

BOROUGH OF BUENA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 26, 2009

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Tuesday, May 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, Cugini, and DeStefano,
Robert De Santo Solicitor and Maryann Coraluzzo, Borough Clerk

ABSENT: Councilman Zappariello

MAYOR'S REPORT:

RESOLUTION 56-09 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THE A.R.R.A. TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM
m/Santagata s/Cugini

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

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

Mayor Baruffi outlined his recent and upcoming articles that will appear in the Community Times.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mazzoni Property

We have received \$85,622 in additional NJDEP grant funds to complete the groundwater investigation and it is in process.

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 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.

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- 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 the initial roadway design.
- A redevelopment agreement for Block 145, Lot 8.04 of the Commerce Center Redevelopment Area is currently underway.
- An application for the NJDOT FY2010 Transportation Enhancement A.R.R.A. Program has been submitted for Lighting on the N-S Boulevard Bike Path from Central Avenue to Harding Highway and installing curb/sidewalk on the north side of South Blvd between Nixon St. & Buena Vista Ave. A resolution for the application needs to be passed and sent to the NJDOT.
- We will begin accepting possible recommendations for the FY2010 NJDOT State Aid applications which are due on June 12, 2009.
- A request has been sent to Atlantic City Electric to investigate malfunctioning decorative lights on Central Avenue from Wheat Road to Park Drive in accordance with their agreement.
- South Jersey Gas has requested a pipeline easement for Block 122, Lot 19 in the Borough. The engineer will review the matter and make a recommendation to Council at a future meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

m/Santagata s/Baker authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the subordination agreement to Princeton Mortgage on behalf of Lena Fantazzio.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECYCLING: (COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO)
Councilwoman Andaloro gave an update on the Poetry Contest. Six out of seventeen entries were sent to the State. The local winner, a Fifth Grade student, will be recognized at a future meeting.

FINANCE: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

Dates for the exit conference were discussed.

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

Councilman Santagata provided everyone with the road department's itinerary.

Redoing drainage using stimulus funds was also discussed. The engineer will follow up on the matter.

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS:

(COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO) no report

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI)

RESOLUTION 57-09 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOSHUA ZORZI TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR IN THE BOROUGH OF BUENA, EFFECTIVE May 26, 2009 AT THE RATE OF \$12.45 PER HOUR
m/Cugini s/Santagata

Ayes:	Nays:	Abstain:
Andaloro	n/a	n/a
Zappariello		
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Director Cugini stated that Route 40 will be closed this week for repairs.

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RECREATION: (COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO)

Upcoming Events:

June 2nd Concert/Dance at the Louise Basile
Community Center
June 13th Run for Ricky
June 14th Queen of Angel's - Chicken Barbeque
at the Bruno Melini Park
June 28th Sicilian American Club - Chicken Barbeque
at the Bruno Melini Park
Sept. 13th Buena Day

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING: There was no one wishing to address Mayor and Council.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes of the regular meeting of May 11, 2009 were approved m/Baker s/Cugini all in favor except Councilman DeStefano who abstained.

Minutes of the executive session of May 11, 2009 were approved m/Cugini s/Santagata all in favor except Councilman DeStefano who abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Dare To Dream Foundation, Inc., re; letter requesting permission to utilize the Louise Basile Senior Center for a fundraising event on Saturday, October 24, 2009. m/Baker s/Andaloro RCVU

Correspondence filed m/Baker s/Andaloro RCVU

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Baker reported that the ACUA has delivered recycling buckets to the Louise Basile Community Center and the organizations are now recycling. Security cameras are needed in the park due to ongoing damage.

Councilwoman Baker and her husband Richard donated patriotic wreaths to be displayed in the Municipal Building. The Councilwoman also reported she will be donating the money collected for Administrative Assistant's Day flowers to the Trent Patrick Fund.

Solicitor DeSanto will follow up on the memo from Occupancy Inspector Johnston regarding the need for yearly rental inspections.

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

NEXT MEETING: June 8, 2009

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU

MARYANN CORALUZZO, BOROUGH CLERK