

**BOROUGH OF BUENA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 27, 2008**

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Tuesday, May 27, 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:

ORDINANCE NO. 559 PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA ADOPTING THE COMMERCE CENTER REDEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSISTENT WITH RESOLUTION 2008-6 OF THE BUENA BOROUGH LAND USE BOARD.
m/Baker s/Andaloro RCVU

DISCUSSION: Mayor Baruffi provided an overview of this ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:
m/Baker s/Zappariello RCVU

ORDINANCE 559 ADOPTED:
m/Baker s/Zappariello

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

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

Mayor Baruffi gave an update on the Commerce Center's occupancy. Louis Guaracini is planning to open a catering service and to host special events in a large portion of the Center.

A presentation will be given at the next council meeting regarding the Borough's newly acquired property on Brewster Road.

RESOLUTION 58-08 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNTS OF PAYMENT IS LIEU OF TAXES TO BE MADE BY BUENA SENIOR HOUSING PARTNERS, LLC 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 59-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BUENA TO FILE A 2009 APPLICATION FOR STATE AID UNDER THE NEW JERSEY TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND AUTHORITY ACT, FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF DELAWARE AVENUE FROM HARDING HIGHWAY (U.S. ROUTE 40) TO WILLOW STREET.

m/Cugini s/Santagata

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

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

The State's September 22, 2004 response indicated that they would require further off-site groundwater investigation. We have received \$85,622 in additional NJDEP grant funds to complete the site investigation and it is underway.

Central Avenue Sidewalk and Lighting Improvements

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

Bathroom Improvements at Bruno Mellini Park

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

2003 CDBG- Sumner Street Playground

The project is in the maintenance period until November, 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.

Reconstruction of Laurel Street - 2007 State Aid

We have awarded a contract to Asphalt Paving Co. of Malaga for the reconstruction of Laurel Street from the Blvd. to Summer Ave. The work has resumed. The paving has been postponed until next week due to weather conditions.

Reconstruction of Franklin Street - 2008 State Aid

We have completed the survey and design work. We will submit the bid documents to NJDOT and anticipate bidding the project in the summer.

Additional Items

- Lauren Court subdivision site work is ongoing. The base paving of the roadway was completed.
- Final approval of the Minotola Estates project is being delayed due to NJDEP permit requirements. The developer is proceeding at risk anticipating the NJDEP approvals. NJDEP has indicated that approvals should be granted within the next month.
- Sherwood Forest Homes has substantially completed site improvements. The site construction has resumed and should be completed within a few months.
- The Commerce Center Redevelopment Plan is scheduled for public hearing and final adoption by Council.
- The Route 54 Redevelopment Plan will have to be amended as a condition of Pinelands certification. This will involve a recommendation of the Land Use Board and adoption of the amendments by Ordinance. The Land Use Board will be advised that Council would like them to consider eliminating the residential age restricted use to allow for 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 County plan modification is in process.

- We have submitted an application to 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 County is scheduled to begin reconstructing Summer Road on 5-27-08. The project includes drainage, curbing and full reconstruction of the pavement. The County's Contractor is Arawak Paving. The project is to be completed in 105 days. Working hours will be 7am to 4:30pm. The NJDEP has been contacted to review the Borough's Landfill Closure Status in response to the NJDEP April 21, 2008 letter. Ram Shah from the Bureau of Landfill and Hazardous Waste Permitting was contacted to schedule a meeting on this

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECYCLING: (COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO)

Recycling is going smoothly in the Borough with more businesses requesting more recycling totes. The recycling totes have been ordered through the ACUA. Councilwoman Andaloro discussed having a contest with the schools during early October. The Exchange Club had a contest recently and it was very successful. Students will design t-shirts with "Buena Goes Green" on the front and an art project on the back of it. The details of the contest would be forwarded to the school district for approval. The winner of the contest will receive a prize. An update will be given at a future meeting.

RECREATION: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

The breakfast fundraiser held on May 18th at the Minotola Fire Company was very successful. Great participation by the fire company. The Police Explorers and the community attendance was wonderful.

Councilwoman Baker reported that the Memorial Day Ceremonies were very moving. The speech by our Mayor, the playing of taps and the tributes at the American Legion Post and the Emilio Marandino Monument were very inspirational. It was great to see the community participation. Thank you to the Police Department for closing off Central Avenue. Thanks to the Road Department for preparation of monuments and placing flags on Central Avenue and Route 40.

Upcoming Events:

Sat.	May 31 st	Flea Market at Parkview Gardens
Mon.	June 2 nd	Awards ceremony at Buena Regional High School
Wed.	June 4 th	Recreation Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Borough Hall
Sun.	June 8 th	Queen of Angels Barbeque
Thurs.	June 12 th	Buena Regional High School Graduation
Sat.	June 14 th	Run for Ricky Fundraiser
Sat-Sun	June 14 th and 15 th	Father's Day Celebration at Bellview Winery
Sun.	June 29 th	Sicilian American Club Chicken Barbeque in our park

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

Council President Santagata provided the road department itinerary. A report from Commerce Risk was disseminated.

FINANCE: (COUNCILMAN MARTINELLI) no report

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI)

Councilman Cugini reported that the Borough has been advised by the Prosecutor's Office that our Drug Map Zones need updating. The solicitor and engineer will follow up on the matter.

Developer Einhorn is requesting our police department provide a traffic detail in June.

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BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO)

Councilman Zappariello will be meeting with Buena Baseball/Softball representatives next week to discuss repairs needed in the park.

An update on 117 South Harding Highway was given.

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Luis Bermudez, 204 West Flower Street, was concerned with speeding on Flower Street. Mayor Baruffi asked Councilman Cugini to follow up with the Chief of Police. The possibility of obtaining a radar gun was also discussed.

Doug Lamando, 108 Morris Avenue, was also concerned with speeding. Councilman Cugini will follow up on this matter as well. The solicitor will look into increasing fines and penalties for violating the speed limit.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes of the regular meeting of May 12, 2008 were approved m/Baker s/Cugini RCVU

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notre Dame Regional School PTA re; request for Bingo License No. BA305 was approved m/Baker s/Cugini RCVU

Correspondence filed m/Baker s/Andaloro RCVU

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Zappariello reported that MVP Sports Bar will be holding their Battle of the Band's Celebration indoors.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Cugini reported that the Safety Committee will be scheduling a meeting in the near future.

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

NEXT MEETING: June 9, 2008

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Cugini s/Martinelli RCVU

MARYANN CORALUZZO, BOROUGH CLERK