

**BOROUGH OF BUENA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 15, 2011**

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, August 15, 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 and Cugini, Richard Tonetta, Acting Solicitor and Gail Knott, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Councilman DeStefano

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Baruffi gave an update on the solar energy pilot program. He reported funding for solar energy is on hold because of an oversupply of solar renewable-energy certificates. The Borough is interested in pursuing this matter when the funds are available.

DISCUSSION: BEST PRACTICES QUESTIONNAIRE
Mayor Baruffi explained that the Best Practices Questionnaire is a requirement of the State to determine Aid eligibility. Council members will review the survey for any additional input.

PRESENTATION: SEGWAY DONATING BENEFACTORS
Sergeant Stacy Stuedle presented certificates of appreciation to the benefactors who donated towards the purchase of the Police Department's new Segway.

RESOLUTION 79-11 A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS ON OCTOBER 1, 2011, BETWEEN 8:00 P.M. AND 10:00 P.M. AT THE BRUNO MELINI PARK, CENTRAL AVENUE, MINOTOLA m/Zappariello s/Baker

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

RESOLUTION 80-11 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND AN OVERPAYMENT FOR BLOCK 175, LOT 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$252.03. m/Baker s/Andaloro

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

RESOLUTION 81-11 A RESOLUTION FIXING SALARIES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA FOR THE YEAR 2011. m/Baker s/Cugini

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

RESOLUTION 82-11 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENT TO A TAX ACCOUNT FOR QUALIFIED FARMLAND ASSESSMENT. m/Baker s/Cugini

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

RESOLUTION 83-11 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENT TO A TAX ACCOUNT FOR A FIRE DAMAGED PROPERTY. m/Baker s/Andaloro

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

RESOLUTION 84-11 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH DM MEDICAL BILLINGS, LLC FOR EMS THIRD PARTY BILLING FOR THE BOROUGH OF BUENA. m/Cugini s/Baker

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mazzoni Property

The building on the Mazzoni property has been demolished. The old municipal building has also been demolished.

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 Applications

The Borough has 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 Forrest Grove Road. We have not received correspondence from the County indicating the value of the grant for this year.

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. So far the Borough has spent \$4,357.00 for the bleachers and \$3,376.00 for the shed. The work on the sign is complete and the sign is in use.

In addition the ACIA indicated that there is still \$2,800.00 remaining from FY 2006 that was originally allocated for the purchase of security cameras. Council had expressed an interest in installing video surveillance in the Bruno Melini Park at a previous meeting. This funding would be available for installing the video surveillance in the park.

Borough of Buena Bike Path, Phase IV

The Borough was awarded \$150,000 by the NJDOT - FY 2010 Bikeway and Pedestrian Facilities Program. The NJDOT has reviewed the plans and is requiring a review by their rail safety division. The plans are complete and ready for bidding.

Intersection of Martinelli Avenue and Muccio Drive

The contractor that will be performing the work on Forrest 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.

Forrest Grove Road Drainage

Our survey crews have completed their field work. It appears that a pipe can be installed along Forrest Grove road to provide drainage for the affected area. We have applied for funding from the ACIA for the project. We recommend budgeting between \$170,000 and \$200,000 for construction.

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:

RESOLUTION 85-11 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND THE BOROUGH OF BUENA FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO POLLING LOCATIONS. m/Cugini s/Baker

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECYCLING: (COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO)

Councilwoman Andaloro reported on the following information. Recycling is going well in the borough. Recycling information is being handed out to new residents. The collection of recycled books for pre-k to second grade students is on going. Lisa DeMarco of the Spanish Community Center is reading books with children.

FINANCE: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

Councilwoman Baker reported the documents for the Bond Anticipation Note have been received and are being processed.

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

Council President Santagata provided those in attendance with the road department's itinerary. The Risk Management Loss Control Inspection was done recently at Borough Hall. Risk Management suggested placing more wood chips under the bleachers and in the activity area in the park. Bill Nimohay, Road Supervisor, will follow up with this matter.

RECREATION: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO)

Upcoming Events:

Aug 16 th	Concert in the Bruno Melini Park 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
	Bill Newnan Doctors of Rhythm
Aug 27 th	Minotola Methodist Church - Chicken Barbeque
Aug 28 th	Queen of Angel's Feast - at St. Lema Church
	12:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Sept 7 th	Recreation meeting
Sept 21 st	Recreation meeting
Oct 1 st	Buena Day

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI) no report

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

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Bill Coltry, 532 Forest Grove Road, re; concerns with drain problems on Forest Grove Road.

Marion Bernard, 109 S. Nixon Street was present to inquire on the current status of a complaint with the neighbors goats. Acting Solicitor Tonetta referred Mr. Bernard to the Borough Municipal Court Office and Zoning Office.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes of the regular meeting of June 27, 2011 were approved m/Baker s/Andaloro

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of July 11, 2011 were approved m/Baker s/Santagata

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

Minutes of the special meeting of July 27, 2011 were approved m/Baker s/Cugini

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Ed Walberg, Engineer, regarding proposal to apply for FY2012 NJDOT grants.
2. Notre Dame Regional School request for two permanent storage trailers at 601 Central Avenue was approved m/Baker s/Zappariello RCVU
3. After Disaster Housing Corporation requesting placement of a temporary trailer at 206 Sumner Street due to a recent fire was approved m/Baker s/Andaloro RCVU
4. Legislative Update was acknowledged.

Correspondence filed m/Baker s/Cugini RCVU

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

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

NEXT MEETING: Special Meeting - August 19, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting - September 12, 2011

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU