

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

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, July 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 Maryann Coraluzzo, Borough Clerk

ABSENT: all present

MAYOR'S REPORT:

RESOLUTION 67-08 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING PATRICIA COHEN TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR IN THE BOROUGH OF BUENA, EFFECTIVE JULY 14, 2008 AT THE RATE OF \$12.21 PER HOUR. m/Cugini s/Andaloro

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

RESOLUTION 68-08 A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL OUTSTANDING CHECKS.  
m/Martinelli s/Baker

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

RESOLUTION 69-08 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A CHANGE ORDER TO AMEND A CONTRACT WITH ASPHALT PAVING CORP., FOR FINAL AS BUILT QUANTITIES INSTALLATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF LAUREL STREET.  
m/Cugini s/Santagata to table to a future meeting.

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

RESOLUTION 70-08 A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2008, BETWEEN 8:00 P.M. AND 10:00 P.M. AT THE BRUNO MELINI PARK, CENTRAL AVENUE, MINOTOLA. m/Cugini s/Zapparella

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

RESOLUTION 71-08      A RESOLUTION REQUESTING ATLANTIC COUNTY INSTALL A FOUR WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF WEYMOUTH ROAD (CR 690) AND BREWSTER ROAD (CR 672) IN THE BOROUGH OF BUENA FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF TRAFFIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC FLOW.  
m/Cugini s/Santagata

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

RESOLUTION 72-08      A RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
m/Martinelli s/Baker

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

RESOLUTION 73-08      A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
m/Martinelli s/Baker

Mayor Baruffi stated this budget was introduced with a 16.7 cent increase. The award of extraordinary aid has decreased this amount to an increase of 6 cents.

Mayor Baruffi stated for the record that, had the Governor not

cut our aid to balance the state's budget, Borough taxpayers would not had an increase at all this year. The Mayor also informed the Governing Body that employees may be required to contribute toward the payment of health benefits in future years.

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
Baker Santagata Martinelli Cugini Zappariello	Andaloro	N/A	N/A

RESOLUTION 74-08

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING ATLANTIC COUNTY DESIGNATE AND CREATE A NO RIGHT TURN ON RED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF BREWSTER ROAD AT THE INTERSECTION OF BREWSTER AND WHEAT

ROADS IN THE BOROUGH OF BUENA FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF TRAFFIC SAFETY.

m/Santagata s/Cugini

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

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MAYOR'S UPDATE:

Mayor Baruffi reminded everyone that the Borough's COAH plan is certified until 2014.

An update was given on the newly purchased 51 acres. Mayor Baruffi reported that a future meeting will be held with representatives from County Government to discuss the legal aspects of owning the property.

Mayor Baruffi met with representatives of the Landisville Fire and Rescue Company to discuss the need for additional medical equipment. Mayor Baruffi will reach out to various businesses in an attempt to obtain donations.

A Grand Opening has been scheduled for Joe's Poultry.

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 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**

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**

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 base paving is complete.
- **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. Final site grading and restoration is pending.
- **THE COMMERCE CENTER REDEVELOPMENT PLAN HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY COUNCIL**  
**THE ROUTE 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 MEMORIALIZE ITS RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL TO ELIMINATE THE RESIDENTIAL AGE RESTRICTED USE TO ALLOW FOR PINELANDS CERTIFICATION AT THE JULY MEETING  
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 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 has revised the schedule for the reconstruction of Summer Road. 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. Meetings with the Pinelands and NJDEP representatives were held on June 6 and June 18<sup>th</sup>. We are continuing to evaluate options to address the landfill closure and recycling activities.

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Engineer Matt Ecker provided Council with an update on the landfill closure.

After researching the matter, Mr. Ecker determined that the Borough never received an approved closure plan when the landfill closed back in the 1980s.

As a result, all activity must cease on this site. The solicitor will follow up with the engineer to determine our best course of action.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECYCLING: (COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO)

Councilwoman Andaloro gave an update on recycling in the Borough.

RECREATION: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

Councilwoman Baker reported that the first concert was performed by Buddy Galzerano and his band on July 8<sup>th</sup>. The next concert will be held on July 14<sup>th</sup> with Joe Luisi "The One Man Band" performing.

The next Recreation meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Further planning for Buena Day will be done.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>: Concert at 7:00 p.m. Gene Boney

Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> and the Doctors of Rhythm at 7:00 p.m. Bill Newman

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

Council President Santagata provided everyone with the Road Department's itinerary.

FINANCE: (COUNCILMAN MARTINELLI)

Councilman Martinelli thanked the Chief Financial Officer and her staff for a job well done on the budget.

**PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI)**

Councilman Cugini reported that the chief will be on vacation from July 12<sup>th</sup> through July 19<sup>th</sup>. An update on animal control was given.

**BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO)**

Councilman Zappariello updated Council on the property located at 117 S. Harding Highway.

A memo will be sent to the Land Use Board recommending increases in fees and escrow amounts.

**PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING: none**

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

Minutes of the regular meeting of July 23, 2008 were approved m/Baker s/Andaloro RCVU

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Buena Municipal Utilities Authority Notice of Septage Rate Hearing. Chairman Brunini was present to update Council. Borough of

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OFFICER IN ADDITION MAYOR BARUFFI  
STATED THAT THE SOLICITOR WILL BE  
CORRESPONDING DIRECTLY WITH THE STATE  
ON THIS MATTER

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTING MICHAEL FEASTER AS SUBSTITUTE  
FIRE OFFICIAL IN THE BOROUGH OF BUENA  
THE SUBSTITUTE WILL BE CALLED ON AN AS  
NEEDED BASIS AND WILL BE COMPENSATED AT  
PER INSPECTION PERFORMED

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MARYANN CORALUZZO BOROUGH CLERK