

**BOROUGH OF BUENA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 23, 2012**

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, April 23, 2012 commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall with Council President Santagata presiding. Council President Santagata 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, Robert De Santo Solicitor and Maryann Coraluzzo, Borough Clerk

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Baruffi

ORDINANCE NO. 590 PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:

REFUSE CONTAINERS/DUMPSTER ORDINANCE
m/Cugini s/Zappariello RCVU

DISCUSSION: none

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:
m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU

ORDINANCE NO. 590 ADOPTED:
m/Cugini s/Baker

AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Abba	n/a	n/a	n/a
Baker			
Santagata			
Zappariello			
Cugini			
DeStefano			

ORDINANCE NO. 591 NEED MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON:
m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU

PRIVATE STORM DRAIN INLET RETROFITTING

DISCUSSION: none

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

ORDINANCE NO. 590 ADOPTED:

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Baker			
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Zappariello			
Cugini			
DeStefano			

RESOLUTION 47-12 Resolution of the Borough of Buena Amending the Employee Handbook in Accordance with eh Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund 2012-2013 Employment Practices Liability Program (EPL)
m/Baker s/Cugini

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Baker			
Santagata			
Zappariello			
Cugini			
DeStefano			

RESOLUTION 48-12 Resolution of the Borough of Buena Adopting Amendments to the Personnel Policies and Procedures of the Borough of Buena in Accordance with the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund 2012-2013 Employment Practices Liability Program (EPL)
m/Baker s/Cugini

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Santagata			
Zappariello			
Cugini			
DeStefano			

RESOLUTION 49-12 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement for Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Services by and between Comcast and the Borough of Buena for Internet, Telephone and Television Services in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5
m/Baker s/Zappariello

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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 conducted a preconstruction meeting with the contractor. We will be issuing a notice to proceed on April 4, 2012. The contractor will have 45 days to complete the contract.

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 have been in contact with the Atlantic County Department of Regional Planning and Development to determine the amount of information already available through their office.

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 gave an update on recycling in the Borough. The Councilman stated that effective March 1, 2012 the rate is up 3.1%.

FINANCE: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

Councilwoman Baker reported that the 2012 Budget has been posted. The purchasing procedures are being enforced so we do not have any over-expenditures. Council must be responsible and sign the purchase orders when notified. Any council member from the individual department can sign the purchase order. Councilwoman Baker stated that the employees have been very cooperative and extended her thanks to them.

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

Council President Santagata reported that Goodwill will be extending their program to include textiles. The Tonnage Grant is complete and reviewed by the ACUA.

Council President Santagata stated that leaves will be picked up until May 15th. Residents must make their own arrangements after that date.

RECREATION: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO)

Councilman Zappariello reminded everyone that the Minotola Fire Company will be holding their annual breakfast on May 6, 2012.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI)

Director Cugini reported that EMS is hosting an open house on May 26, 2012. In addition, bike and segway patrols will begin this week in the park for baseball season.

Two baseball players were arrested for a theft at the concession stand.

Director Cugini informed those present that the cost of the new bullet proof vests will be much lower than expected due to grant funds not being utilized in the past. The Capitol Fund request is forthcoming.

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO)

Councilman DeStefano reported that the bathrooms in the park have been repaired.

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Councilman DeStefano will follow up on a complaint from Bill Coltri regarding stagnant water on a neighboring property.

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CORRESPONDENCE: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

BILLS PAID AS LISTED: tabled to a future meeting

NEXT MEETING: May 14, 2012

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Cugini s/DeStefano RCVU

MARYANN CORALUZZO, BOROUGH CLERK