

BOROUGH OF BUENA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, September 8, 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:

PRESENTATION: SOUTH JERSEY GAS

Representatives of South Jersey Gas informed the Governing Body that a fourteen mile pipeline will be installed from Malaga to Vineland. This pipeline will reinforce the current system, and is not for individual tap in. Easements will be purchased from property owners, including the Borough. The project is estimated to run from June through November 2009.

RESOLUTION 85-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ADJUST AN ACCOUNT PURSUANT TO FARMLAND PRESERVATION EASEMENT.
m/Baker s/Santagata

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

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 8, 2008.
tabled to a future meeting

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

Mayor Baruffi reported that the police department is seeking proposals to provide animal control services for the remainder of the year.

With regard to the grant from the Office of Smart Growth, Mayor Baruffi informed Council that the Borough was not approved. The Mayor also voiced his dissatisfaction with this denial.

Mayor Baruffi has been meeting with representatives regarding development of the property next to the Commerce Center. Mayor Baruffi also expressed his concern regarding the DCA's denial of designating the former Mazzoni property as a Brownsfield site.

With regard to the proposed sporting complex on Brewster Road, Mayor Baruffi reported that Green Acres representatives denied the construction of a building on this property. Mr. Pustizzi is currently seeking alternative locations.

Information on the RAJ Motel will be presented at the next regular meeting.

Mayor Baruffi informed Council that the commitment letter between the owners of the Midway Inn and Bob Langi has expired.

Mayor Baruffi extended his thanks and gratitude to Councilwoman Baker and the entire Recreation Commission for a job well done on Buena Day. Councilwoman Andaloro expressed her concern with parking vehicles in the park during celebrations. For safety reasons, it was decided that no vehicles will be permitted to exit the park until the end of the celebration.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

RESOLUTION 87-08 A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO JAMES P. COWAN FOR PREPARATION OF TAX MAP REVISIONS FOR THE BOROUGH OF BUENA FOR THE BALANCE OF CALENDAR YEAR 2008.
m/Baker s/Andaloro

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

Solicitor De Santo received a memo from David DeWeese, Solicitor for the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, regarding sex offender ordinances. This memo advised suspending the enforcement of this ordinance until further notice because of the decision of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division. The Solicitor will follow up on the matter.

Solicitor De Santo will follow up with Tom Thomas regarding the Borough's COAH status.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECYCLING: (COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO)

The winners for the State Recycling Poetry Contest that Councilwoman Andaloro and William Nimohay held at Dr. J. P. Cleary Middle School and Notre Dame Regional School will be announced at State level by the end of September.

Councilwoman Andaloro reported receiving permission to move forward with the Recycling Design A T-Shirt Contest from Walter Whitaker, Superintendent of the Buena Regional School District. The packets with information will be dropped off on September 15th to the schools.

Councilwoman Andaloro reported that the Atlantic County Utilities Authority temporarily loans municipalities recycling containers for large gatherings. The recycling containers have also been used by the Bellview Winery and the Minotola Methodist Church.

RECREATION: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

Councilwoman Baker proudly reported that Buena Day was very successful. Many thanks were extended to Bill Nimohay, Frank Rivera, Alfie Grasso, Tom Dralle and Joe Rosemont for preparing the park for the event.

Sincere thanks also went to Kathy Dralle Chairperson of the Recreation Commission for the coordination of the event and Recreation Commission Members Bill Nimohay, Marie Delano, Diana Wilcox, Jim Heisler and Kevin Tharp. Community helpers were Helen Cigala, Musie Kimley, Stacey Delano, Janice Heisler and the Councilwoman's husband Richard Baker. Thanks also went to Councilman Zappariello for working all day as well. Parade participants were the V.F.W. Post, Horses and riders leading the parade. The golf cart behind the horses was beautifully decorated. Helpers included Park View Gardens Mickey Mobile, Forest Grove A's, Landisville Fire and Rescue and Minotola Fire Company. Great to see all the participants. Thanks to our Police department constantly patrolling the park. Thanks to the Buena Vista Exchange Club giving out American flags.

Last but not least, Councilwoman Baker thanked Mayor and Council and the donors sponsoring the event, and to all those who.

Councilwoman Baker and her husband Richard Baker donated four Mum Plants to each of the fire companies.

Councilwoman Baker reported that between Friday evening and Sunday morning one of the lights on the bathrooms behind the community center was broken. This morning upon arriving at the community center, Councilwoman Baker discovered one of the shrubs pulled out of the ground and placed on the sidewalk. A police report was made by Councilwoman Baker.

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

Council President Santagata provided everyone with the road department itinerary. Their main priority was the beautification of the park and surrounding areas in preparation of Buena Day.

Council discussed the enforcement of the one way road designation at Parkview Gardens.

Chief Adams commended Road Supervisor Nimohay for his efforts in retrieving a stolen badge that was recovered in a storm drain.

Council President Santagata reported on the status of the JIF Loss Control Inspection.

A meeting was held with the marketing company representing the sale of the Fibertech building. Councilman Santagata reported that they are asking 3.6 million.

FINANCE: (COUNCILMAN MARTINELLI)

Councilman Martinelli reported that in 2009, there will be twenty seven pays instead of the normal twenty six. This issue can be resolved by changing the pay dates in January and February.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI)

Councilman Cugini commended Chief Adams for being elected as President of the South Jersey Police Chiefs' Association.

Mayor Baruffi will follow up on the speed deterrents along Central Avenue.

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO)

Councilman Zappariello gave an update on 117 S. Harding Highway. Solicitor De Santo will follow up with the attorney representing the owners, giving a deadline. If no action is taken, the Borough will intervene and take the appropriate steps to bring the property into compliance. All charges incurred will be added to the current tax bill. If not paid, the property will proceed to tax sale.

Councilman Zappariello reported that there are over 400 registered rental units in the Borough. The possibility of changing the fees/fee structure was discussed. The Councilman will provide a status report when available.

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Clifford Lampson and Anthony Maurone, both of Summer Road, were concerned with the condition of their property during the reconstruction of Summer Road. Mayor Baruffi will personally follow up on the matter and take any steps necessary to resolve this issue.

David Lamondo, a Boy Scout from 108 Morris Avenue, requested assistance in obtaining his Eagle Scout before he turns 18. Councilman Zappariello will follow up on the matter.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes of the regular meeting of August 11, 2008 were approved with the corrected Buena Day Date m/Baker s/Andaloro RCVU

Minutes of the executive session of August 11, 2008 were approved m/Baker s/Zappariello RCVU

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notre Dame Regional School re; request for Bingo License No. BA308.
m/Baker s/Andaloro RCVU

ETA M HOWES LETTER OF RESIGNATION AS A
COMMUNICATOR OPERATOR EFFECTIVE
SEPTEMBER M CUCINE S BAKER RCVU

SOUTH JERSEY INDUSTRIES THIRD ANNUAL
COMMUNITY DAY ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER

CORRESPONDENCE FILED M BAKER SANDALORO
RCVU

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO GAVE AN UPDATE ON
THE STATUS OF THE FUEL PUMPS

NEW BUSINESS
COUNCILMAN CUCINE ASKED IF ANYTHING CAN
BE DONE TO HELP WITH A BUSINESS THAT MAY BE
LEAVING THE BOROUGH BECAUSE OF THE
DECISIONS OF THE LAND USE BOARD MAYOR
BARUFFE STATED THAT NO MEMBER OF THE
GOVERNING BODY IS PERMITTED TO INFLUENCE
ANY MEMBER OF THE LAND USE BOARD

COUNCILMAN MARTINELLI ASKED THE
SOLICITOR TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING
SOLICITOR DE SANTO WILL FOLLOW UP ON THE
MATTER

BILLS PAID AS LISTED M MARTINELLI S BAKER
RCVU

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER

MEETING ADJOURNED M CUCINE S MARTINELLI
RCVU

MARYANN CORALUZZO BOROUGH CLERK