

**BOROUGH OF BUENA**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 22, 2009**

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, June 22, 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: all present

MAYOR'S REPORT:

PRESENTATION ALYSSA BONONCINI WINNER OF THE 2009 RECYCLING POETRY CONTEST  
A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Ms. Bononcini for her outstanding achievement during the 2009 Recycling Poetry Contest.

PRESENTATION WALT WHITAKER, BUENA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT AND DAVE ANDERSON, BUENA REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT, END OF YEAR UPDATE.  
Both gentlemen provided the Governing Body with the progress of the new middle school to date as well as the severance petition filed by the Borough of Newfield. A shared services meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the board offices.

RESOLUTION 61-09 2009 EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET  
m/Baker s/Andaloro

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

RESOLUTION 62-09 A RESOLUTION APPROVING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES FOR THE 2009-2010 TERM  
m/Cugini s/Baker

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

RESOLUTION 63-09 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND ISSUE ESTIMATED TAX BILLS FOR THE THIRD INSTALLMENT OF 2009 TAXES  
m/Baker s/Santagata

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

RESOLUTION 64-09 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE GRACE PERIOD FOR THE PAYMENT OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES IN THE BOROUGH OF BUENA FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2009.  
m/Santagata s/Baker

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

RESOLUTION 65-09 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 FISCAL YEAR 2010 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM  
m/Baker s/Zappariello

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

RESOLUTION 66-09 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 FISCAL YEAR 2010 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM  
m/Baker s/Zappariello

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

RESOLUTION 67-09 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 FISCAL YEAR 2010 CENTERS OF PLACE PROGRAM  
m/Baker s/Andaloro

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

RESOLUTION 68-09 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 FISCAL YEAR 2010 BIKEWAY GRANT PROGRAM  
m/Baker s/Andaloro

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

**Reconstruction of Muccio, Ott & Martinelli Drives**

Arawak has recently repaired a section of paving at Muccio & Martinelli and the project is in the process of being closed out.

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

Arawak has recently repaired a section of paving on Franklin. A complaint from a resident regarding a driveway apron is currently being investigated.

**Reconstruction of Delaware Street - 2009 State Aid**

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. Roadway plans and specifications have been submitted to the NJDOT and the project shall be advertised for bid at the start of July.

**Borough of Buena Bike Path, Phase III**

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. We are currently working on the bikeway construction plans and we expect the project shall be advertised for bid at the start of July.

**FY2010 NJDOT State Aid Applications**

FY2010 NJDOT State Aid applications were submitted on June 12, 2009. Resolutions should be passed for the submission of the following applications:

- Municipal Aid #1: Reconstruction of Flower Street; requested amount: \$233,450.00
- Municipal Aid #2: Reconstruction of Forest Grove Road; requested amount: \$204,700.00
- Bikeway Aid: N-S Boulevard Bike Path; requested amount: \$150,650.00
- Centers of Place: South Boulevard Streetscaping; requested amount: \$132,871.00

**Atlantic County Roadway Evaluation**

Our office performed a pavement evaluation on the following Atlantic County roadway sections in the Borough:

- Brewster Road (AC Route 672) from Harding Highway (US Route 40) to Cumberland County Line.
- Wheat Road (AC Route 619) from Cumberland County Line to Harding Highway (US Route 40).

The results were submitted to the County Engineering Department along with a request to consider these roadways for future improvements. Both the County Executive and the County Administrator were sent a copy of the submission letter.

**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. The applicant estimates that the paving of Central Avenue shall start at the end of July.
- 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.

- 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 was passed at the previous council meeting and sent to the NJDOT.
- 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.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor DeSanto received a call from John Formisano of the Landisville Fruit Growers Association requesting assistance in changing the zoning to agricultural in the area of the Association. m/Cugini s/Andaloro authorizing the Solicitor to prepare a letter to be sent to the Land Use Board asking them to investigate the feasibility of this change and advising Council of their findings. The Solicitor will draft a letter to be sent to the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECYCLING: (COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO)  
Councilwoman Andaloro and William Nimohay, Recycling Coordinator, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Bononcini for her outstanding achievement during the 2009 Recycling Poetry Contest.

FINANCE: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

Councilwoman Baker reported attending the Exit meeting with the Auditors, Chief Financial Officer Nancy Brunini and Councilman Santagata. The audit will be presented to Council at the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. An update was also given on the ExtraOrdinary Aid to date.

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

William Nimohay, Road Supervisor was present to report on the following information. The Southern Railroad Company will be giving a donation to the Landsville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company to blow out drain pipes under South Boulevard near the PGI building. Mr. Nimohay provided everyone with the road department's itinerary.

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN

ZAPPARIELLO)

Councilman Zappariello provided an update on 117 South Harding Highway. A meeting will be held with the Buildings and Grounds Committee to discuss occupancy issues in the Borough. Councilman Zappariello is working on web site design for the Borough.

Effective July 1, 2009, a vacancy will exist in the maintenance department due to the lay off of Terry Crites. Council agreed that the building is in need of part time maintenance. Mr. Crites will be asked to fill that need on a part time basis consisting of twenty hours per week until the end of this year.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI)

Director Cugini disseminated information obtained as a result of the contract negotiations meeting with the communications operators. An executive session will be held at the next meeting to discuss these requests.

RECREATION: (COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO)

Councilman DeStefano reported the Pasta Dinner fund raiser for Trent Patrick on June 11<sup>th</sup> went very well. Councilwoman Andaloro informed Council that four thousand dollars was raised at the event. The Queen of Angel's chicken barbeque was well attended. The rescheduled concert with the 4 J's was held on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Upcoming Events:

June 28<sup>th</sup> Sicilian American Club - Chicken Barbeque at the Bruno Melini Park

The concert schedule has been printed and is available for distribution. Councilman DeStefano reported that concerts will be held every Tuesday during the months of July and August, rain or shine.

Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> Buena Day

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Pam Johnston, Occupancy Inspector, re; concerns  
with occupancy issues in the Borough.

BOROUGH OF BUENA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 22, 2009  
PAGE 5

CLERK'S REPORT:  
Minutes of the regular meeting of June 8, 2009 were  
approved m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU

CORRESPONDENCE: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:  
Councilwoman Baker donated new faucets at the Louise  
Basile Community Center.

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

NEXT MEETING: July 13, 2009

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU

---

MARYANN CORALUZZO, BOROUGH CLERK