

**BOROUGH OF BUENA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 26, 2012**

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, March 26, 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,
Richard P. Tonetta Solicitor and Maryann Coraluzzo, Borough Clerk

ABSENT: Councilman DeStefano

MAYOR'S REPORT:

RESOLUTION 37-12 THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL RECOGNIZE AND PAY TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA ANDALORO FOR HER TWENTY TWO AND A HALF YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR TOWN. m/Cugini s/Abba

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

PRESENTATION: COMCAST PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE BOROUGH OF BUENA

ORDINANCE NO. 587 NEED MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON:

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/Santagata

DISCUSSION: none

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

ORDINANCE NO. 587 ADOPTED:
m/Baker s/Abba

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

ORDINANCE NO. 588 NEED MOTION TO INTRODUCE AND PASS ON FIRST READING:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7 ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL" BY INCREASING THE ANNUAL LIQUOR LICENSE FEES TO BE PAID FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES IN THE BOROUGH OF BUENA, AND REPEALING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 254. m/Cugini s/Baker

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

ORDINANCE NO. 589 NEED MOTION TO INTRODUCE AND PASS ON FIRST READING:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 150, BOROUGH OF BUENA,
LANDUSE ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA,
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
m/Baker s/Santagata

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

RESOLUTION 38-12 2012 EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET.
m/Baker s/Andaloro

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

RESOLUTION 39-12 A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
TO MICHAEL BENSON TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF
LABOR/EMPLOYMENT LAW ATTORNEY ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH OF
BUENA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO NJSA 19:44A-1, ET SEQ.
m/Santagata s/Cugini

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

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

Mayor Baruffi commended Solicitor Tonetta for the excellent job he's done as solicitor.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: none

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECYCLING: (COUNCILMAN ABBA)

Councilman Abba reported on the Recycling Poetry Contest. In addition, the Councilman informed those present that the ACUA is picking up recyclables thirty minutes earlier causing some to miss the pickup. Councilman Santagata will follow up with Road Supervisor Nimohay to try and get the word out to our residents.

FINANCE: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

The Finance Office worked on the Emergency Temporary Budget. Councilwoman Baker reported that we will be adopting the 2012 Budget at the next regular meeting of April 9, 2012.

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

Council President Santagata provided those present with the Road Departments itinerary which included clean up in the park.

Lessons from Losses, a JIF publication was disseminated.

RESOLUTION 40-11 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF TWO DUMP TRUCKS FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.00 EACH.
m/Santagata s/Cugini

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RECREATION: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO)

Councilman Zappariello reported that the Easter Egg hunt will be held on March 31, 2012 at the Bruno Melini Park. Opening day is scheduled for April 14, 2012. Councilman Zappariello asked everyone to mark their calendars for the annual Run for Ricky which will take place on June 9, 2012.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI)

Director Cugini reported that the police department received \$5,000.00 through the Cops in Shops grant. In addition, Chief Sherma has also applied for the current round of the COPS Universal Hiring Grant.

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO) none

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Karen Yacovelli of 216 West Arctic Avenue was present to express her concerns with rental properties and absentee landlords in the Borough. Solicitor Tonetta will review the law to determine if any tenant restrictions can be placed upon the landlord.

Ken Lewis of 125 Irene Avenue was present to express his concerns regarding uncut grass and abandoned pools due to foreclosures in the Borough. Mr. Lewis will drop off a list of properties to the clerk to be forwarded to the enforcement office for follow up.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, 2012 were approved m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notre Dame Regional School PTA request for Bingo License No. BA09-2012.
m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU

Correspondence filed m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Council President Santagata reminded everyone that emails are discoverable under the law. He further recommended all members of Council obtain a Borough issued email address from the Clerk. A memo will be sent apprising all department employees that emails must be saved and not deleted.

BILLS PAID AS LISTED m/Baker s/Zappariello with the addition of \$268.50 for ASCAP fees.

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NEXT MEETING: April 9, 2012

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU

MARYANN CORALUZZO, BOROUGH CLERK