

**BOROUGH OF BUENA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 29, 2012**

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Tuesday, May 29, 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, Cugini, and DeStefano,  
Robert De Santo Solicitor and Gail Knott, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Councilman Zappariello

MAYOR'S REPORT:

RESOLUTION 57-12      A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM A MEETING BETWEEN THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL, THE BOROUGH CLERK AND THE BOROUGH SOLICITOR CONCERNING PENDING OR ANTICIPATED LITIGATION IN WHICH THE PUBLIC BODY IS OR MAY BECOME A PARTY AND AUTHORIZING DISCLOSURE OF MINUTES OF SAID MEETING AS PROVIDED HEREIN. m/Cugini s/Santagata

Aye:	Nay:	Absent:	Abstain:
Abba Baker Santagata Cugini DeStefano	n/a	Zappariello	n/a

RESOLUTION 58-12      A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE PROMOTION OF LAWRENCE PETRILLO TO THE PERMANENT POSITION OF LIEUTENANT, BUENA BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT. m/Cugini s/Santagata

Aye:	Nay:	Absent:	Abstain:
Abba Baker Santagata Cugini DeStefano	n/a	Zappariello	n/a

RESOLUTION 59-12      A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SEVEN (7) PART-TIME BUENA BOROUGH RESCUE SQUAD PERSONNEL AND PROVIDE FOR THEIR PAYMENT AT AN HOURLY RATE AS SPECIFIED HEREIN. m/Cugini s/Baker

Aye:	Nay:	Absent:	Abstain:
Abba Baker Santagata Cugini DeStefano	n/a	Zappariello	n/a

RESOLUTION 60-12      A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF GRASS/HAY GROWN ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS 328 BREWSTER ROAD, BLACK WATER POND RECREATIONAL AREA, NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE. m/Santagata s/Cugini RCVU

Aye:	Nay:	Absent:	Abstain:
Abba Baker Santagata Cugini DeStefano	n/a	Zappariello	n/a

**MAYOR'S UPDATE:**

Mayor Baruffi provided those present with an updated on the Memorial Day service. In addition, Mayor Baruffi commended the Buena EMS squad for not missing any calls and the well planned EMS day that was held.

Mayor Baruffi reported on the status of the Kimberly Lane drainage project.

Mayor Baruffi asked the Council to consider adopting an ordinance creating the position of part-time administrator. Solicitor Tonetta will follow up on the matter.

**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 \$190,000.00. 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 \$150,000.00 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 pre-construction meeting with the contractor. 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. The County requested a breakdown of our proposal and hourly rates for our staff. We have forwarded the requested information to the County so that they may enter into an inter-local agreement with the Borough.

**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. The Borough has also made application to the ACIA for FY2012 funding for the project.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: none

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

RECYCLING: (COUNCILMAN ABBA) no report

FINANCE: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

Councilwoman Baker reported that the 2011 audit is almost completed. Upon completion a report will be given to Mayor and Council.

Councilwoman Baker, her husband Richard and Terry Crites planted six green leaf plants in front of the Joe Dale Pavilion to replace thirty trampled plants.

Plants were also purchased for the municipal complex near the light and Maintenance Workers Terry and Tom planted them.

Councilwoman Baker commended the maintenance men for their exemplary job performance.

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

Councilman Santagata provided those present with the road department's itinerary.

m/Santagata s/Abba denying Mr. Keith Bernhardt's request to open Delaware Avene.

Aye:	Nay:	Absent:	Abstain:
Abba	n/a	Zappariello	n/a
Baker			
Santagata			
Cugini			
DeStefano			

Bill Nimohay, Road Department Supervisor, requested Council consider raising the fee for landfill dumping from \$8.00 to \$25.00 per load m/Santagata s/Baker

Aye:	Nay:	Absent:	Abstain:
Abba	n/a	Zappariello	n/a
Baker			
Santagata			
Cugini			
DeStefano			

RECREATION: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO) none

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI)

Director Cugini provided an update on the Click It or Ticket grant status.

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO)

Councilman DeStefano asked Council to consider adopting an ordinance raising occupancy fees. Solicitor Tonetta will follow up on the matter.

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Brian Fatcher of Kimberly Lane requested an update on the drainage issue.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

BILLS PAID AS LISTED: m/Baker s/Santagata

Aye:	Nay:	Absent:	Abstain:
Abba	n/a	Zappariello	n/a
Baker			
Santagata			
Cugini			
DeStefano			

NEXT MEETING: June 11, 2012

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Baker s/Santagata RCVU