

**BOROUGH OF BUENA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 2010**

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, August 16, 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:

RESOLUTION 68-10 **A RESOLUTION PAYING TRIBUTE AND RESPECT TO DOUGLAS E. ADAMS FOR HIS DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO THE BOROUGH OF BUENA m/Cugini s/Baker**

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

RESOLUTION 69-10 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TAX ASSESSOR, FOR DELETION OF AN ACCOUNT BY SUB-DIVISION. m/Cugini s/Zappariello

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

RESOLUTION 70-10 **A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO BATTING CAGES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,357.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ALUMINUM BLEACHERS FOR THE BRUNO MELINI PARK. m/Baker s/Zappariello**

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

RESOLUTION 71-10 A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO EARTHTECH CONTRACTING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,743 FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 117 HARDING HIGHWAY, BOROUGH OF BUENA, ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. m/Santagata s/Baker

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

RESOLUTION 72-10 BUENA LIQUOR STORE TRANSFER
m/Santagata s/Baker

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

RESOLUTION 73-10 WAIVE DEMOLITION PERMIT FEES
m/Santagata s/Baker

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

Mayor Baruffi reported on the following information. The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) held a public meeting on Wednesday, August 11th at Borough Hall. Representatives gave an update on the South Jersey Clothing Factory site and also informed everyone present of contamination found under the Dry Cleaner's business on Summer Road. The EPA is working out the details with the Dry Cleaning owners at this time. An update on this matter will be given at a future meeting.

Mayor Baruffi gave an overview of the proposed Emergency Medical Services within the Borough.

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 AID

The final paperwork has been forwarded to the Borough. Upon the Borough signing the paperwork we can forward to the state for reimbursement.

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 is scheduled to be working on the punch list this week.

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. Our design will be complete this week and we will be forwarding to the DOT for their approval to bid. We anticipate bidding this project in late August.

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. I will take about 75 days for the ACIA to approve the transfer. The transfer must be complete before we can award a contract for the work. The funds should be available around the time we are ready to advertize for bids on the contract. The funds being transferred are from FY 2008 and FY 2009. The amounts of these funds are 30222.00 and 30,501.00 respectively.

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 have submitted our specifications and documents for quoting these items for review by the ACIA. We have received quotes for the bleachers and submitted a recommendation for award. We have received quotes for the sign in front of the municipal building.

Unfortunately, all of the quotes exceed the bid threshold and we therefore cannot award a contract. We are looking at the quotes to see if there is the possibility of modifying the scope of work to reduce the cost.

The ACIA also has informed us that the borough has approximately \$30,500.00 that will be awarded to them for FY 2010. We have made application to utilize these funds for the drainage improvements on Louis Drive.

DEMOLITION OF 117 HARDING HIGHWAY AND THE OLD MUNICIPAL BUILDING

We re-bid this project and received bids on August 12, 2010. A recommendation of award has been submitted to Council for consideration. All Council was in favor of waiving the demolition permit fees to the Borough.

INTERSECTION OF MARTINELLI AVENUE AND MUCCIO DRIVE

We have completed our survey work at this intersection. We are currently working on a solution to the drainage issue at this intersection. There is still a Maintenance bond in place for the work done previously on this intersection. We will be contacting the contractor for them to make the repairs.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

ORDINANCE NO. 570 INTRODUCED AND PASSED ON FIRST READING:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA CREATING A DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WITHIN THE BUENA BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT.
m/Cugini s/DeStefano

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

ORDINANCE NO. 571 INTRODUCED AND PASSED ON FIRST READING:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO THE BOROUGH OF BUENA FOR THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED BY THE BOROUGH OF BUENA POLICE DEPARTMENT, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.
m/Cugini s/DeStefano

Ayes:	Nays:	Absent:	Abstain:
Andaloro	n/a	n/a	n/a
Baker			
Santagata			
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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECYCLING: (COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO)

Councilwoman Andaloro is working with the surrounding schools for an art project program for recycling. A design for recycling will be placed on tote bags. On Friday, August, 20th the Teen's from Teen Center will be cleaning up in the Borough's Park.

FINANCE: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

Councilwoman Baker reported the computer system is up and running smoothly. On July 26th two sections of iron fence and two handrails were installed in the park by I-Ron-X. The cost for the iron work was paid by Rosalie and Richard Baker. The fence was put up to embellish the park and prevent flowers from being trampled upon. The handrails were for safety on the steps.

On August 11th Councilwoman Baker and Councilwoman Andaloro attended the Buena Regional School Board Meeting. Plans for renovations for the schools were discussed. Possible referendum dates are September, December, January and April.

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

Council President Santagata provided council with the road department's itinerary. On July 27th Councilman Santagata attended the Pineland Commission meeting. At the meeting they discussed changing regulations, solar field updates and CAP landfills.

m/Santagata s/Baker A motion dedicating an amount not to exceed \$14,000.00 to purchase radio equipment necessary to do the transfer of dispatching to Gloucester County, subject to Gloucester County Freeholders signing the agreement.

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

RECREATION: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO)

Councilman Zappariello announced the recent Recreation Meeting was canceled. Improvements to the Borough's walking trail are being done and that this years Buena Day has been suspended. An update on Buena Baseball Little League was also given.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI)

Councilman Cugini commended the new Chief of Police, David Sherma for all of his efforts.

Charlie Gazzarra, Emergency Management Coordinator was present to update Mayor and Council of Emergency Management. The Borough has received approximately \$7,300.00 from FEMA Funding for the December snow storms. Mr. Gazzarra also stated that the Borough should be receiving funds from FEMA for the February snow storms.

The Borough's Emergency Plan has been updated as a requirement by the State. The plan is available for review in the Borough Clerk's Office or can be obtained on a disk.

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO)

Councilman DeStefano reported the community wide yard sale will be held September 25th and 26th. An update on the Police Department phase 1 cleaning of offices was given.

Bob Vassallo, Code Enforcement Official was present to update Mayor and Council of enforcement issues in the Borough.

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Lou Rothman, concerns with the proposed EMS Service and low income residents. Mayor Baruffi stated provisions have been made for this criteria.

Margarita Rothman, request for a Taxi Service in the Borough. Solicitor De Santo will follow up with this matter.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes of the regular meeting of July 12, 2010 m/Cugini s/Zappariello all in favor except Councilwoman Baker who abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Ptl. Frank Lupperger Letter of Resignation effective July 31, 2010. m/Cugini s/Baker was accepted with regrets RCVU
- b. Gary Labo, MUA Secretary requesting the waiver of a \$400.00 Subdivision application fee. m/Zappariello s/Baker RCVU
- c. Legislative Update was acknowledged.
- d. John Kraft, Bond Counsel, regarding \$299,495 Bond Anticipation Note was acknowledged.

Correspondence filed m/Baker s/Andaloro RCVU

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

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

NEXT MEETING: September 13, 2010

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Cugini s/DeStefano RCVU

GAIL KNOTT, DEPUTY CLERK