

BOROUGH OF BUENA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2012

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, March 12, 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 Abba, Baker, Santagata, Zappariello, Cugini, and DeStefano, Richard P. Tonetta, Solicitor and Gail Knott, Deputy Clerk, Glen Ortman, Auditor and Nancy Brunini, Chief Finance Officer

ABSENT: all present

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Baruffi reported that request for proposals have been received for the Labor/Employment Law Attorney. A recommendation will be given at the next Council Meeting. An update was given on the renovations of the Cleary Middle School.

Glen Ortman, Auditor gave an overview of the Municipal Budget to date.

ORDINANCE NO. 587 NEED MOTION TO INTRODUCE AND PASS ON FIRST READING:

CALENDAR YEAR 2012 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/DeStefano

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

RESOLUTION 33-12

THE OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION (OJJDP) ENFORCING THE UNDERAGE DRINKING LAWS STATE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM; RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL PROGRAM. m/Baker s/Zappariello

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RESOLUTION 34-12

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP/BUENA BOROUGH/WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2012. m/Baker s/Abba

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Abba	n/a	n/a	n/a
Baker			
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RESOLUTION 35-12 A RESOLUTION INTRODUCING AND APPROVING THE 2012 MUNICIPAL BUDGET. m/Baker s/Santagata

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Abba	n/a	n/a	n/a
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RESOLUTION 36-12 A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO TRIAD ASSOCIATES TO PERFORM GRANT APPLICATION AND MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 ET SEQ. m/Baker s/Santagata

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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 are almost complete. We are working on the paperwork to closeout 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. The Borough awarded this contract to Arawak Paving Company, Inc. in the amount of \$138,600.00. We are processing the contracts and anticipate scheduling a preconstruction meeting next week.

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 have been authorized to begin investigating this drainage problem. We are currently gathering preliminary information.

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 estimate the construction cost to be approximately \$285,000.00.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECYCLING: (COUNCILMAN ABBA)

Councilman Abba reported the recycling rental agreement with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority will be expiring soon. The Solicitor will review this matter for a future meeting.

FINANCE: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

Councilwoman Baker reported that the Finance Department is continuing to work

on the 2012 budget.
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STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

Council President Santagata provided those present with the Road Department's itinerary.

RECREATION: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO)

Councilman Zappariello reported the Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 31st in the Bruno Melini Park at 10:00 a.m. for children one year old to ten years old. Baseball tryouts have begun and opening day for the baseball season will be Saturday, April 14th.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI)

A Police Performance Report was disseminated.

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO)

Councilman DeStefano gave an update on basketball courts in the Borough. Councilman DeStefano reported that the Detective Office and Report Office in the Police Department will need to be professionally cleaned due to a recent drug bust.

A proposal received for ground maintenance will be reviewed by the Buildings and Grounds Commission. It was reported by Councilman DeStefano that the ground maintenance is done in house.

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Dave Sherma, Chief of Police and Maryann Coraluzzo, Borough Clerk disseminated a proposal from Comcast that may save the Borough over ten thousand dollars annually. A presentation will be given at a future meeting.

Brian Fatcher, 102 Kimberly Lane re; flooding issues in the Blackwater Pond Park. The Borough Engineer will follow up with this matter.

Juan Morales, 102 Muccio Drive re; concerns with speeding on Muccio Drive. Mr. Morales provided Mayor and Council Members with a Petition for Speed Bumps. Councilpersons Santagata and Cugini will follow up with this matter.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes of the regular meeting of February 27, 2012 were approved m/Baker s/Zappariello all in favor except Councilman DeStefano who abstained.

Minutes of the executive session of March 1, 2012 were approved m/Baker s/Zappariello RCVU

Minutes of the regular meeting of March 1, 2012 were approved m/Cugini s/Zappariello RCVU

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish request for Raffle License No. RA07-2012 and RA08-2012. m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU
2. Land Use Board amendment to the Borough of Buena Land Use Ordinance. m/ s/ RCVU (Tabled to the March 26, 2012 meeting)

Solicitor Tonetta will request an extension with the Pinelands Commission regarding the Land Use Board's amendment request.

Correspondence filed m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Councilman Santagata disseminated information on the ACUA's program SeeClickFix. It was the consensus of Council to have the Solicitor review the information for a future meeting.

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BILLS PAID AS LISTED: m/Baker s/Abba with the exception of Purchase Order No. 12-0096 payable to ASCAP - 2012 music license fee in the amount of \$268.50. The purchase order will be reviewed by the Recreation Commission prior to releasing the funds.

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NEXT MEETING: March 26, 2012

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU

GAIL KNOTT, DEPUTY CLERK