

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

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, March 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, and DeStefano, Robert De Santo Solicitor and Gail Knott, Deputy Clerk, Nancy Brunini, Chief Financial Officer and Michael Garcia, Auditor

ABSENT: Councilman Cugini

MAYOR'S REPORT:

RECOGNITION: A plaque was presented to John Donato in recognition of his artwork and mural paintings at the Milanese School.

RECOGNITION: Sara Sapello was presented a plaque for making and donating handmade blankets to sick children in hospitals.

Michael Garcia, Auditor gave an overview of the Municipal Budget to date.

Mayor Baruffi Reported the Falasca Company has secured the Old Midway Inn property and they are moving ahead with redeveloping the site.

ORDINANCE NO. 578 NEED MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 576 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING VEHICLE TOWING AND STORAGE SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE BOROUGH OF BUENA; ESTABLISHING LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES, AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION HEREOF". m/Baker s/DeStefano RCVU

DISCUSSION: none

NEED MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING:  
m/Baker s/Andaloro RCVU

ORDINANCE NO. 578 ADOPTED:  
m/Baker s/Andaloro

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

ORDINANCE NO. 579 NEED MOTION TO INTRODUCE AND PASS ON FIRST READING:

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF LISTED RAPID ENTRY KEY BOXES, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, CABINETS, KEY SWITCHES. SECURITY PADLOCKS, AND FIRE SPRINKLER SECURITY CONNECTION CAPS, FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF BUENA.

m/ s/

The Solicitor indicated the ordinance will not be considered by Council due to lack of a motion and second.

ORDINANCE NO. 580 NEED MOTION TO INTRODUCE AND PASS ON FIRST READING:

CALENDAR YEAR 2011  
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)m/Baker s/Santagata

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

RESOLUTION 29-11 A RESOLUTION CANCELING PROPERTY TAXES ON BLOCK 147, LOT 5, AND AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE A REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES PAID AS THE RESULT OF A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN'S PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION.  
m/Baker s/Santagata

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

RESOLUTION 30-11 A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS OF MONITORING WELLS AT THE BOROUGH OF BUENA SANITARY LANDFILL TO VAL ASSOCIATES LABORATORY, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,950.00 m/Baker s/Zappariello

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

RESOLUTION 31-11 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR THE 2010-2011 TERM. m/Baker s/Zappariello

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

RESOLUTION 32-11 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM A MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA TO BE HELD MARCH 14, 2011 m/Baker s/Santagata

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

RESOLUTION 33-11 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RYAN VANSYCKLE TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER IN THE BOROUGH OF BUENA, EFFECTIVE MARCH 14, 2011 AND AUTHORIZING HIM TO ATTEND THE NEW JERSEY POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION AT A CERTIFIED POLICE ACADEMY.  
m/Santagata s/Zappariello

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

RESOLUTION 34-11 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOBIAS G APOSTLE TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER IN THE BOROUGH OF BUENA, EFFECTIVE MARCH 14, 2011 AND AUTHORIZING HIM TO ATTEND THE NEW JERSEY POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION AT A CERTIFIED POLICE ACADEMY. m/Santagata s/Zappariello

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

RESOLUTION 35-11 2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
m/Baker s/Andaloro

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

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. Public Works Department has removed stored items from the building. Local utility suppliers have been contacted for disconnect letters in anticipation of demolition.

**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 been in contact with the contractor and construction will be starting shortly.

**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. We have forwarded contract documents to the contractor for the monument sign. As soon as they are completed we will issue a notice to proceed.

**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.

**Forrest Grove Road Drainage**

Our survey crews have completed their field work. We are analyzing the information and we will forward a report on our findings.

All Council was in favor for applying for the next round of CBDG funding to the dedication of Forest Grove Road.

**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 \$94,444.00 available in CDBG funds for this project. Our survey crews have completed their field work. We are analyzing the information and we will forward a report on our findings.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECYCLING: (COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO)

Councilwoman Andaloro reported there is a need to increase recycling collection as people are putting recycling items with trash. The Road Department will be doing spot checks for recycling and notices will be handed out to anyone not complying. The Convenience Center will be open on April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., electronics will also be collected at that time.

FINANCE: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

Councilwoman Baker reported attending a Finance Seminar along with the Chief Finance Officer presented by the State on March 2<sup>nd</sup> for the 2011 Budget.

On March 3<sup>rd</sup> Councilwoman Baker attended the JIF Safety Meeting presented by Michael Donato. On March 7<sup>th</sup> a new venetian blind was installed in Dale Jones office in the Police Department. It was donated by Councilwoman Baker and Richard Baker.

On March 9<sup>th</sup> Councilwoman Baker attended the Buena Alliance Meeting. The new Chairperson is Tabitha Mueller who is also Buena Regional High School's PTO President. The Auditors are in Borough Hall auditing all the departments for all 2010 transactions.

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

Councilman Santagata reported the application has been processed to obtain funding from FEMA for the December 2010 snow storm. A report was also given on the road department's itinerary.

The Borough Engineer reported the demolition of the Old Borough Municipal Building and Mazzone Property is ready to move forward. Councilman Santagata will direct the Road Supervisor to proceed with the demolition process.

RECREATION: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO)

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> the rain date is April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Clean up is being done in the Bruno Melini Park.

Councilman Zappariello commended Dave Sherma, Chief of Police for speaking at the Atlantic County Association of Township Officials meeting on March 11th.

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

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO)

Councilman DeStefano reported six code violation notices were sent by the Borough's Code Enforcer and that Occupancy Registration forms are being returned.

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

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes of the regular meeting of January 24, 2011 all in favor except Councilwoman Baker who abstained.

Minutes of the executive meeting of January 24, 2011 all in favor except Councilwoman Baker who abstained.

Minutes of the regular meeting of February 14, 2011 all in favor except Councilman Santagata and Councilman Zappariello who abstained.

Minutes of the regular meeting of February 28, 2011 all in favor except Councilman DeStefano who abstained.

Minutes of the executive meeting of February 28, 2011 all in favor except Councilman DeStefano who abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Atlantic County Mosquito Control Unit request to apply pesticides as needed. m/Santagata s/Baker RCVU
2. Notre Dame Regional School PTA request for Raffle License No. RA03-2011. m/Baker s/Andaloro RCVU

Correspondence filed m/Baker s/Andaloro RCVU

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

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

NEXT MEETING: March 28, 2011

Mayor Baruffi recessed the meeting to retire into executive session. The Mayor opened the meeting and roll call vote remained the same.

m/Santagata s/DeStefano authorizing Officer Ronald Bonilla to be placed on the next salary step effective January 1, 2010

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Baker s/Zappariello RCVU