

**BOROUGH OF BUENA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 22, 2008**

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, September 22, 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, Martinelli, Cugini and Zappariello, Robert De Santo Solicitor and Maryann Coraluzzo, Borough Clerk

ABSENT: Councilman Santagata

MAYOR'S REPORT:

A Moment of Silence was held for Emergency Management Coordinator and Borough resident, Robert Haugen who passed away.

With regard to Minotola Estates, Mayor Baruffi reported that permission has been granted by the NJDEP for a Simplified Water Main Extension Permit.

With regard to the safety signals in front of Notre Dame and Cleary Schools, Mayor Baruffi reported that Atlantic County is in the process of redesigning the signals. Funds will be set aside, and installation will take place in 2009.

An update was given on the Mazzoni site.

Mayor Baruffi contacted Assemblymen Albano and Milam regarding naming a certain section of roadway in the vicinity of the Padre Pio Shrine after longtime resident, Pete Dandrea.

ORDINANCE NO. 560 INTRODUCED AND PASSED ON FIRST READING:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE BOROUGH OF BUENA, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$376,610 THEREFOR, INCLUDING \$240,000 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE NEW JERSEY TRANSPORTATION TRUST AND \$31,610 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED AS A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$99,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.
m/Baker s/Martinelli

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

RESOLUTION 86-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM A MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 22, 2008.
m/Baker s/Andaloro

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

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.

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- Summer 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. 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

We have received NJDOT approval of the bid documents and also received bids on September 16, 2008. The low bidder was Arawak Paving Co. with a bid amount of \$147,800.00. We have forwarded to low bidders document to the solicitor for review. We would recommend that Council Award this bid to Arawak paving pending certification of funds and the solicitors approval.

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 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 pending. The developer is in the process of filing the subdivision with Atlantic County.
- 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. 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.
 - 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 submitted an application to the County to extend the bike path through our new Blackwater Pond property. We anticipate the possible award of this County grant within 45 days. We have also received \$90,000 in NJDOT funding to extend the bike path along North Boulevard north of RT 40.
- The County has started 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.
- 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.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

RESOLUTION 89-08 A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO ARAWAK PAVING CO., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$147,800.00 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF FRANKLIN STREET.
m/Martinelli s/Baker

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Andaloro	n/a	n/a	Santagata
Baker			
Martinelli			
Cugini			
Zappariello			

A resolution supporting offshore drilling will be ready for the next meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECYCLING: (COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO)

Councilwoman Andaloro reported that the ACUA will be sending a recycling report containing updates on residential and commercial properties.

Councilwoman Andaloro will follow up with County Executive Levinson regarding changes in the procedure for residents to obtain recycling containers.

RECREATION: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

Councilwoman Baker reported that the Recreation Commission will be having their meeting on October 1st.

Trick or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 25th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA) no report

FINANCE: (COUNCILMAN MARTINELLI)

Councilman Martinelli disseminated a memo from the finance office regarding a Bond Anticipation Note.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI) no report

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO) no report

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING: There was no one wishing to address Mayor and Council.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes of the regular meeting of September 8, 2008 were approved m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU

Minutes of the special meeting of September 16, 2008 were approved m/Baker s/Andaloro all in favor except Councilpersons Martinelli and Zappariello who abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

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

NEXT MEETING: October 14, 2008

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Cugini s/Martinelli RCVU