

**BOROUGH OF BUENA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2009**

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, December 14, 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 Gail Knott, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: all present

MAYOR'S REPORT:

PRESENTATION: SICILIAN AMERICAN CLUB

Vincent Marolda, President, Sicilian American Club of South Jersey, provided those present with an overview of the new building project in the Borough. Mr. Marolda reported that the facility will be the first Sicilian American Club in this area.

PRESENTATION: END OF YEAR REPORTS

John Brunini, Chairman BBMUA, presented Mayor and Council Members with the 2009 annual report for the Municipal Utilities Authority and Construction Official report.

John Keenan, Zoning Officer and Robert Vassallo, Code Enforcement Officer, gave there annual reports on zoning and code enforcement issues for the 2009 year.

Mayor Baruffi reported meeting with representatives for the Buena Business Park complex to discuss tax assessment issues.

RESOLUTION 108-09 TRANSFER APPROPRIATION BALANCES
m/Baker s/Andaloro

| Ayes: | Nays: | Abstain: | Absent: |
|-------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Andaloro | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Baker | | | |
| Santagata | | | |
| Zappariello | | | |
| Cugini | | | |
| DeStefano | | | |

RESOLUTION 109-09 CANCEL CURRENT BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS
m/Baker s/Santagata

| Ayes: | Nays: | Abstain: | Absent: |
|-------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Andaloro | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Baker | | | |
| Santagata | | | |
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RESOLUTION 110-09 RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT ATLANTIC COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT
INSURANCE FUND m/Santagata s/Baker

| Ayes: | Nays: | Abstain: | Absent: |
|-------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Andaloro | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Baker | | | |
| Santagata | | | |
| Zappariello | | | |
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| DeStefano | | | |

RESOLUTION 111-09 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOSEPH SANTAGATA, FUND COMMISSIONER AND VALERIE SANTAGATA, ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE ATLANTIC COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010
m/Baker s/Andaloro

| Ayes: | Nays: | Abstain: | Absent: |
|-------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Andaloro | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Baker | | | |
| Santagata | | | |
| Zappariello | | | |
| Cugini | | | |
| DeStefano | | | |

RESOLUTION 112-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF BUENA MUA FOR SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE FINANCE OFFICE AND CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICE BY THE BUENA BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES' EMPLOYEE CHERYL SANTORE m/Baker s/Zappariello

| Ayes: | Nays: | Abstain: | Absent: |
|-------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Andaloro | n/a | n/a | n/a |
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RESOLUTION 113-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM A MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA TO BE HELD DECEMBER 14, 2009. m/Santagata s/Baker

| Ayes: | Nays: | Abstain: | Absent: |
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| Andaloro | n/a | n/a | n/a |
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| DeStefano | | | |

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mazzoni Property

Our office is currently corresponding with the NJDEP on the next phase funding for groundwater investigation for the site and the required demolition plan for the existing structure. The NJDEP case manager has suggested documenting in our reports that the building demolition would benefit in the overall remediation of the site.

Reconstruction of Delaware Avenue (Re-Advertised) - 2009 State Aid

Only punch list items remain to complete for this project.

Borough of Buena Bike Path, Phase III

Council has awarded this contract to Site Contractors, Inc. All of the paving is completed for the bike path. The contractor will be working on landscaping and the remaining items. Our office has submitted a proposal letter to the Atlantic County Department of Regional Planning to request utilizing remaining Open Space Grant funds to repair areas of the Phase I Bike Path.

FY2010 NJDOT State Aid Applications

The Borough has received a FY2010 NJDOT Municipal Aid grant for the Reconstruction of Forest Grove Road in the amount of \$190,000. Our office has forward a proposal for the project to the Borough.

Atlantic County Improvement Authority CDBG Funding

Our office met with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority mid-year regarding the CDBG funding policy for the Borough. The FY2009 CDBG grant application was revised from the current Delaware Avenue project to Flower Street to correspond with the NJDOT FY2010 Municipal Aid grant application.

The Borough was recently awarded a Municipal Aid grant for Forest Grove Road. Should the Borough decide to revise the FY2009 CDBG grant to include Forest Grove Road and cancel Flower Street, the ACIA shall require 90-100 day revision period before the funding is available.

Please note that the Borough is still eligible to utilize the \$30,222 in FY2008 CDBG grant for a future project. The FY2008 funds were not used to compound the FY2008 NJDOT grant for Franklin Street reconstruction project due to policy restraints. A meeting is being scheduled to discuss the status of these funds.

Additional Items

- Sherwood Forest Homes has substantially completed site improvements. Three homes have been completed. Final site grading and restoration is being completed as the proposed homes are constructed. There are three lots remaining.
- 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.
- A redevelopment agreement for Block 145, Lot 8.04 of the Commerce Center Redevelopment Area is currently underway.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor DeSanto informed Mayor and Council Members that the Borough's current solid waste contract will be expiring.

m/Santagata s/Baker authorizing the Borough Clerk to advertise the Bid Notice for the solid waste contract RCVU

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECYCLING: (COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO)

Councilwoman Andaloro reported that the yearly meeting with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority will be held Wednesday, December 16th.

FINANCE: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

Councilwoman Baker reported that the finance department is working on the temporary budget.

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

The road department itinerary was discussed. Council President Santagata gave an update on the JIF.

William Nimohay, Roads Supervisor, gave a presentation on the Municipal Storm Water Management Plan.

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO)

Councilman Zappariello reported on the following information. A Wind Energy Symposium will be held January 15, 2010 at Rowan University. The rental ordinance is complete and will be presented at a future meeting. An update was given on the security cameras for the Borough Park.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI)

Councilman Cugini announced the resignation of Christopher Grusemeyer, Police Officer.

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RECREATION: (COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO)

Councilman DeStefano reported attending a holiday program at the Friendship Church on November 30th. It was also reported that the Borough's Christmas tree lighting and visit from Santa was held on December 12th. Councilman DeStefano attended the Buena Honor Societies tribute to Babe Cantoni and Babe Lolli.

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Darin Zorzi, 530 Forest Grove Road re; concerns with water drainage on Forest Grove Road. The Engineer will follow up with this matter.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes of the regular meeting of were approved m/Baker s/Andaloro RCVU

Minutes of the executive session of were approved m/Baker s/Andaloro RCVU

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notre Dame Regional School, PTA re; request for Bingo License No. BA325 m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU

2. Notre Dame Regional School, PTA re; request for Bingo License No. BA326 m/Baker s/Cugini RCVU

3. Notre Dame Regional School, PTA re; request for Raffle License No. RA327 m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU

4. Christopher and Patricia Curcio regarding Conte's Pasta expansion.

Mayor Baruffi referred Mr. Curcio to the Code Enforcement Official regarding noise and construction issues.

5. Letter of resignation Christopher Grusemeyer, Police Officer, effective December 11, 2009 m/Cugini s/Andaloro was accepted with regrets RCVU

Correspondence filed m/Baker s/Andaloro RCVU

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

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

NEXT MEETING: Special Meeting - December 28, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.
Reorganization - January 4, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.
Regular Council Meeting - January 25, 2009

Mayor Baruffi recessed the meeting to retire into executive session.

Mayor Baruffi called the meeting back to order and roll call remained the same.

RESOLUTION 114-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR OFFICER STACY L. STEUDLE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2010.

m/Cugini s/Santagata

| Ayes: | Nays: | Abstain: | Absent: |
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| Zappariello | | | |
| Cugini | | | |
| DeStefano | | | |

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Cugini Zappariello RCVU

GAIL KNOTT, DEPUTY CLERK