

**BOROUGH OF BUENA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2012**

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Tuesday, February 14, 2012 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, Zappariello, Cugini, and DeStefano, Richard P. Tonetta, Solicitor and Gail Knott, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Councilwoman Andaloro

MAYOR'S REPORT:

RESOLUTION 17-12 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA IMPLEMENTING A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE SELECTION OF LABOR/EMPLOYMENT LAW ATTORNEY. m/Baker s/Santagata

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

RESOLUTION 18-12 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JUSTIN J. SEIDEL TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER CLASS II IN THE BOROUGH OF BUENA, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 14, 2012 AND AUTHORIZING HIM TO ATTEND THE NEW JERSEY POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION AT A CERTIFIED POLICE ACADEMY. m/Cugini s/DeStefano

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

RESOLUTION 19-12 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BUENA REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION AS THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER. m/Baker s/Cugini

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Baker	n/a	n/a	Andaloro
Santagata			
Zappariello			
Cugini			
DeStefano			

Mayor Baruffi reported Triad Associates, grant writing professionals will give a presentation at the next council meeting.

Mayor Baruffi read a letter of resignation from Councilwoman Andaloro. The letter was accepted with regrets. The vacancy for this position will be acted upon within the time frame allowed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mazzoni Property/Commerce Center Redevelopment

It is our understanding that the DCA has approved the designation of this site and the Commerce Center Site as a redevelopment area. We have not received a copy of any correspondence confirming this designation. Upon receipt of correspondence confirming the designation we can amend the redevelopment plan to include any conditions that may have been imposed by the DCA.

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. The punch list items have been addressed. We are working on the paperwork to close-out this project and receive final reimbursement from the NJDOT.

Borough of Buena Bike Path, Phase IV

The Borough was awarded \$150,000 by the NJDOT - FY 2010 Bikeway and Pedestrian Facilities Program. This project was advertized for bid on February 8, 2012. Bids will be received on February 23, 2012.

Forest Grove Road / Kimberly Lane Drainage

Funds for the FY 2011 CDBG grant from the Atlantic County Improvement Authority have been earmarked for drainage improvements to Forest Grove Road. We are currently investigating additional grant funding opportunities to address this drainage issue.

The Borough Engineer submitted a proposal to perform a Dainage Sudy in the area of Kimberly Lane and Forest Grove Road to evaluate the existing drainage issues. The Mayor and Council where in favor of moving forward with this and to place in the Capital Budget. The proposal to perform the referenced Scope of Work for a cost not to exceed \$29,500.00.

Louis Drive Drainage

We have made application to the ACIA to divert FY 2008, 2009 and 2010 funds toward this project. These funds total approximately \$91,223.00. 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. We estimate the construction cost to be between \$175,000 and \$225,000. 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 20-12 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CARRY OVER ACCRUED UNUSED VACATION FOR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA DUE TO UNAVOIDABLE CIRCUMSTANCE.
m/Santagata s/DeStefano
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| AYES: | NAYS: | ABSTAIN: | ABSENT: |
| Baker | n/a | n/a | Andaloro |
| Santagata | | | |
| Zappariello | | | |
| Cugini | | | |
| DeStefano | | | |
- RESOLUTION 21-12 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE TENDERED RESIGNATION OF COUNCILWOMAN PATRICIA ANDALORO EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 15, 2012. m/Cugini s/Baker
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| AYES: | NAYS: | ABSTAIN: | ABSENT: |
| Baker | n/a | n/a | Andaloro |
| Santagata | | | |
| Zappariello | | | |
| Cugini | | | |
| DeStefano | | | |

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECYCLING: (COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO) no report

FINANCE: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

Councilwoman Baker reported the Finance Department is continuing to work on the 2012 budget.

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

The JIF Safety Breakfast was held on February 9th. A report was given on the Road Department itinerary.

Councilman Santagata gave an update on South Jersey Clothing Co./Garden State Cleaners Superfund Sites - Manhole Repairs. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and US EPA along with Severson Environmental Services, Inc., have evaluated the condition of the manholes and agree that several are in need of repair. Severson has selected a contractor to make repairs but Severson will perform temporary repairs until the final repairs are made by the contractor.

All Borough electric accounts are back with Atlantic City Electric.

RECREATION:(COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO)

Councilman Zappariello reported the Buena Baseball registrations will be February 16th and 18th at Borough Hall 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI)

Councilman Cugini reported the annual police report will be given at the next council meeting.

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO)

Councilman DeStefano reported all is quiet in the Land Use Office. A report was given on repairs done to a light assembly and Falasco Company has repaired a heater in the Louise Basile Community Center. Cleanup is being done in the old Court Office.

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Hector Landrau, 406 Harding Highway, re; vendor license issues. Mr. Landrau holds a vendor license and is requesting to sell household items on his property. The Borough Solicitor will review the request and followup at a future meeting.

Frank Marolda, 112 South Central Avenue; drainage study issues. The Borough Engineer explained the process of the drainage study.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes of the regular meeting of January 23, 2012 were approved m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU

Minutes of the executive session of January 23, 2012 were approved m/Baker s/Cugini RCVU

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. County Executive Levinson regarding attendance of the meeting of the ACUCC on February 23, 2012. Councilwoman Baker and Councilman Santagata will attend.
2. Notre Dame Regional School PTA request for Raffle License No. RA06-2012. m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU

Correspondence filed m/Baker s/Cugini RCVU

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

BILLS PAID AS LISTED: m/Baker s/Cugini

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DeStefano			

NEXT MEETING: February 27, 2012

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU

GAIL KNOTT, DEPUTY CLERK