

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MINUTES  
October 27, 2014

The Regular Meeting of Buena Vista Township Committee was held on the above date at 7:30 p.m. in Committee Chambers, 890 Harding Highway, Buena, NJ, with Mayor Chuck Chiarello presiding.

Mayor Chiarello called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also present were: Township Engineer David Scheidegg, Public Works Director Richard Calareso, MLK Director Quinton McClendon, and Township Solicitor Jeff April

Mayor Chiarello read the following announcement: On August 27, 2014, 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:

Regular Meeting October 14, 2014; and Closed Session October 14, 2014

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

On a motion of Kelly, seconded by Williams the following meeting minutes were approved as received:

Caucus Meeting, May 27, 2014; Caucus Meeting, July 14, 2014; Caucus Meeting, July 28, 2014; Regular Meeting, February 10, 2014; Regular Meeting, February 24, 2014; Regular Meeting, April 28, 2014; Regular Meeting, May 27, 2014; Regular Meeting, June 9, 2014; Regular Meeting, June 28, 2014, and Workshop Meeting, February 3, 2014.

(Roll Call Vote: Barber, Aye; Chiarello, Aye; Kelly, Aye, Martinelli, Aye (Abstain on June 9, 2014); Williams, Aye)

**Presentations:**

- Nick & Carol Kafkalas, Lazy Eye Distillery thanked the Committee for welcoming their business to Buena Vista. Provided a brief description and background of the family business. Hours currently are Saturdays 1-4:30 pm, but will open for special groups and tours are \$10 per person.
- Lt. Frank Babinchock, NJ State Police Station Commander reviewed calls for service for the month of September 2014. Requested residents to be alert on mischief night and Halloween.
- Victoria Cox, 2014 Miss Buena gave a brief update on the events she attended this year marking the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival as her favorite. Miss Buena also gave a brief description of the theater plays she is involved in and the upcoming holiday events in Buena Vista.
- Patricia Diamond, Director / Health Officer, Atlantic County Health Department gave an update on the current illness and epidemics i.e. B68 and Ebola. Provided information regarding Flu Shots scheduled for Nov 6<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 in Northfield, and provided updated information on the water concerns and issues in the Post Road area of the Township.
- Mayor Chuck Chiarello gave an update on the special event activities stating the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Fall Festival was huge success with an overwhelming crowd in attendance. November 15<sup>th</sup> the Township will hold the annual tree-lighting at Saw Mill Park. December 5<sup>th</sup> will be tree lighting at Township Hall.
- Jennifer Ortiz, Network Manager, Western Atlantic Network gave a presentation regarding the upcoming events in November & December taking place at the Martin Luther King Center.
- Quentin McClendon, Director of King Community Center presented his facility report to Committee. December 19<sup>th</sup> is the holiday party. Gave a brief description of the upcoming events including a talent contest.
- Roberta Corbitt, President of the Seniors of the Newtonville Area, acknowledged the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Food Pantry which is from 1-5pm on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Donations, sales of cookbooks, and sub sales help supply the pantry.
- John Armato, Chairman, Veterans Advisory Board gave an update on the donations received for the plaque. \$2,770 has been donated with a goal of \$3,000. Looking to install a flag drop-off box for used American Flags.
- David Scheidegg, Township Engineer Report provided the monthly engineering report for September 2014. MLK Center is about completed, Tennis Courts are under construction. Residents in the area of Michael Debbie Park may have received letters within 200'feet for an application filed with the Pinelands Commission.
- Richard Calareso, Director of Public Works reviewed his monthly report for September 2014. November 1<sup>st</sup> is drop off at the Public Works yard between 8-12 noon.

**Mayors Report**

- Requesting residents to keep an eye out for individuals possibly illegal dumping, contact public works or police. The Township newsletter has been mailed out and should've arrived in homes already. The Township has received \$6,000 in Ads for the 2015 Calendar.

**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.

- Andrea Reback Bjerger requested a copy of the attached list for the Gov Deals disposal list.
- Richard Harlan requested the Public comment portion be moved to the top of the agenda so members of the public can address their concerns and leave.

**Resolutions**

**260-14 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$929,361.60**

On a motion of Martinelli seconded by Williams and carried the above Resolution was adopted: (Roll Call Vote: Barber, Aye; Chiarello, Aye, Abstain on PO# 14-0903; Kelly, Aye, Martinelli, Aye; Williams, Aye)

**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:**

- **261-14** – Awarding Quote to Quality Printing for the 2015 Calendar & Municipal Guide
- **262-14** – Awarding Bid for Rock Salt to Mid-Atlantic Salt through Atl. County Cooperative
- **263-14** – Authorizing the Issuance of Street Opening Permits to SJ Gas Co.
- **264-14** – Authorize Disposal of Items That Did Not Sell on GovDeals
- **265-14** – Authorize Mayor to Execute Alliance Agreement with Atlantic County
- **266-14** – Approval Final Change Order and Payment for Weymouth-Malaga Rd Phs 2
- **267-14** – Rescinding the Renewal of Plenary Liquor License Newfield National Bank

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

**Township Administrator & Department Reports**

Township Administrator Jody Alessandrino stated he was impressed with the Department Heads for their diligent work and professional. Casa Payroll will begin in November. Department budget presentations are Thursday at 10:30 am. Working on closing out FEMA grants, and beginning process for budget transfers.

**Committee Reports**

- Committeewoman Barber – Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Veterans Day
- Committeeman Williams – Thanked the volunteers for the Fall Festival, the Knights of Columbus clean-up was October 25<sup>th</sup>. Committee is concerned with the Post Road water issue and working diligently on the issue.
- Committeeman Martinelli – Stated he is dedicated in resolving the water issues on Post Road.
- Committeewoman Kelly – Briefly went over the events attended.

**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 Kelly and carried.

- Bob Orlandini received notice regarding application for sidewalks and requested what the notice was for, and requested the drainage issue on Route 40 and Cedar be fixed before repaving.
- Richard Harlan questioned the Patcong contract and the rent. Questioned if the utilities were separate from the Township.
- Leonard Williams thanked for the pot hole that was immediately fixed at Cranberry Run
- Andrea Reback Bjerger addressed the OPRA Costs and stated she called other municipalities about the size of Buena Vista to see how many requests they received, and Buena Vista is in line with other towns our size.
- Julie Akers questioned OPRA and inquired about documents leaving the building with employees or individuals.
- Betty Reina questioned the OPRA Articles published by the Mayor.

Public Comment was closed by a motion of Martinelli seconded by Williams and carried.

There being no further business on a motion of Barber seconded by Williams the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

/s/ Lisa A. Tilton  
Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

/s/ Chuck Chiarello  
Mayor Chuck Chiarello