

**BOROUGH OF BUENA
REORGANIZATION MEETING
AGENDA
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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: _____ **P.M.**
MEETING ADJOURNED: _____ **P.M.**

MAYOR BARUFFI:
CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE:

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
GIOVINAZZI	_____	_____
ALVAREZ	_____	_____
ADAMS	_____	_____
BARSUGLIA	_____	_____
ANDALORO	_____	_____
DESTEFANO	_____	_____

ALSO PRESENT:

FLAG SALUTE:

INVOCATION: Father Ariel Hernandez

SUNSHINE LAW: This reorganization meeting of January 2, 2025 is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and notices of this meeting have been provided, via email, to The Press of Atlantic City and The Daily Journal on November 9, 2024 as well as having been posted on the municipal bulletin board and website at www.buenaboro.org

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

1. To induct into office two councilpersons for a full three-year term each.
2. To make all necessary appointments.
3. To organize the affairs of the Borough of Buena and to handle and approve any other related matters of business for the year 2025.

MAYOR: Atlantic County Commissioner James Bertino will administer the oath of office to Councilman elect Patricia Andaloro

MAYOR: Atlantic County Clerk Joe Giraldo will administer the oath of office to Councilman elect Richard Giovinazzi

MAYOR: Who will Council have as its president for 2025?

ANDALORO: I nominate Douglas Adams.

ALVAREZ: I second the nomination.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
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APPOINTMENTS:

MAYOR: For office of Borough Solicitor, I nominate Richard Tonetta.

ADAMS: I second the nomination and move for the adoption of Resolution 1-25 confirming this appointment.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
BARSUGLIA					
ANDALORO					
DESTEFANO					

MAYOR: For office of Assistant Borough Solicitor, I nominate Alan Giebner.

BARSUGLIA: I second the nomination and move for the adoption of Resolution 2-25 confirming this appointment.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
BARSUGLIA					
ANDALORO					
DESTEFANO					

MAYOR: For the office of Borough Auditor, I nominate Nancy Sbrolla, Ford Scott & Associates, LLC.

ALVAREZ: I second the nomination and move for the adoption of Resolution 3-25 confirming this appointment.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
BARSUGLIA					
ANDALORO					
DESTEFANO					

MAYOR: For the office of Engineer, I nominate Marc DeBlasio, DeBlasio & Associates.

DESTEFANO: I second the nomination and move for the adoption of Resolution 4-25 confirming this appointment.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
BARSUGLIA					
ANDALORO					
DESTEFANO					

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MAYOR: For the office of Bond Counsel, I nominate Joel M. Fleishman, Fleishman Daniels Law Office.

ANDALORO: I second the nomination and move for the adoption of Resolution 5-25 confirming this appointment.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
BARSUGLIA					
ANDALORO					
DESTEFANO					

OATH OF OFFICE: Atlantic County Commissioner James Bertino will administer the oath of office to the president of council, solicitor, assistant solicitor, auditor, engineer, and bond counsel.

MAYOR: I appoint the following to the Land Use Board:

CLASS	NAME
Class II	William Nimohay
Class IV	Ronald Frances
Class IV	Jenna Baruffi-Talarico
Alternate III	Peter Elias
Alternate IV	Albert Siciliano, Jr.

MAYOR: I will be serving as the Class I Land Use Board Appointment for one year.

DESTEFANO: As a member of the Land Use Board Class III, I nominate Douglas Adams.

ALVAREZ: I second the nomination.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
BARSUGLIA					
ANDALORO					
DESTEFANO					

OATH OF OFFICE: Atlantic County Clerk Joseph Giraldo will administer the oath of office to the land use board appointees.

MAYOR: For the office of Director of Public Safety, I nominate Douglas Adams.

ANDALORO: I second the nomination.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
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MAYOR: As members of the Recreation Commission, I appoint for the following:

CLASS	NAME
Member	Christina Saccomanno
Member	William Nimohay

MAYOR: As members of the Municipal Utility Authority, I nominate the following:

CLASS	NAME
Member	Jerry Marinacci

MAYOR: As a member of the Housing Authority, I nominate the following:

CLASS	NAME
Commissioner	Jeannine Bassetti
Commissioner	Jill Baruffi to fill the Unexpired Term of Betty Testa
Commissioner	Cheryl Peters to fill the Unexpired Term of Shannon Petyan

GIOVINAZZI: I second the nomination.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
BARSUGLIA					
ANDALORO					
DESTEFANO					

OATH OF OFFICE: Atlantic County Commissioner James Bertino will administer the oath of office to the Director of Public Safety, Housing Authority, Recreation Commission and Municipal Utilities Authority Appointees.

MAYOR: Is there any other business to come before Council?

DESTEFANO: I move for the adoption of Resolution 6-25 confirming the appointments made this evening.

ALVAREZ: I second the motion.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
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ADAMS: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 7-25 AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CONDUCT A TAX LIEN SALE.

BARSUGLIA: I SECOND THE MOTION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
BARSUGLIA					
ANDALORO					
DESTEFANO					

BARSUGLIA: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 8-25 SETTING THE INTEREST AND PENALTY TO BE CHARGED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND MUNICIPAL CHARGES, AND SETTING FORTH A SURCHARGE TO BE MADE UPON THE REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIENS.

GIOVINAZZI: I SECOND THE MOTION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
BARSUGLIA					
ANDALORO					
DESTEFANO					

ANDALORO: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 9-25 AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR TO FILE TAX APPEALS.

GIOVINAZZI: I SECOND THE MOTION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
BARSUGLIA					
ANDALORO					
DESTEFANO					

BARSUGLIA: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 10-25 AWARDED A CONTRACT TO AUBREY GROUP FOR GRANT MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

ALVAREZ: I SECOND THE MOTION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
BARSUGLIA					
ANDALORO					
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ADAMS: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 11-25 GRANTING PERMISSION FOR THE BOROUGH OF BUENA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT PURCHASING PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, DIVISION OF PURCHASE AND PROPERTY SERVICES.

BARSUGLIA: I SECOND THE MOTION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
BARSUGLIA					
ANDALORO					
DESTEFANO					

GIOVINAZZI: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 12-25 AWARDING A CONTRACT TO BCS CONSULTING FOR COMPUTER I.T. SERVICES.

ADAMS: I SECOND THE MOTION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
BARSUGLIA					
ANDALORO					
DESTEFANO					

ALVAREZ: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 13-25 ADOPTING THE TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2025.

GIOVINAZZI: I SECOND THE MOTION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
BARSUGLIA					
ANDALORO					
DESTEFANO					

ANDALORO: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 14-25 ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2025.

BARSUGLIA: I SECOND THE MOTION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
BARSUGLIA					
ANDALORO					
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ADAMS: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 15-25 AUTHORIZING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY/AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES.

DESTEFANO: I SECOND THE MOTION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
BARSUGLIA					
ANDALORO					
DESTEFANO					

BARSUGLIA: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 16-25 CONFIRMING THE BOROUGH OF BUENA’S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS, AND VOLUNTEERS.

ANDALORO: I SECOND THE MOTION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
BARSUGLIA					
ANDALORO					
DESTEFANO					

DESTEFANO: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 17-25, GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION’S “ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964.”

ALVAREZ: I SECOND THE MOTION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
BARSUGLIA					
ANDALORO					
DESTEFANO					

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ADAMS: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 18-25 APPOINTING SABRINA IGLESIAS AS A FULL-TIME EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

ALVAREZ: I SECOND THE MOTION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
BARSUGLIA					
ANDALORO					
DESTEFANO					

MAYOR:

STANDING COMMITTEES:

**PLANNING/ZONING/INSPECTIONS..... CHAIRMAN RICHARD GIOVINAZZI,
FRANK DESTEFANO, MAYOR BARUFFI**

**FINANCE/TAX COLLECTOR/ASSESSOR.....CHAIRMAN JORGE ALVAREZ,
DOUGLAS ADAMS, MAYOR BARUFFI**

**PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS.....CHAIRMAN DOUGLAS ADAMS,
JORGE ALVAREZ, MAYOR BARUFFI**

**RECREATION.....CHAIRWOMAN MARINA BARSUGLIA,
PATRICIA ANDALORO, MAYOR BARUFFI**

**BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS.....CHAIRWOMAN PATRICIA ANDALORO,
MARINA BARSUGLIA, MAYOR BARUFFI**

**ROADS/RECYCLING.....CHAIRMAN FRANK DESTEFANO,
RICHARD GIOVINAZZI, MAYOR BARUFFI**

**PERSONNEL/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.....MAYOR BARUFFI,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT, RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENT HEAD**

SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR.....COUNCILWOMAN MARINA BARSUGLIA

DESTEFANO: Motion to approve.

ADAMS: I second the motion.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
BARSUGLIA					
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REMARKS:

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MAYOR:

PUBLIC COMMENT: OPPORTUNITY FOR ANYONE TO COMMENT WITH A LIMIT OF FIVE (5) MINUTES PER SPEAKER. PLEASE REFER TO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF OUR MEETING IS TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO BRING TO THE COUNCIL’S ATTENTION THEIR CONCERNS OR COMMENTS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10: 4-12(A), THE COUNCIL ASKS THE PUBLIC TO LIMIT THEIR COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES OR LESS. THE COUNCIL WILL RESPECT THE PUBLICS’ TIME BY REFRAINING FROM ANY COMMENT UNTIL THE SPEAKER HAS FINISHED WITH THEIR ALLOTTED TIME. IT SHOULD BE FURTHER NOTED THAT THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF OUR MEETING IS NOT STRUCTURED AS A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION. IF A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS QUESTIONS, THEY SEEK ANSWERS TO, AN APPOINTMENT CAN BE MADE WITH THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR’S OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS. THE ATTORNEY WILL REGULATE THE TIME DURING THE COMMENT PORTION OF OUR MEETING.

NEED MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
BARSUGLIA					
ANDALORO					
DESTEFANO					

Anyone wishing to address Mayor and Council please step forward and state your name for the record.

NEED MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION:

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
BARSUGLIA					
ANDALORO					
DESTEFANO					

MAYOR:

**First Council meetings for the year 2025 will be held on:
January 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. – Special Meeting**

January 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. -Regular Meeting

BENEDICTION:

Father Ariel Hernandez

BARSUGLIA:

Motion to adjourn.

ADAMS:

I second the motion.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
BARSUGLIA					
ANDALORO					
DESTEFANO					