

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

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

ABSENT: Councilpersons Santagata, Zappariello and Cugini

MAYOR'S REPORT:

ORDINANCE NO. 577 (TABLED TO A FUTURE MEETING)

NEED MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON:

AN ORDINANCE COVERING AND REGULATING TAXICABS, PROVIDING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HERETO

m/ s/

DISCUSSION:

NEED MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING:

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ORDINANCE NO. 577 ADOPTED:

m/ s/

RESOLUTION 23-11 A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO SIGN\*A\*RAMA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,071.55 FOR A FREE STANDING MONUMENT SIGN FOR THE BOROUGH OF BUENA MUNICIPAL BUILDING.  
m/Baker s/Andaloro

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAIN:
Andaloro	n/a	Zappariello	n/a
Baker		Santagata	
Baruffi		Cugini	
DeStefano			

Mayor Baruffi reported receiving a letter from Dennis Levinson, County Executive regarding the Borough's request for reconstruction of Wheat Road from Central Avenue to Harding Highway. Mr. Levinson has directed the County Engineer to evaluate this request and advise accordingly. The Borough has received conformation from the County Executive's Office that the ACUA is willing to take the C & D waste from two demolitions at the cost that Cumberland County would charge.

The Borough received notification from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation that they are unable to provide a Municipal Aid Grant for the Reconstruction of Flower Street.

Mayor Baruffi gave an update on the Louis Drive drainage project.

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. All final paperwork has been sent to the state to close-out the project

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

The contractor has completed the remaining items on the punch list. We are preparing close-out documentation for the NJDOT and Atlantic County.

**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. We have submitted the bid results to the NJDOT. The NJDOT has confirmed the bid award we have submitted the initial payment voucher to the CMFO for signatures. We held a preconstruction meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup> for this project. Due to the onset of the winter weather, we do not expect this project to begin until the spring.

**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.

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

The borough was awarded \$150,000 by the NJDOT - FY 2010 Bikeway and Pedestrian Facilities Program. We are in the process of preparing plans for this project.

**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.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECYCLING: (COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO)

Councilwoman Andaloro reported meeting with Bill Nimohay, Road Supervisor to discuss the new procedures for collecting electronics. Flyers will be distributed with the information for collecting electronics. Councilwoman Andaloro is working with the school to collect recycled books for pre-k to second grade students who are unable to afford them. Approximately nine hundred books have been handed out to students.

Councilwoman Andaloro informed Council Members that John Donato has painted a mural at the Milanese School. Recognition of his work will be held at a future meeting.

FINANCE: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

On January 21<sup>st</sup> Councilwoman Baker presented a plaque from Mayor and Council to Tina Symanski for over twenty years of service to Buena Alliance. She is retiring this year. On February 3<sup>rd</sup> Councilwoman Baker attended the CDBG meeting with President of Council Joe Santagata. They do not know the figures for this year but assume it will be the same as in the past. We are still in low income area. Applications must be in by March 4<sup>th</sup>.

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On February 4<sup>th</sup> the Sicilian Club scheduled to use the Louise Basile Community Center for Italian Classes each Tuesday beginning February 22<sup>nd</sup> for eight weeks. On February 7<sup>th</sup> the Finance Committee had an informal meeting with the Chief Finance Officer to give a sense of direction for the budget. Around the week of March 7<sup>th</sup> we should be able to have a budget workshop meeting with Council to review the budget and make any cuts necessary.

Councilwoman Baker will be attending a Finance Seminar on March 3<sup>rd</sup> along with the Chief Financial Officer. Councilwoman Baker and Mrs. Helen Cigala donated two handmade Afghans to the Buena Emergency Services Center. On February 11<sup>th</sup> new blinds and shades were installed at the Buena Emergency Service Center donated by Councilwoman Baker and Richard Baker.

Congratulations are in order for Councilman David Zappariello who was sworn in as President of Atlantic County Township Officials.

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA) no report

RECREATION: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO)

Mayor Baruffi gave the update on behalf of Councilman Zappariello. A recreation Commission meeting was held on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Buena Baseball Softball Association made a presentation to build a coaches pitch baseball field inside the circular walking path. The next Recreation meeting will be held March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

The annual Buena Borough Easter Egg Hunt will take place either April 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>. Baseball Opening Day will be April 9<sup>th</sup>. The Buena High School Booster Club will sponsor their first Annual Coaches Clinic on Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the high school gym. It is designed for any coach or parent looking to learn about the latest baseball and softball training techniques. A forty dollar donation to benefit the Buena Baseball Booster Club is required.

Baseball/Softball sign-ups are still going on. The final dates are Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Borough's large meeting room.

The Notre Dame Regional School will be hosting a 70's and 80's Dance on March 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the school. Gabor Kiss from Boogie Nights in Atlantic City will be the DJ's. Tickets are \$30.00 per person.

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

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

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Bill Coltri, 532 Forest Grove Road, re; concerns with the Louis Drive drainage project.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes of the regular meeting of January 24, 2011. If no corrections or additions, entertain a motion to approve M\_\_\_\_\_S\_\_\_\_\_RCV  
(Tabled to a future meeting)

Minutes of the executive meeting of January 24, 2011. If no corrections or additions, entertain a motion to approve M\_\_\_\_\_S\_\_\_\_\_RCV  
(Tabled to a future meeting)

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Queen of Angel's Parish re; request for Raffle License No. RA331. m/Baker s/Andaloro RCVU
2. Atlantic County League of Municipalities 2011 Annual Reorganization Meeting was acknowledged.

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Correspondence filed m/Baker s/Andaloro RCVU

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Councilwoman Andaloro informed everyone present that her daughter received a \$300.00 donation from her employer for Little League Baseball.

Lisa Demarco, Special Education Teacher at the Milanese School is looking for donations of used musical instruments for children who are unable to afford them.

BILLS PAID AS LISTED: m/Baker s/DeStefano

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Baker		Santagata	
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NEXT MEETING: February 28, 2011

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Baker s/DeStefano RCVU

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GAIL KNOTT, DEPUTY CLERK