

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

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, September 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:**

PRESENTER: Raymond Palmieri, Commerce Center Master Tenant, provided those present with an overview of the facility. Mr. Palmieri reported three businesses are now operating out of the Commerce Center.

Mayor Baruffi announced the Cosmic Spice Company, tenant of the Commerce Center, will have a grand opening on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**ORDINANCE NO. 564 PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:**

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 540 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCY WITHIN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION HEREOF."  
m/Baker s/Andaloro

DISCUSSION: none

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:  
m/Baker s/Zappariello

ORDINANCE 564 ADOPTED:  
m/Baker s/Zappariello

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 567 INTRODUCED AND PASSED ON FIRST READING:**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REVISED FEES AND ESCROWS FOR LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS.  
m/Zappariello s/Baker

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

**RESOLUTION 88-09 A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE PINELANDS COMMISSION IMPOSING A SEPTIC SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN**  
m/Santagata s/Cugini

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

RESOLUTION 89-09 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A CHANGE ORDER TO AMEND A CONTRACT WITH ARAWAK PAVING CO., INC., FOR FINAL AS BUILT QUANTITIES FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF FRANKLIN STREET. m/Bakers/Santagata

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

RESOLUTION 90-09 A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO SITE CONTRACTORS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$151,558.50 FOR THE BOROUGH OF BUENA BIKE PATH, PHASE III m/Bakers/Andaloro

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

RESOLUTION 91-09 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHRISTOPHER GRUSEMEYER TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME CLASS II SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER IN THE BOROUGH OF BUENA POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 14, 2009. m/Cuginis/Santagata

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

RESOLUTION 92-09 A RESOLUTION PROVISIONALLY APPOINTING EUGENE SORACCO TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME CLASS II SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER IN THE BOROUGH OF BUENA POLICE DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 AT A RATE OF \$13.44 PER HOUR. m/Cuginis/Santagata

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

RESOLUTION 93-09 A RESOLUTION PROVISIONALLY APPOINTING FRANK LUPPERGER TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME CLASS II SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER IN THE BOROUGH OF BUENA POLICE DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 AT A RATE OF \$13.44 PER HOUR. m/Cuginis/Santagata

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

RESOLUTION 94-09      A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXCLUSION OF A MEETING OF  
THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA TO BE HELD  
ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 m/Baker s/Cugini

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

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

Mayor Baruffi reported on the upcoming expansion of Conte's Pasta on Wheat Road. The Mayor stated that the expansion will add approximately 30 new jobs to the already lucrative business.

Mayor Baruffi announced that he received correspondence from Atlantic County regarding the installation of flashers in front of Cleary and Notre Dame schools. The flashers will be installed prior to the end of this calendar year.

Clerk/Typist, Rose Yegla has decided to resign her position. Mayor Baruffi stated that Ms. Yegla was an excellent employee who will be missed. The position will not be filled this year and the budget will be re-evaluated in 2010 to see if funds will be available to replace this employee. In the interim, the tax collector's office will close on Wednesday evenings except during quarterly collection times m/Cugini s/DeStefano accepting the resignation of Rose Yegla, Clerk/Typist, effective September 14, 2009, with regrets RCVU

Mayor Baruffi commended the Recreation Commission for another outstanding Buena Day!

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Joe Cannizzaro, Engineer, provided Council with an update of projects to date. The South Boulevard Bike Path has roots breaking through the asphalt. The engineer will follow up on the matter.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

RESOLUTION 95-09      A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO SMB PAVING, LLC IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$128,480.11 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF  
DELAWARE AVENUE, BOROUGH OF BUENA. m/Cugini s/DeStefano

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

RESOLUTION 96-09      A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 54-09 INCREASING  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FEES TO REMINGTON & VERNICK FOR  
ADDITIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF  
DELAWARE AVENUE. m/Santagata s/DeStefano

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

RESOLUTION 97-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP/BUENA BOROUGH/WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2010.  
m/Baker s/Andaloro

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECYCLING: (COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO)

Councilwoman Andaloro gave an update on recycling. Rugs will not be picked up curbside and must be brought to the Convenience Center. An overview of the Enhancement Act was given.

FINANCE: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

Councilwoman Baker reported that the municipal state aid is being received. Property tax money is now coming in since the tax bills were sent out. Councilwoman Baker reminded everyone that all departments must stay within their budgets.

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

Council President Santagata commended Bill Nimohay for his efforts with the JIF. The road department's itinerary was given

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO)

Councilman Zappariello will have the property located at 117 South Harding Highway taped off and designated a safety hazard. An update was given on the occupancy department.

Councilman Zappariello requested that all proposed physical changes to the baseball fields be directed to him. A meeting was held with the representatives of our baseball league and the locking of the restrooms remains an issue. Thanks were extended to Bill Nimohay for his assistance before, during and after Buena Day.

Councilman Zappariello has been in contact with Comcast regarding the renewal of their franchise agreement. More information will be available at a future meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI)

A Police Performance Report was disseminated. Director Cugini informed Council that a committee meeting was held to discuss public safety issues, including dispatch and rescue services.

State fire officials were present today to inspect Buena Gardens Senior apartments regarding the frequency of false fire alarms. No information on the outcome of this inspection is available at this time.

RECREATION: (COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO)

Councilman DeStefano reported on the Buena Day activities. Thanks were extended to all those who participated in the event.

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> Notre Dame Regional School - Eighty's Dance Fund Raiser 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p. m.

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> Fall Dance Series - John Lolli at the Louise Basile Community Center - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes of the regular meeting of August 10, 2009 were approved m/Baker s/Cugini RCVU

Minutes of the executive session of August 10, 2009 were approved m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU

Minutes of the special meeting of August 18, 2009 m/Baker s/Cugini all in favor except Councilpersons Andaloro and Zappariello who abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE:

**CARMEN PETRONCLO LETTER OF INTEREST FOR FARMING ON BOROUGH OWNED PROPERTY SOLICITOR DESANTO WILL FOLLOW UP WITH THIS MATTER**

2. **LETTER OF** resignation Ryan Verrechio, Public Safety Telecommunicator, effective August 18, 2009. m/Cugini s/Baker accepted with regrets RCVU

**LETTER FROM COUNTY EXECUTIVE LEVINSON REGARDING THE PLACEMENT OF A GUARDRAIL ON WHEAT ROAD WAS ACKNOWLEDGED**

**LETTER FROM COUNTY EXECUTIVE LEVINSON REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF GR AND HARDING HIGHWAY WAS ACKNOWLEDGED**

**LETTER FROM COUNTY EXECUTIVE LEVINSON REGARDING THE MILLING AND OVERLAY OF BREWSTER ROAD AND THE WHEAT ROAD DESIGN AND FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS WAS ACKNOWLEDGED**

**TIF ELECTED OFFICIALS LIABILITY SEMINAR NOTICE WAS ACKNOWLEDGED**

**PARKVIEW GARDENS REQUESTING THE USE OF THE LOUISE BASILE COMMUNITY BUILDING ON OCTOBER M BAKER S ANDALORO RCVU**

**REV DAVID MALLORY COMMENDING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS ACKNOWLEDGED**

**NFDOT NOTICE OF GRANT DENIAL FOR THE NS BOULEVARD AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS WAS ACKNOWLEDGED**

**CORRESPONDENCE FILED M CUGINI S BAKER RCVU**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO INFORMED ALL PRESENT THE SICILIAN AMERICAN CLUB WILL BE OFFERING ITALIAN CLASSES STARTING SEPTEMBER<sup>ND</sup>**

**BILLS PAID AS LISTED M BAKER S ZAPPARIELLO WITH THE ADDITION OF PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER PAYABLE TO PYROTECNIO IN THE AMOUNT OF FOR FIREWORKS BUENADAY RCVU**

**NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER**

MEETING ADJOURNED MCGUENE SEAPARAZELLO  
RCU

GAIL HOTT DEPUTY CLERK