drawings are on file in the Township Clerks and the tenant will finish the interior and the Township does not have an objection on selling the property. The building will be to commercial standards.

245-16 – Authorize Committee to go into Executive Session (action may be taken)

The Executive Session Resolution was adopted at the Caucus Meeting of October 24, 2016.

There being no further business on a motion of Williams seconded by Armato the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lisa A. Tilton

Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

Approved:

/s/ Mayor Chuck Chiarello

Mayor Chuck Chiarello