

**BOROUGH OF BUENA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2008**

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, April 14, 2008, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall with Mayor Baruffi presiding. Mayor Baruffi 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, Martinelli, Cugini, and Zappariello, Robert De Santo Solicitor and Gail Knott, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Maryann Coraluzzo, Borough Clerk

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Baruffi gave an update on the future of the newly acquired 51 acres on Brewster Road. The Mayor informed Council members that we are now waiting to hear from Green Acres before proceeding any further with plans for this property.

ORDINANCE NO. 558 NEED MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON:

CALENDAR YEAR 2008 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(NJSA 40a:4-45-14)
m/Martinelli s/Baker

DISCUSSION: none

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

ORDINANCE 558 ADOPTED:
m/Martinelli s/Baker

Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Andaloro	n/a	n/a	n/a
Baker			
Santagata			
Martinelli			
Cugini			
Zappariello			

RESOLUTION 47-08 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CLICK IT OR TICKET MOBILIZATION OF MAY 19 - JUNE 1, 2008
m/Cugini s/Baker

Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Andaloro	n/a	n/a	n/a
Baker			
Santagata			
Martinelli			
Cugini			
Zappariello			

RESOLUTION 48-08 A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE ELIMINATION OF THE STATE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.
m/Santagata s/Baker

Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Andaloro	n/a	n/a	n/a
Baker			
Santagata			
Martinelli			
Cugini			
Zappariello			

RESOLUTION 49-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM A MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA TO BE HELD APRIL 14, 2008.
m/Baker s/Andaloro

Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Andaloro	n/a	n/a	n/a
Baker			
Santagata			
Martinelli			
Cugini			
Zappariello			

RESOLUTION 50-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BUENA TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FALASCA MECHANICAL INC., FOR MECHANICAL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE YEAR 2008.
m/Baker s/Andaloro

Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Andaloro	n/a	n/a	n/a
Baker			
Santagata			
Martinelli			
Cugini			
Zappariello			

RESOLUTION 51-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BUENA TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SCALFO ELECTRIC INC., FOR ELECTRICAL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE YEAR 2008.
m/Baker s/Zappariello

Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Andaloro	n/a	n/a	n/a
Baker			
Santagata			
Martinelli			
Cugini			
Zappariello			

RESOLUTION 52-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF BUENA AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY BY AND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GRANT IDENTIFIER: PF08413
m/Santagata s/Cugini

Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Andaloro	Martinelli	n/a	n/a
Baker			
Santagata			
Cugini			
Zappariello			

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECYCLING: (COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO)

On April 4th the Notre Dame School had there Recycling Assembly. The assembly went very well and educated the students. Recycling buckets will be delivered to Buena Garden Apartments this week. They were not delivered previous as a cleaning was necessary.

The State of New Jersey's 2008 Recycling Poetry Contest is underway. Cleary School sixth grades and Notre Dame sixth grade young writers will be submitting poems by May 16th. Councilwoman Andaloro is working with teachers on this program on why they believe recycling is an important component of the New Jersey Solid Waste policy. Winners will be notified by the State on September 19, 2008.

Six new recycling containers will be ordered for permanent placement in the Bruno Melini Park.

RECREATION: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

The Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, April 2nd. Discussion was held on upcoming Buena Day September 7th. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Hall.

Opening Day for Buena Baseball/Softball was held on Saturday, April 5th. The parade began at Cleary School going down Central Avenue to Melini Park. Opening ceremonies were held with the introduction of teams and coaches. Mayor Baruffi threw out the first baseball and Councilwoman Baker threw out the first softball.

Many thanks to Bill Nimohay and the Road Department for preparing the park for opening day. Thanks to all the coaches for their dedication to the children and thanks also to the sponsors of all the teams.

Upcoming Events:

April 18th 75th Anniversary Dinner - Dinner for Atlantic County League of Municipalities Dinner at the Tomassello Winery

April 20th Landisville Volunteer Fire and Rescue will have breakfast fundraiser

April 27th Earth Day Celebration at ACUA

April 27th Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for Queen of Angels Parish/Notre Dame School

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

A report of road department activities was given. Councilman Santagata informed Council members that there was no response from departments for the mandatory Right to Know seminar. Mayor Baruffi directed the Borough Clerk's Office to send a memo to the departments who are required to attend this seminar.

FINANCE: (COUNCILMAN MARTINELLI) none

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI) none

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO)

Councilman Zappariello thanked everyone who assisted with cleaning up the Bruno Melini Park for opening day of the baseball/softball season. **Updates were given on the property located at 117 South Harding Highway.**

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Former Police Officer Jeff Spreng was present to ask for Council's help in resolving an on going pension matter. The Solicitor will follow up with the Chief of Police. An update will be given at a future meeting.

Representatives from the Buena Baseball/Softball Association were present to make Council aware of offensive behavior at the basketball courts during games in the Bruno Melini Park. All Council agreed to close the basketball court until the end of the baseball season. Councilman Santagata is looking into an alternate location.

John Olive of the Buena Baseball/Softball Association informed everyone present that on May 17th a free baseball clinic will be held in the Bruno Melini Park, with major league ball players helping with the clinic. It was also reported that the Buena Baseball/Softball Association chicken barbeque will be held on May 10th.

Councilman Zappariello will follow up John Olive, President of the Buena Baseball/Softball Association with the distribution of park restroom keys.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes of the regular meeting of March 24, 2008 all in favor except Councilman Santagata who abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Boys and Girls Club of Vineland re; request for Raffle License No. RA303.
m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE WAS ACKNOWLEDGED

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE LEVINSON'S LETTER
REGARDING COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS**

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE LEVINSON'S LETTER
REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF A
PEDESTRIAN FLASHER ON CENTRAL AVENUE**

**ATLANTIC COUNTY REQUESTING
AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY PESTICIDES VIA
AIRCRAFT IF THE EVENT OF HIGH MOSQUITO
POPULATIONS M MARTINELLI S BAKER RCVU**

CORRESPONDENCE FILED M BAKER S CUGINI RCVU

UNFINISHED BUSINESS NONE

**NEW BUSINESS COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA
INFORMED COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT THE
CONTRACTOR FOR TRASH COLLECTION IN THE
BOROUGH IS REQUESTING TO BEGIN
COLLECTIONS AT 7 AM INSTEAD OF THE AGREED
CONTRACT TIME OF 8 AM THE SOLICITOR
INFORMED COUNCIL THE CONTRACTOR WILL NEED
TO SEND A LETTER IN WRITING TO THE BOROUGH
AND THAT THE CURRENT CONTRACT MAY NEED TO
BE AMENDED COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA WILL
FOLLOW UP WITH THIS MATTER**

**BILLS PAID AS LISTED M MARTINELLI S BAKER
RCVU**

NEXT MEETING APRIL

MEETING ADJOURNED M CUGINI S BAKER RCVU

GAIL HNOTT DEPUTY CLERK