

**BOROUGH OF BUENA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 20, 2012**

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, August 20, 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; Richard P. Tonetta, Solicitor; Ed Walberg, Engineer; E. James DuBois, Administrator; and Lisa Garrison, Borough Clerk

ABSENT: Zappariello

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**PRESENTATION:** Recognition of the Buena 13-14 All Stars  
The players and coaches were congratulated and recognized for their achievements as the District 3, Section 4 Champions. Mayor Baruffi indicated a resolution will be adopted at the next regular meeting and placed on the Buena Wall of Fame.

**RESOLUTION 77-12:** A Resolution Accepting the Annual Audit Report for the Year 2011 m/Baker s/Santagata

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

**RESOLUTION 78-12** A Resolution Accepting a Corrective Action Plan to Address Recommendations in the 2011 Municipal Audit  
m/Baker s/Cugini

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

**RESOLUTION 79-12** Authorizing Cancellation of Outstanding Balance of Taxes with

the Balance of \$10.00 or Less for 2010  
m/Baker s/Cugini

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

RESOLUTION 80-12 Transfer Overpayment of Property Taxes for 2010  
m/Baker s/Abba

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

RESOLUTION 81-12 Authorizing Cancellation of Outstanding Balances of Taxes with  
the Balance of \$10.00 or Less for 2011  
m/Baker s/Santagata

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

RESOLUTION 82-12 Transfer of Property Taxes for 2011  
m/Cugini s/Baker

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

RESOLUTION 83-12 To Amend Adopted Budget (Chapter 159) Special Items of  
Revenue and Appropriations (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87)  
m/Baker s/Santagata

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT
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	Abba	n/a	n/a	Zappariello
	Baker			
	Santagata			
	Cugini			
	DeStefano			
RESOLUTION 84-12	Emergency Appropriation for Legal Services			
	m/Baker	s/Abba		
	AYES:	NAYS:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT
	Abba	n/a	n/a	Zappariello
	Baker			
	Santagata			
	Cugini			
	DeStefano			
RESOLUTION 85-12	Authorizing the Refund of Land Use Board Escrow Fees –			
	Ralph Laks			
	m/Baker	s/Cugini		
	AYES:	NAYS:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT
	Abba	n/a	n/a	Zappariello
	Baker			
	Santagata			
	Cugini			
	DeStefano			
RESOLUTION 86-12	A Resolution Ratifying and Confirming the Appointment of E. James DuBois as Appointing Authority for the Borough of Buena Effective Immediately			
	AYES:	NAYS:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT
	Abba	n/a	n/a	Zappariello
	Baker			
	Santagata			
	Cugini			
	DeStefano			
RESOLUTION 87-12	Resolution Supporting the Application of the Atlantic County Department of Regional Planning and Development for Approval Of Future Wastewater Service Area Map			
	m/Abba	s/Cugini		
	AYES:	NAYS:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT
	Abba	n/a	n/a	Zappariello
	Baker			

Santagata  
Cugini  
DeStefano

RESOLUTION 88-12

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 Personnel Issues and Authorizing Disclosure of Minutes of Said Meeting as Provided Herein

m/Cugini      s/Baker

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT  
RESOLUTION 89-12

A Resolution Appointing Joshua W. Rogue and Ryan M. Van Syckle to the Position of Buena Borough Police Officers, Part-Time

m/Cugini      s/Santagata

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

The different phases of the Kimberly Lane drainage project were reviewed along with possible funding sources.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. DuBois, Administrator, presented Council with a preliminary listing for bonding. Mayor Baruffi indicated the Borough had notes currently expiring and going out to bond at this time would have no effect on the cap or the tax rate. After reviewing the preliminary bond listing it was the consensus of Council that now is the time to go out to bond as interest rates were low and the items were essential. Mayor Baruffi directed the Finance Chair, Administrator and Solicitor to proceed with bond preparation with a bond ordinance to be introduced at the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting with a public hearing to be held in October.

RECYCLING: (Councilman Abba)

Councilman Abba reported the Freeholder Board will be amending the waste and recycling for the Atlantic County Utility Authority.

FINANCE: (Councilwoman Baker)

Councilwoman Baker reported she had assisted, along with other employees, with the tax bill mailing on July 25, 2012. On August 2, 2012 she had assisted in stuffing 120 envelopes with a letter requesting donations for Buena Day. Said letters were sent to those who had donated in the past. Buena Day is scheduled for October 6, 2012.

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

Council President Santagata reported the paperwork from the storm had been submitted. He further reported on the Road Department's itinerary. The stream cleaning is being assessed and the South Boulevard drainage is being assessed. The JIF Loss Control Report was reviewed with no outstanding items.

RECREATION: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO) – No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI)

Director Cugini provided a performance report.

BLDG/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO) – No report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. DuBois reported on meetings with Triad Associates regarding the drainage issues at Kimberly Lane and presented Council with a preliminary listing for bonding. Mayor Baruffi Laurel and Flower Streets, police and fire equipment, emergency response needs. Grants are needed for emergency backup generators for the Borough Hall and Senior Center, thereby enabling the Senior Center to become a cooling station. He reported on the NJ Clean Energy Program upgrades at the Louise Basile Senior Center. A JIF meeting was held with information forwarded to Council. The Emergency Management Coordinator is seeking funding from FEMA to recover costs and damages from the last storm. The current tax office is system is antiquated and recommended upgrading the system at a cost of approximately \$3,000 for equipment, as the actual upgrade cost from Edmunds & Associates would cost nothing. Mr. DuBois thanked Council for their confidence and also thanked Mr. Tonetta and Mr. Benson for their assistance and further thanked and acknowledged Ms. Garrison's professionalism and cordial working relationship. Mayor Baruffi thanked Mr DuBois for working hard on the things that needed to be addressed and his presence had stabilized a void. Mayor Baruffi also thanked Ms. Garrison for all of her hard work.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING;

Brian Thatcher questioned the time line of the Kimberly Lane drainage project. Mayor Baruffi indicated once the funds are appropriated upon the adoption of the bond ordinance in October the project will move forward. Mr. Walberg, Borough Engineer, was conservatively optimistic with a December timeline and was confident the project could move forward even in colder

weather. Bill Caultry commended the road crew and requested assistance with his clogged drainage pipe. The engineer indicated a letter along with pictures will be submitted to the County to address the issue. Mr. Walberg indicated FEMA has not accepted the application for the Zorzi property to date.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes of the regular meeting of July 16, 2012 were approved m/Baker s/Abba all in favor, unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Baruffi indicated at the September 10, 2012 meeting certificates of appreciation will be awarded to those groups who assisted during the storm.

BILLS PAID AS LISTED: m/Baker s/Cugini RCVU

NEXT MEETING: September 10, 2012

CLOSED MEETING: m/Abba s/Baker

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU

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LISA GARRISON, BOROUGH CLERK

