

**BOROUGH OF BUENA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 11, 2011**

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, July 11, 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 Baker, Santagata and DeStefano, Robert De Santo Solicitor and Gail Knott, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Councilpersons Andaloro, Zappariello and Cugini
Solicitor DeSanto arrived at 7:20 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

RESOLUTION 72-11 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING EMILY ADAMS TO THE POSITION OF COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF JANICE MIELKE m/Baker s/Santagata

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

RESOLUTION 73-11 A RESOLUTION PROVISIONALLY APPOINTING JOSHUA W. ROQUE TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME CLASS II SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER IN THE BOROUGH OF BUENA POLICE DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE JULY 11, 2011 AT RATE OF \$13.44 PER HOUR.
m/DeStefano s/Santagata

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

RESOLUTION 74-11 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH A NO PASSING ZONE ON HARDING HIGHWAY IN THE BOROUGH OF BUENA (US 40) FROM BLUE ANCHOR ROAD (SR 54) TO BREWSTER ROAD (CR 672).
m/Santagata s/Baker

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

Mayor Baruffi gave an update on the J.P. Cleary School progress. The new sign has been placed at Borough Hall for community events.

The Mayor reported receiving notification from the EPA that they will begin field work the week of July 18th at the South Jersey Clothing Company/Garden State Cleaners Superfund sites. Site preparation including removing of the building will begin.

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 has awarded a contract to Aladdin Oil to remove the barrels from the building. The barrels have been removed from the building and demolition can begin.

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 preparing close-out documentation for 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 contractor has started work on the sign and is nearly complete. 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. We have made a submission to the rail division and anticipate going out to bid on the project in July.

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. Unfortunately we can not provide a positive outfall from the basin and therefore the basin will be a retention basin. We will provide a sketch of the proposed facilities to Council for future discussions. This proposal will require easements from adjacent property owners and the fire station for the basin construction.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECYCLING: (COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO) no report

FINANCE: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

Councilwoman Baker thanked everyone involved with the placement of the new Borough Hall sign. The sign was funded by a Community Development Block Grant.

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

Council President Santagata provided those in attendance with the road department's itinerary. The Right to Know survey has been completed.

RECREATION: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO) no report

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

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO)

Councilman DeStefano reported the security cameras are up and running at the EMS building. An update was also given on the cameras in the Bruno Melini Park.

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Louis Gonzalez, owner of Speedy's, was present to express his concerns with being removed from the tow list. Mayor Baruffi stated that he was responsible for amending the ordinance that allowed only three business to tow in the Borough. The Mayor further encouraged Mr. Gonzalez to petition the Council to change the ordinance back to four.

Jeff Johnston, 347 Cedar Lake Road, concerns with a fence in the right of way on Cedar Lake Road. Bill Nimohay, Road Supervisor will follow up with on this matter.

CLERK'S REPORT: none

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Land Use Solicitor DiDomenico regarding Performance Guarantees. The Borough Engineer will followup with this matter.
2. Letter from Georgia Lago regarding signage was acknowledged.

Correspondence filed m/Baker s/DeStefano RCVU

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Councilman Santagata reported information from Dede Hiltner that a company is interested in building an assisted living facility in the area. Councilman Santagata will follow up with this matter.

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

NEXT MEETING: August 15, 2011

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Baker s/DeStefano RCVU

GAIL KNOTT, DEPUTY CLERK