

**BOROUGH OF BUENA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2011**

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, November 14, 2011 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 Robert De Santo Solicitor and Gail Knott, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Councilperson DeStefano

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Baruffi gave an update on the flooding issue of Kimberly Lane, Central Avenue and Forest Grove Road. It was reported that the County Engineer and Department Head for Planning and Engineering will meet with the Borough's representatives to address this issue.

PRESENTATION: John Brunini, BBMUA Chairman provided those in attendance with information on the proposed rate increase to the sewer services.

m/Santagata s/Zappariello approving the requested rate increase of the Borough of Buena Municipal Utilities Authority to the annual rate per Domestic Consumer Unit in the amount \$120.00 for a total rate per Domestic Consumer Unit of \$545.00 subject to a decrease when the purpose of the increase no longer exists or is needed.

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

RESOLUTION 101-11 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENT TO A TAX ACCOUNT FOR FIRE DAMAGE AND DEMOLITION.
m/Cugini s/Baker

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

LETTER: RESERVATION OF RIGHTS (tabled)
M_____S_____RCV

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mazzoni Property

The building on the Mazzoni property has been demolished. The old municipal building has also been demolished. Our office is preparing a status report for the EDA.

Borough of Buena Bike Path, Phase III

The contractor has completed the remaining items on the punch list. Atlantic County has paid the final invoice for their portion of the project. We are working on the final reimbursement from the NJDOT.

FY2010 NJDOT State Aid Project

The Borough received a FY2010 NJDOT Municipal Aid grant for the Reconstruction of Forest Grove Road in the amount of \$190,000. The construction of the road is complete. There are some punch list items that need to be addressed.

Atlantic County Improvement Authority CDBG Funding

Currently funds from FY 2008, FY 2009 and FY 2010 have been allocated for the construction of storm drainage on Louis Drive. These funds total approximately \$91,223.00. We estimate the construction cost to be between \$175,000 and \$225,000. This does not include any potential cost for land acquisition. Funds for the FY 2011 grant have been earmarked for drainage improvements to Forest Grove Road. We have not received correspondence from the County indicating the value of the grant for this year.

Borough of Buena Bike Path, Phase IV

The Borough was awarded \$150,000 by the NJDOT - FY 2010 Bikeway and Pedestrian Facilities Program. The plans are complete and ready for bidding. We are requesting authorization to bid this project.

Intersection of Martinelli Avenue and Muccio Drive

The contractor that will be performing the work on Forest Grove Road is also the contractor that performed the work on this project. We have discussed the problems at this intersection with the contractor and he will be performing the corrective work while he is working on Forrest Grove Road.

Forest Grove Road / Kimberly Lane Drainage

We are currently investigating grant funding opportunities to address this drainage issue.

Louis Drive Drainage

We have made application to the ACIA to divert FY 2008, 2009 and 2010 funds toward this project. Upon approval of our application, there will be approximately \$91,223.00 available in CDBG funds for this project. We have completed a preliminary design which entails piping the stormwater from Louis drive to a proposed basin in the rear of the fire station on Wheat Road. Permission is needed from the adjacent property owner to access the drainage easement to install piping from Louis Drive to the proposed basin behind the firehouse. Permission is also needed from the firehouse to construct the basin to the rear of the property.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECYCLING: (COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO)

The Design a Tee Shirt was approved by the school board. The drawings will be picked up in December. The funds for the Design a Tee Shirt comes from Clean Communities Funds. An emblem will be on the tee shirts showing the preservation of Donini School 1916-2012.

FINANCE: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

Councilwoman Baker reported the summary budgets have been disseminated; areas are highlighted and transfers will be done at the November 28th meeting.

The Finance Office is having difficulty with billing from Veridian. The Finance Office prefers to go back to Atlantic City Electric for the Borough's electricity. It was the consensus of Council to discuss this at a future meeting as the contract with Veridian ends in December.

Certificates of Appreciation for donors of Buena Day were hand delivered by Councilwoman Baker for local donors and mailed for out of town donors. On Sunday, November 27th Olde Tyme Christmas Service will be held at Historic Friendship Church at 3:00 p.m. Refreshments to follow at the Social Hall.

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

The Road Department itinerary was disseminated.

RECREATION: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO)

Councilman Zappariello reported activities are ongoing in the Bruno Melini Park due to the inclimate weather.

Upcoming Events:

Nov 11th Minotola Volunteer Fire Co.- Roast Beef Sale
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Nov 19th Notre Dame Regional School- Cabaret Night
At Notre Dame - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Nov 15,16,17 New Jersey League of Municipalities Convention
Atlantic City

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI)
Police performance report was disseminated.

Councilman Cugini will follow up with the Police Department for a request of a crossing guard on Forest Grove Road.

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

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:
Brian Fatcher, 102 Kimberly Lane re; flooding issues.

Deana Ridolfo, 516 Forest Grove Road re; flooding issues.

Linda Zorzi, 520 Forest Grove Road re; flooding issues.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes of the executive session of October 11, 2011 were approved m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU

Minutes of the special meeting of October 17, 2011 were approved m/Cugini s/Baker all in favor except Councilpersons Andaloro and Santagata who abstained.

Minutes of the executive session of October 17, 2011 were approved m/Cugini s/Baker all in favor except Councilpersons Andaloro and Santagata who abstained.

Minutes of the regular meeting of October 24, 2011 were approved m/Baker s/Cugini RCVU

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. J.I.F. and M.E.L. 2011 dividend in the amount of \$13,032.00 to be received:
____in the form of a check
XXX__as a credit against our 2012 assessment
____applied to the fund's Aggregate Excess Loss Contingency Fund (This
____choice requires a resolution)
____any combination of the three.

Need motion to file correspondence m/Baker s/Andaloro RCVU

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The Borough Solicitor will follow up with the Borough's Road Department Supervisor regarding Lauren Court on Nixon Street and unfinished roads in the development.

NEW BUSINESS: none

BILLS PAID AS LISTED: m/Baker s/Andaloro

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

NEXT MEETING: November 28, 2011

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU