

**BOROUGH OF BUENA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 26, 2009**

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, January 26, 2009, 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, Zappariello, Cugini, and DeStefano, Robert De Santo Solicitor and Maryann Coraluzzo, Borough Clerk

ABSENT:

MAYOR'S REPORT:

PRESENTATION: BUENA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Superintendent, Walter Whitaker and Board Members Anderson and Adams were present to update Mayor and Council on the progress of the new middle school. Mr. Whitaker informed those present that the school will open in January 2010. Fund raising was also discussed.

Mayor Baruffi reported that there may be funding available to assist municipalities in landfill closure procedures. Matt Ecker, Engineer will follow up on the matter.

An update was given on state aid.

Mayor Baruffi informed those present that Direct TV will now be renting space in the Commerce Center.

RESOLUTION 17-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BUENA TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH A RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT AS REQUIRED BY THE BY-LAWS OF THE ATLANTIC COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND m/Santagata s/Baker

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

RESOLUTION 18-09 A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO CONNER STRONG RISK CONTROL SERVICES TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE BOROUGH OF BUENA FOR CDL DRUG/ALCOHOL TESTING AND TRAINING FOR THE YEAR 2009 m/Santagata s/Cugini

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

RESOLUTION 19-09 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A STUDY TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO IMPLEMENT COUNTY WIDE CENTRAL DISPATCH m/Cugini s/Santagata

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

RESOLUTION 20-09      A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM  
A MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA  
TO BE HELD JANUARY 26, 2009 m/Zappariello s/Andaloro

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

RESOLUTION 21-09      A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FAIR HOUSING OFFICER FOR THE  
BOROUGH OF BUENA m/Baker s/Andaloro

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

RESOLUTION 22-09      A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE BOROUGH  
OF BUENA TO THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR  
PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND DEMOLITION AND AUTHORIZING THE  
EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS m/Baker s/Santagata

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

RESOLUTION 23-09      A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE CITIZEN  
PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM  
GRANTEES m/Baker s/Andaloro

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

RESOLUTION 24-09      A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL UNEXPENDED GRANT BALANCES.  
m/Zappariello s/Baker

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

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. We have contacted Alan Miller at NJDCA to request reconsideration of redevelopment status for the Mazzoni property.

**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**

Arawak has completed paving and the punch list work is ongoing.

**Additional Items**

- 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 30 days.
- Sherwood Forest Homes has substantially completed site improvements. Final site grading and restoration is being completed as the six proposed homes are constructed.
- 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.
- 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 received a grant for \$108,000 from 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 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.
- The Budget Motel redevelopment proposal was approved on 10-27-08 by Council and work is underway.

The engineer will follow up with Atlantic City Electric regarding the lights that are out along Central Avenue.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECYCLING: (COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO)

Recycling is running smooth. The new single stream recycling began on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Most residents like the idea of no separating. Everything goes in one container.

Information pamphlets were printed by the ACUA and along with other important information will be delivered to residents.

Bill Nimohay and Councilwoman Andaloro have finalized the "Design A-T-Shirt" Contest. A sixth grader from Notre Dame School has won. The school was notified and they are very excited. The students will be recognized at a future meeting.

FINANCE: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

Councilwoman Baker reported the Finance Office is working on the upcoming budget. The State numbers for this year have not yet been received. So far they are using State numbers from last year. The Finance Office has been informed by the state the budget is to be introduced by March 17<sup>th</sup> instead of February 10<sup>th</sup>.

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

Council President Santagata provided those in attendance with the road department's itinerary.

Because of complaints from residents, signs directing pet owners to pick up after their dogs will be placed along Central Avenue. Man holes along Central Avenue were also discussed.

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO)

Councilman Zappariello reported that the land use office is trying to collect approximately \$6,000.00 in review fees that are currently owed to the Borough.

Councilman Zappariello will seek quotes to possibly lower our phone bills.

Councilman Zappariello extended his thanks to Code Enforcement Officer, Bob Vassallo and Zoning Officer, John Keenan for a job well done.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI)

The possibility of combining the two fire districts in the Borough was discussed.

RECREATION: (COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO)

Councilman DeStefano reported that the first Recreation Commission meeting was held on January 7, 2009. Kathy Dralle was elected president and Diana Wilcox will serve as secretary for 2009.

The next concert, featuring the 4 Js, will be held on February 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Louise Basile Community Center.

A date has been set for Buena Day. This year, the annual event will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman DeStefano reported that the Buena Vista Exchange Club will hold their annual breakfast on March 15, 2009 at the Louise Basile Community Center.

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Residents Dave Armanini and Ernie Merighi were present to discuss the possibility of constructing an indoor sports facility in the Borough. Mayor and Council were in favor of this venture however, Mayor Baruffi stated that in these economic times, the Borough would be unable to participate financially.

Bill Nimohay, Road Department Supervisor, will follow up with the electric company regarding fallen trees in electrical wires along Summer Road.

William Coltri, Forest Grove Road, questioned ownership of the former Minotola Rescue Squad building.

Charles Gazzara, Emergency Management Coordinator, disseminated information regarding the distribution of prophylactic medications that will be made available to first responders and essential personnel during a bio-terrorism attack. Mr. Gazzara has given a deadline of February 14, 2009 to return the forms.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes of the regular meeting of December 8, 2008 m/Baker s/Andaloro all in favor except Councilman DeStefano who abstained.

Minutes of the reorganization meeting of January 2, 2009 were approved m/Andaloro s/Baker RCVU

Minutes of the special meeting of January 12, 2009 m/Baker s/Andaloro all in favor except Councilman Zappariello who abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Grandparents Association of Notre Dame re; request for a Raffle License RA314 and Bingo License BA315 m/Andaloro s/Baker RCVU
2. Notre Dame Regional School PTA re; request for a Bingo License BA316 m/Andaloro s/Baker RCVU
3. Municipal Garage Closure Report Approval was acknowledged.
4. County Executive Dennis Levinson's letter requesting attendance at the Atlantic County Urban County Committee meeting on February 3, 2009. Councilpersons Baker and Andaloro will attend.
5. County Executive Dennis Levinson's letter regarding the installation of a 4-way stop at Brewster and Weymouth Roads was acknowledged.
6. County Executive Dennis Levinson's letter regarding the receipt of a \$1,100.00 grant for the Annual Summer Concert Series was acknowledged.
7. Wheat Road Cold Cuts request to place a temporary trailer located at 302 Wheat Road m/Baker s/Cugini not to exceed six months. Mr. Wroniuk will be informed that the trailer must be placed at the western end of the rear of his property RCVU.
8. Foxmoor at Buena request for a temporary trailer located at 116 Lauren Court m/Baker s/Andaloro not to exceed six months. The applicant will remove the advertising banner until Zoning approval is obtained RCVU  
Hector Landrau, Harding Highway, expressed his dissatisfaction with the placement of the trailer. Steps will be taken to beautify the area.
9. Edward Wengrowski, Wastewater Management Coordinator regarding water quality and septic systems was acknowledged.
10. Buena Housing Authority's request for an appointee to a vacant position. Mayor Baruffi will follow up on the matter.
11. Elected Officials Reminder
12. 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Safety Kickoff Breakfast. The Clerk's office will follow up on the matter.

Need motion to file correspondence m/Baker s/Andaloro RCVU

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council President Santagata stated that changes may be needed to the dispatching contract addendum with Buena Vista Township. The Councilman will follow on the matter.

The Clerk will contact the Township of Hamilton to obtain a quote for dispatching services.

NEW BUSINESS: none

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

NEXT MEETING: February 9, 2009

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Cugini s/Zappariello RCVU