

**BOROUGH OF BUENA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 22, 2010**

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, February 22, 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, and DeStefano, Robert De Santo Solicitor and Gail Knott, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: all present

MAYOR'S REPORT:

PRESENTATION: BUENA REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
Dave Anderson, Board Member was present to update Council on various items relating to the District. State funding issues were discussed.

Representatives of the BBMUA were present discuss mapping issues and the DEP. Councilpersons Santagata and Zappariello will monitor the situation along with the MUA.

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. The NJDEP case manager has suggested documenting in our reports that the building demolition would benefit in the overall remediation of the site.

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

Punch list items have been completed for this project and we are preparing to close out the project.

Borough of Buena Bike Path, Phase III

Council has awarded this contract to Site Contractors, Inc. All of the paving is completed for the bike path. The contractor will be working on landscaping and the remaining items.

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. Our office has forward a proposal for the project to the Borough.

Atlantic County Improvement Authority CDBG Funding

Our office met with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority mid-year regarding the CDBG funding policy for the Borough. The FY2009 CDBG grant application was revised from the current Delaware Avenue project to Flower Street to correspond with the NJDOT FY2010 Municipal Aid grant application. The Borough was recently awarded a Municipal Aid grant for Forest Grove Road. Should the Borough decide the revise the FY2009 CDBG grant to include Forest Grove Road and cancel Flower Street, the ACIA shall require 90-100 day revision period before the funding is available.

Please note that the Borough is still eligible to utilize the \$30,222 in FY2008 CDBG grant for a future project. The FY2008 funds were not used to compound the FY2008 NJDOT grant for Franklin Street reconstruction project due to policy restraints. A meeting is being scheduled to discuss the status of these funds.

In addition, the Borough has \$31,610 in FY 2007 funds for the construction of bleachers, a community activity sign and a storage shed at the

recreation fields. We have prepared the documents for the community activity sign and it appears that we may be able to solicit competitive quotations in lieu of competitive bidding to construct the sign. We will be scheduling a meeting with the county to review our documents with them to verify this process is within the funding guidelines.

Additional Items

- Sherwood Forest Homes has completed site improvements. Home construction is ongoing. Final site grading and restoration is being completed as the 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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor DeSanto prepared the new specifications for solid waste removal. Bids will be received on April 23, 2010.

The Solicitor is waiting for the legal description for the Levari property so he can move forward in preparing the deed of easement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECYCLING: (COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO)

Councilwoman Andaloro announced the Atlantic County Utility Authority will hold Earth Day on April 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Councilwoman Andaloro and William Nimohay had a meeting to discuss printing a newsletter to promote recycling awareness. An update was given on the Buena Business Park formerly known as Fibertech.

FINANCE: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

Councilwoman Baker reported the Borough Auditors are in the building doing the audit for the 2009 year. The Borough's budget for this year is on hold until figures come in from the State.

The cost for Waste Management for contracted fees and tipping fees were drawn up by the Finance Department. Also costs for Cifaloglio for solid waste only were drawn up.

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

An update was given on the recent storms. The Road Department itinerary was discussed. Councilman Santagata thanked the Buena Borough Police Department for handing out the no-parking notices.

Council was in favor of moving forward in applying for FEMA funds for the recent snow emergencies. Councilman Santagata will follow up with this matter.

Councilman Santagata reported that at the JIF Safety Incentive Breakfast the Borough was awarded the 2009 Safety Incentive Gold Award and 2010 Safety Incentive Qualifiers award totaling \$4,750.00.

The Borough's Convenience Center will be opened on Saturday, April 10th from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Mayor and Council commended the road department efforts during the recent snow storm.

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RECREATION: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO)

Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 25 Buena baseball/softball sign ups at Borough Hall 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 27 Buena baseball/softball sign ups at Borough Hall 10:00 a.m.
- Mar. 3 Recreation Meeting - 7:00 p.m. all welcome to help stuff Easter Eggs
- Mar. 14 Exchange Club St. Patrick's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Louise Basile Community Center, tickets \$6.00
- Mar. 20 Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bunny - 10:00 a.m. children categories are (3years old and under) (4 to 6 years old) and (10 to 12 years old)
- Mar. 27 Notre Dame Regional School - supper 50/50 tickets \$100.00

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI)

Director Cugini gave an update on Officer Capehart's return to full time duty. The Director also informed Council of an accident involving a school bus and a patrol car.

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO)

Councilman DeStefano will have an update on the property located at 117 S Harding Highway at the next regular meeting.

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

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes of the regular meeting of February 8, 2010 were approved m/Baker s/Andaloro RCVU

CORRESPONDENCE:

ROBERT BOHNER OF HAVERFIELD AVIATION INC LETTER REQUESTING A TEMPORARY HELICOPTER LANDING AREA FOR ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC REPAIR WORK WAS APPROVED M SANTAGATA S BAKER RCVU

HECTOR LANDRAUS REQUEST FOR SUBORDINATION WAS APPROVED M SANTAGATA S BAKER RCVU

Correspondence filed m/Andaloro s/Baker RCVU

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

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

NEXT MEETING: March 8, 2010

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Cugini s/Andaloro RCVU

GAIL KNOTT, DEPUTY CLERK

