

**BOROUGH OF BUENA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 25, 2010**

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, October 25, 2010 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, Robert De Santo Solicitor and Gail Knott, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Councilman DeStefano

MAYOR'S REPORT:

PRESENTATION Gina Frandino, winner of the State Recycling Poetry Contest, was presented with awards for her poem.

PRESENTATION Dave Anderson, Buena Regional School District Board Member, was present to update Council on various items relating to the District and the upcoming school board election.

RESOLUTION 97-10 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND AN OVERPAYMENT FOR BLOCK 207, LOT 63.17 TO BOROUGH OF BUENA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,227,00. m/Baker s/Andaloro

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

RESOLUTION 98-10 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A TAXICAB LICENSE TO MARGARITA ROTHMAN EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 26, 2010 TO MARCH 31, 2011 m/Santagata s/Baker

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

Mayor Baruffi reported meeting with the owner of Papa Luigi's Restaurant who is interested in purchasing the old landisville diner.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

**Mazzoni Property**

The NJDEP case manager has suggested documenting in our reports that the building demolition would benefit in the overall remediation of the site. We have also verified that the NJDEP has no objection to demolishing the building. Insufficient funds are available to hire a contractor to demolish this building. The borough is considering alternate means to demolish the building. We are preparing a proposal for the work plan to be funded by the existing grant. Upon completion of the work plan review, we can apply for funding.

**Reconstruction of Delaware Avenue (Re-Advertised) - 2009 State Aid**

The final Change Order has been submitted to the NJDOT. Upon their approval of the final change order we can request the final reimbursement.

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

The contractor has completed the most of the remaining items on the punch list.

**FY2010 NJDOT State Aid Applications**

The Borough has received a FY2010 NJDOT Municipal Aid grant for the Reconstruction of Forest Grove Road in the amount of \$190,000. Based on our recommendation council agreed that we should overlay this road in lieu of reconstructing the Road. The ACIA has approved our bid package and authorized us to bid the project. The NJDOT is currently reviewing our bid package and will be responding soon. We will bid the project as soon as the NJDOT authorizes the bid.

**Atlantic County Improvement Authority CDBG Funding**

We have submitted the resolution and signed contract to the ACIA for the transfer of funds from Flower Street to Forrest Grove Road. The ACIA has approved the transfer of the funds to Forrest Grove Road. The amounts of these funds are 30,222.00 and 30,501.00 respectively. The plans will be submitted to the NJDOT for approval this week. We can advertise for bids within 15 days after this submittal and with authorization by council to solicit bids.

In addition, the Borough has \$31,610 in FY 2007 funds for the construction of bleachers, a community activity sign and storage shed at the recreation fields. We discussed the Borough's plans for these items and the ACIA is satisfied with the projects. We understand the Borough has ordered the shed from DeptCor under their state contract. ACIA must be notified of the delivery date so they may inspect the shed upon delivery. The bleachers have been delivered and will be assembled by the Road Department. We are still working with the contractors to refine the scope of work for the monument sign in front of the Municipal building.

**Demolition of 117 Harding Highway and the old Municipal Building**

This contract was awarded to Earthtech Demolition. Demolition of the building is complete. We will be finalizing this project with the contractor.

**Intersection of Martinelli Avenue and Muccio Drive**

We have sent a letter to the original contractor and are waiting for a response.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor De Santo reported that the interlocal dispatching agreement with Gloucester County will be ready for the next meeting of November 8<sup>th</sup>. The layoff approval for dispatching services was received from the Civil Service Commission office. The plans and procedures for the layoff are being processed at this time. An update was also given on the delinquent tax payments for Minotola Estates.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**RECYCLING: (COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO)**

Councilwoman Andaloro reported she is working with the teen center to possibly have teens work with road department a few hours a week using Clean Communities Funds.

**FINANCE: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)**

Councilwoman Baker reported that all is status quo in the Finance Office thus far.

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

Bill Nimohay, Roads Supervisor, provided the road department itinerary. An update on the JIF was also given. Councilman Santagata disseminated information for the upcoming JIF Elected Officials Seminar.

RECREATION: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO)

Councilman Zappariello reported that the all is well in the Bruno Melini Park including the lavatories. Trick or Treat will be held October 30<sup>th</sup> between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI)

Dave Sherma, Chief of Police was present to update Council on the transition of dispatching services to Gloucester County.

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO) no report

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Jeff Spreng re; concerns with payment of his pension contribution. Mr. Spreng feels the borough is responsible for half of his buy back amount. After discussing the matter, Solicitor De Santo will research the matter and render his opinion in a letter to Mr. Spreng.

Charlie Gazzara, Emergency Management Coordinator, was present to report that the revisions to the Emergency Operation Plan updates have been meant. The Borough's copy is available at the Borough Clerk's Office for review.

Bill Cotri, 532 Forest Grove Road, concerns with drainage problems on Forest Grove Road. The Borough Engineer will follow up with this matter.

Scott Welsh, Minotola Fire Company, request for a lockbox at the new EMS building. Solicitor De Santo will follow up with this matter. Mr. Welsh also had concerns with updating dispatching records in the police department. Dave Sherma, Chief of Police will follow up with Mr. Welsh on this matter.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes of the regular meeting of October 12, 2010 were approved m/Baker s/Zappariello RCVU

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Jim Quarella re; letter requesting duplicate Tax Lien Certificate of Sale No. 090003 m/Baker s/Santagata RCVU

Correspondence filed m/Baker s/Andaloro RCVU

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Councilman Zappariello gave an update on the cable television renewal.

NEW BUSINESS: none

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

NEXT MEETING: November 8, 2010

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Cugini s/Zappariello RCVU