

**BOROUGH OF BUENA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 27, 2009**

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, April 27, 2009, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall with Council President Santagata presiding. Council President Santagata 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: Mayor Baruffi and Maryann Coraluzzo, Borough Clerk

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Councilman Santagata gave an update for the Mayor's report. The Buena Regional School budget was defeated on Tuesday, April 21st. A copy of the school budget is available for review in the Borough Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTION 47-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DESIGNATION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) AS THE BASIS FOR ALL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT IN THE BOROUGH OF BUENA, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC. m/Cugini s/Baker

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

RESOLUTION 48-09 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CARL W. CAVAGNARO AS JUDGE OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA MUNICIPAL COURT FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2011. m/Zappariello s/Baker

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

RESOLUTION 49-09 A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE SUBMISSION BY THE BOROUGH OF BUENA OF THE 2008 MUNICIPAL RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, OFFICE OF RECYCLING AND TO DESIGNATE WILLIAM NIMOHAY TO ENSURE THAT THE SAID APPLICATION IS PROPERLY FILED. m/Andaloro s/Baker

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

County Road Evaluation Proposal.

Bike Path Phase 3 Proposal.

Reconstruction of Delaware Avenue Proposal.

The Borough Solicitor will prepare the professional service resolutions for the next council meeting regarding the above projects.

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. Arawak shall complete this and the above item within the same time period next month.

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 the 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 and ready for review at the beginning of next 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 received \$152,000 in NJDOT funding for the Reconstruction of Delaware Avenue between Harding Highway (US Route 40) and Willow Street. We have also applied for CDBG funding for the reconstruction. We have started a preliminary field survey for the area within the project limits.
- A redevelopment agreement for Block 145, Lot 8.04 of the Commerce Center Redevelopment Area is currently underway.
- We will begin accepting possible recommendations for the FY2010 NJDOT Transportation Enhancement applications and State Aid applications which are due on May 13, 2009 and June 12, 2009 respectively.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor De Santo will review the request for subordination of Block 207, Lot 11 and will advise Council accordingly at the next regular meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECYCLING: (COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO)

The State of New Jersey's 2009 Recycling Poetry Contest is underway. Cleary School sixth grades and Notre Dame sixth grade young writers will be submitting poems by May 14th. Councilwoman Andaloro reported that the Recycling Committee would like to recognize the best out of the group of writers at a future meeting.

FINANCE: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

We are now awaiting a date for the Mayor and the Auditor to appear before them to plead our case for the additional aid.

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

Council President Santagata provided the road department itinerary and also reported that contract negotiations have begun with the Road Department.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI)

A Police Performance Report was disseminated. Councilman Cugini reported Sabrina Gilbert has resigned her position of Telecommunicator effective May 2, 2009.

m/Cugini s/Baker authorizing the preparation of a resolution appointing Ryan Verrecchio to full time position of Public Safety Telecommunicator RCVU

Councilman Cugini reported Stacy Steudle, Police Officer, is out on disability as of April 3, 2009.

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO)

A meeting was held with the Buena Regional School District to discuss having a student assist with the Borough's IT systems. Councilman Zappariello will follow up with this matter. A update was also given on the JIF Boiler inspections and on the Bruno Melini Park.

RECREATION: (COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO)

Councilman DeStefano reported the makeup Easter Egg Hunt went well.

Upcoming Events:

May 5 th	Concert/Dance at the Louise Basile Community Center
May 9 th	Buena Baseball/Softball Association - Chicken Barbeque at the Bruno Melini Park
June 13 th	Run for Ricky
June 14 th	Queen of Angel's - Chicken Barbeque at the Bruno Melini Park
June 28 th	Sicilian American Club - Chicken Barbeque at the Bruno Melini Park
Sept. 13 th	Buena Day

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

William Coltry, 532 Forest Grove Road, re; concerns with the sale of the old rescue squad building in the Borough.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes of the regular meeting of April 13, 2009 were approved with a correction m/Cugini s/Baker

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

CORRESPONDENCE: none
BOROUGH OF BUENA

Minutes of the executive session of April 13, 2009 were approved m/Baker s/Andaloro

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Borough Solicitor gave a brief overview of the recent change in traffic engineering decisions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Baker informed all present that the outside water spigot was damaged by vandals at the Louise Basile Community Center. Councilwoman Baker will follow up with this matter.

Councilman Cugini informed all present of offensive behavior at the basketball courts during games in the Bruno Melini Park. All Council agreed to close the basketball court until the end of the baseball season. Councilman Santagata will follow up with the Borough's Road Supervisor to place signs at the site.

It was the consensus of council to use Clean Communities funds in the amount of \$3,000 to clean up the landfill site. Councilman Santagata will follow up with the Borough's Road Supervisor to request for proposals for this clean up.

BILLS PAID AS LISTED: m/Baker s/Andaloro

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NEXT MEETING: Special Meeting - May 4, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - May 11, 2009

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU