

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MINUTES
September 26, 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 7:39 p.m.

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

Absent: Martinelli

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

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

On a motion of Williams, seconded by Armato the following meeting minutes were approved as received Caucus Meeting, September 12, 2016; Regular Meeting, September 12, 2016; Executive Meeting September 12, 2016: (Roll Call Vote: Armato, Aye; Chiarello, Aye; Kelly, Aye; Williams, Aye.)

Announcements / Presentations / Discussions:

- Diane Myers received a plaque from Committeeman John Armato on behalf of Mayor and Township Committee for being the recipient of the 2016 W. Cary Edwards GCADA State Volunteer of the Year.
- Committeeman John Williams provided the report for the Martin Luther King Center.
- Mayor Chuck Chiarello provided the report for the Township Engineer.

Mayors Report: Mayor Chuck Chiarello stated the Township is moving ahead with the LED Program for Street Lights. There was a bank robbery at Sun Bank and BB&T Bank. Mayor sent a letter to the Station Commander regarding Trooper Campagna and the decision to place him back on patrol. The Township lost a valuable asset for community policing and requesting the Commander to place Trooper Campagna back. Attended the Budget and Appropriation Committee at the State for the Comar Bill.

Ordinances for Public Hearing (First Reading): None

Ordinances for Public Hearing (Second Reading): None

Public Comment on Current Agenda Items Only:

Township Clerk Lisa Tilton 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.

On a motion of Williams, seconded by Armato the meeting was opened to the Public for comment on agenda items only. *No Public Comment.*

Resolutions:

217-16 – Authorize Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$1,321,453.03

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

Consent Agenda:

Township Clerk Lisa Tilton 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:

- **218-16** – Authorizing the Issuance of Street Opening Permits to SJ Gas
- **219-16** – Authorizing the Issuance of Permit for Assemblage to SJ Cluster Dog Show
- **220-16** – Authorize Reclassification of Clerk Typist Position for Alexandra Hickman
- **222-16** – Authorize Mayor & Twp. Clerk to Execute Contract with NJ Transit Corp.

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

Township Administrator & Department Reports

Township Administrator Kenia Nunez-Acuna stated October is open enrollment for the Township employees. The Township parking lot has been resurfaced. Reconciled Tax Bills have been mailed. Attended Conference for southern regional economic development.

Township Clerk Lisa A. Tilton provided her monthly report and also stated the last day to register to vote is October 18th.

Mayor Chuck Chiarello presented the department reports for Tax Collector, Tax Assessor, Municipal Court, Animal Control and Zoning.

Committee Reports

- Committeeman Armato – Meet with the principal of high school for Committee person for a day. Spoke regarding the heroin epidemic. Attended the Shredder event which was a great success. Attended the Veterans breakfast at the MLK Center. Spoke about the great work of Diane Myers and Gia Haws for the Alliance. Spoke regarding the bill endorsed by Assemblyman Mazzio regarding having Narcan in the schools.
- Committeeman Williams – This bill list has the tax payment and fire district payment on it. Attended a presentation with Committeeman John Armato on the school recycling program. Attended Economic Seminar with the Township Administrator.
- Committeewoman Kelly – The Pinelands Municipal Council meeting is in Estell Manor. Attended the Inauguration for Stockton University President Harvey Kesselman. Attended the Friendship Church celebration, veterans breakfast and planning board meeting where the Township subdivision and blue house were approved.
- Committeeman Martinelli – Absent
- Mayor Chuck Chiarello – The Drug Summit and 9-11 Ceremony are on Channel 9 and attended the Inauguration for Stockton University President Harvey Kesselman.

Public Comment: Township Clerk Lisa Tilton 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. *No Public Comment.*

Resolutions:

221-16 – Authorize Committee to go into Executive Session (action may be taken)

The Executive Session Resolution was adopted at the Caucus Meeting of September 26, 2016.

There being no further business on a motion of Williams seconded by Kelly the meeting was adjourned back in Executive Session at 8:29 p.m.

The Regular meeting reconvened at 9:17 p.m. Township Solicitor Eric M. Bernstein provided a summary of Executive Session stating no action is to be taken.

There being no further business on a motion of Williams seconded by Kelly the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lisa A. Tilton

Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk

Approved:

/s/ Mayor Chuck Chiarello

Mayor Chuck Chiarello