

**BOROUGH OF BUENA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 8, 2008**

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, December 8, 2008, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall with Councilman Santagata presiding. Councilman Santagata led the flag salute and announced that this meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and notices of this meeting have been provided to the Press of Atlantic City, the Daily Journal and the Atlantic County Record as well as having been posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall.

PRESENT: Councilpersons Andaloro, Baker, Santagata, Cugini, and Zappariello, Robert De Santo Solicitor and Maryann Coraluzzo, Borough Clerk

ABSENT: Mayor Baruffi and Councilman Martinelli

MAYOR'S REPORT:

A moment of silence was held for longtime resident Frank Santagata who passed away recently.

PRESENTATION: THE 2008 CLEARY BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM JUNIOR CAPE ATLANTIC LEAGUE TITLE CHAMPIONS.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING VIOLA PARKER

ORDINANCE NO. 561 NEED MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 311 ESTABLISHING A LOCAL ENFORCING AGENCY OF THE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE FOR THE BOROUGH OF BUENA. m/Cugini s/Baker

DISCUSSION: none

NEED MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING:
m/Baker s/Andaloro

ORDINANCE 561 ADOPTED:
m/Baker s/Zappariello

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
Andaloro	n/a	n/a	Martinelli
Baker			
Santagata			
Cugini			
Zappariello			

RESOLUTION 106-08 RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATION BALANCES.
m/Baker s/Cugini

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
Andaloro	n/a	n/a	Martinelli
Baker			
Santagata			
Cugini			
Zappariello			

RESOLUTION 107-08 RESOLUTION TO CANCEL CURRENT FUND BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.
m/Baker s/Andaloro

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
Andaloro	n/a	n/a	Martinelli
Baker			
Santagata			
Cugini			
Zappariello			

RESOLUTION 108-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF BUENA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE FINANCE OFFICE AND CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICE BY BBMUA EMPLOYEE CHERYL SANTORE. m/Baker s/Zappariello

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
Andaloro	n/a	n/a	Martinelli
Baker			
Santagata			
Cugini			
Zappariello			

RESOLUTION 109-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF SURETY POSTED BY MINOTOLA ESTATES. m/Baker s/zappariello

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
Andaloro	n/a	n/a	Martinelli
Baker			
Santagata			
Cugini			
Zappariello			

RESOLUTION 110-08 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$108,500 FOR BUENA BOROUGH BIKE PATH PHASE III

m/Cugini s/Baker

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
Andaloro	n/a	n/a	Martinelli
Baker			
Santagata			
Cugini			
Zappariello			

RESOLUTION 111-08 A RESOLUTION REDUCING THE SALARY OF THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA m/Baker s/Zappariello

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
Andaloro	n/a	n/a	Martinelli
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ENGINEER'S REPORT:

New Bathrooms & Bleachers at Bruno Mellini Park

The project close out is in process. The project is in the maintenance period until March 2009.

Mazzoni Property

We have received \$85,622 in additional NJDEP grant funds to complete the groundwater investigation and it is in process. We have contacted Alan Miller at NJDCA to request reconsideration of redevelopment status for the Mazzoni property.

Central Avenue Sidewalk and Lighting Improvements

The project is in the maintenance period until December, 2008.

Reconstruction of Muccio, Ott & Martinelli Drives

Arawak Paving Co. has substantially completed the project. The work is in good condition with the exception of one area of settlement near the southern intersection of Muccio Dr. and Martinelli Ave. Arawak is now working on Summer Road and should complete the repair for this project or the Borough will not refund the retainage.

Reconstruction of Laurel Street – 2007 State Aid

Asphalt Paving Co. of Malaga has completed the reconstruction of Laurel Street from the Blvd. to Summer Ave. Project close out is in process.

Reconstruction of Franklin Street – 2008 State Aid

Arawak has completed paving and the punch list work is ongoing.

Additional Items

- Final approval of the Minotola Estates project is being delayed due to NJDEP permit requirements. The developer has received his sanitary sewer approval from NJDEP and his water main extension has been deemed complete and should be approved by NJDEP within 90 days.
- Sherwood Forest Homes has substantially completed site improvements. Final site grading and restoration is being completed as the six proposed homes are constructed.
- The Commerce Center Redevelopment Plan has been adopted by Council.
- The Route 54 Redevelopment Plan will have to be amended as a condition of Pinelands certification.
- We have completed work on the class B recycling permit for the landfill. We have submitted the permit to NJDEP. NJDEP has requested a modification of the Atlantic County Solid Waste Plan and the County supports our proposal. The NJDEP has now indicated that the Landfill has not been properly closed therefore we cannot conduct recycling activities on the landfill site. We are working with the Borough Solicitor on a solution and a County wide approach is being considered.
- We have received a grant for \$108,000 from the County to extend the bike path through our new Blackwater Pond property. We have also received \$90,000 in NJDOT funding to extend the bike path along North Boulevard north of RT 40.
- The NJDEP has been contacted to review the Borough's Landfill Closure Status in response to the NJDEP April 21, 2008 letter. Meetings with the Pinelands and NJDEP representatives were held on June 6 and June 18th. We are continuing to evaluate options to address the landfill closure and recycling activities.
- The Budget Motel redevelopment proposal was approved on 10-27-08 by Council and work is underway.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECYCLING: (COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO)

Councilwoman Andaloro attended the annual meeting with the ACUA at Buena Vista Township. The ACUA announced they will start Single Stream Recycling on January 1st 2009 everything goes in one container no more separating. They also informed everyone at the meeting that they had cut backs in there workforce recently. The ACUA will not be increasing tipping fees in 2009 but will be increasing there collection fees by \$1,153.52 up to \$42,350.76.

The ACUA is interested in putting a bid in for the Borough's trash contract. The holiday recycling schedule will be changed to Monday, December 29th.

RECREATION: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

The Recreation Commission held their meeting on Wednesday, December 3rd and decorated the Borough hall.

Wednesday Dec. 10th Buena Historical Society will have their Holiday Dinner 6:00 p.m. at Buena Tavern. They will honor Vi Parker and Nina Lascari

Friday Dec. 12th Atlantic county Township Officials will hold their meeting at Big Apple at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Dec. 13th Tree lighting and Santa visit with the children will be at 7:00 p.m.

The week of December 15th homes of Borough residents will be judged for the best lighted home. Prizes will be awarded by the Recreation Commission.

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

Councilman Santagata reported that leaf collection is still in progress and two trees have been planted in front of Borough Hall. The road department's schedule was also discussed.

FINANCE: (COUNCILMAN MARTINELLI) no report

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI)

A Police Performance Report was disseminated. Councilman Cugini gave an update on dispatching costs.

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO)

Councilman Zappariello reported receiving quotes for the purchase of a marque. An update will be presented at a future meeting.

An update on demolition of the old Borough Hall will be given at a future meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING: there was no one wishing to address Council.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes of the regular meeting of November 24, 2008 were approved m/Baker s/Andaloro

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
Andaloro	n/a	n/a	Martinelli
Baker			
Santagata			
Cugini			
Zappariello			

Minutes of the executive session of November 24, 2008 were approved m/Andaloro s/Baker

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Zappariello			

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notre Dame Regional School PTA, re; request for Bingo License No. BA313 and Raffle License No. RA312. m/Cugini s/Andaloro RCVU

2. 2009 Holiday Closings.

Correspondence filed m/Baker s/Andaloro RCVU

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

BILLS PAID AS LISTED: m/Baker s/Andaloro RCVU

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Santagata			
Cugini			
Zappariello			

NEXT MEETING: Reorganization Meeting - January 2, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.
Regular Council Meeting - January 26, 2009

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU

MARYANN CORALUZZO, BOROUGH CLERK