

**BOROUGH OF BUENA**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MARCH 23, 2009**

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, March 23, 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, Zappariello, Cugini, and DeStefano, Robert De Santo Solicitor and Maryann Coraluzzo, Borough Clerk

ABSENT: Councilman Santagata arrived at 7:10 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

WATER TOWER

PRESENTATION: Borough of Buena Municipal Utilities Chairman, John Brunini, and Chief of Police, Douglas Adams, were present to apprise Mayor and Council of recent developments with regard to the placement of an antenna on the water tower. Chief Adams disseminated a report outlining his investigation into the matter. Solicitor De Santo advised Mr. Brunini to hold further discussion in executive sessions.

JIF PRESENTATION: Michael Donato, RMC, and Bill Nimohay, Safety Coordinator, provided Mayor and Council with a detailed report on safety incentives received to date.

RESOLUTION 31-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BUENA TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SCALFO ELECTRIC INC., FOR ELECTRICAL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE YEAR 2009.  
m/Baker s/Zappariello

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

RESOLUTION 32-09 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BUENA TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FALASCA MECHANICAL, INC FOR MECHANICAL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE YEAR 2009.  
m/Baker s/Zappariello

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

RESOLUTION 37-09 EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET.  
m/Baker s/Andaloro

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Ed Walberg, Engineer, introduced Joe Cannizzaro, the Borough's new on site engineer. Mr. Walberg and Mr. Cannizzaro provided Council with the following report.

**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 should complete the repair for this project within the next month or the Borough will not refund the retainage.

**Reconstruction of Franklin Street - 2008 State Aid**

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

**Additional Items**

- Final NJDEP permits for the Minotola Estates project were approved. Signed plans shall not be released until applicant has paid BBMUA inspection escrow.
- 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 design of the bike paths should be completed at the end of the month.
- The NJDEP has been contacted to review the Borough's Landfill Closure Status in response to the NJDEP April 21, 2008 letter. We are continuing to evaluate options to address the landfill closure and recycling activities.
- We have applied for CDBG funding for the Reconstruction of Delaware Avenue between Harding Highway (US Route 40) and Willow Street. We have also received \$152,000 in NJDOT funding for the reconstruction.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

RESOLUTION 38-09 A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF ASSEMBLY  
BILL A-3772 AND SENATE BILL S-2577  
m/Santagata s/Baker

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

Cugini  
DeStefano

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECYCLING: (COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO)

Earth Day is being held on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Haneman Environmental Park in Egg Harbor Township. The day will be full of fun and the exhibits are free.

Councilwoman Andaloro is contacting the ACUA to have a puppet show for recycling at Dr. J.P. Cleary Middle School and Donini Elementary School. Funds for this event will be provided by the Clean Communities Entitlement program.

T-shirts for the "Design a T-shirt" contest were purchased through funds provided by the Clean Communities Entitlement program.

FINANCE: (COUNCILMAN BAKER)

Councilwoman Baker reported that a Special Meeting will be held on March 25, 2009 to introduce the 2009 Municipal Budget. The applications for Extraordinary Aid must be received by the State on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

Council President Santagata provided the road department itinerary.

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO)

Councilman Zappariello updated everyone on the inspections office.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI)

A Police Performance Report was disseminated.

RECREATION: (COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO)

Upcoming Events:

Apr. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Egg Hunt - Bruno Melini Park at 10:00 a.m.
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Buena Baseball/Softball Association - Chicken Barbeque at the Bruno Melini Park
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Run for Ricky
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Queen of Angel's - Chicken Barbeque at the Bruno Melini Park
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sicilian American Club - Chicken Barbeque at the Bruno Melini Park
Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Buena Day

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING: John Olive, Buena Baseball, was present to give Council an update on upcoming events.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes of the regular meeting of March 9, 2009 were approved m/Baker s/Andaloro RCVU

Minutes of the executive meeting of March 9, 2009 were tabled to the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Legislative Update was acknowledged

Correspondence filed m/Santagata s/Baker RCVU

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

An update was given on 117 South Harding Highway

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NEW BUSINESS: none

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

NEXT MEETING: April 13, 2009

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Cugini s/Zappariello RCVU

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MARYANN CORALUZZO, BOROUGH CLERK