

**BOROUGH OF BUENA  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
AGENDA  
JANUARY 2, 2024  
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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:  
MEETING ADJOURNED:**

**ADAMS:  
CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

**ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE:**

<b>COUNCIL PERSON</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
GIOVINAZZI		
ALVAREZ		
ADAMS		
BARSUGLIA		
ANDALORO		

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**FLAG SALUTE:**

**INVOCATION:** Father Ariel Hernandez

**SUNSHINE LAW:** This meeting 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 December 27, 2022 as well as having been posted on the municipal bulletin board and website at [www.buenaboro.org](http://www.buenaboro.org)

**PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:**

- 1. To induct into office a mayor for a full four-year term.**
- 2. To induct into office two councilpersons for a full three-year term each.**
- 3. To make all necessary appointments.**
- 4. To organize the affairs of the Borough of Buena and to handle and approve any other related matters of business for the year 2024.**

**ADAMS:** ATLANTIC COUNTY CLERK JOSEPH GIRALO WILL ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO MAYOR ELECT JOSEPH BARUFFI

**MAYOR:** ATLANTIC COUNTY SURROGATE JAMES CURCIO WILL ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCILMAN ELECT JORGE ALVAREZ

**MAYOR:** ATLANTIC COUNTY COMMISSIONER JAMES BERTINO WILL ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCILMAN ELECT FRANK DeSTEFANO

**MAYOR:** WHO WILL COUNCIL HAVE AS ITS PRESIDENT FOR 2024?

**ANDALORO:** I NOMINATE DOUGLAS ADAMS.

**ALVAREZ:** I SECOND THE NOMINATION.

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<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Recuse</b>
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ALVAREZ					
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DESTEFANO					

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**APPOINTMENTS:**

**MAYOR:** FOR OFFICE OF BOROUGH SOLICITOR, I NOMINATE RICHARD TONETTA.

**ADAMS:** I SECOND THE NOMINATION AND MOVE FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 1-24 CONFIRMING THIS APPOINTMENT.

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Recuse</b>
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**MAYOR:** FOR OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE BOROUGH SOLICITOR, I NOMINATE ALAN GIEBNER.

**BARSUGLIA:** I SECOND THE NOMINATION AND MOVE FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 1A-24 CONFIRMING THIS APPOINTMENT.

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Recuse</b>
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**MAYOR:** FOR THE OFFICE OF BOROUGH AUDITOR, I NOMINATE MICHAEL GARCIA.

**ALVAREZ:** I SECOND THE NOMINATION AND MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2-24 CONFIRMING THIS APPOINTMENT.

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Recuse</b>
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**MAYOR:** FOR THE OFFICE OF ENGINEER, I NOMINATE DEBLASIO & ASSOCIATES.

**DESTEFANO:** I SECOND THE NOMINATION AND MOVE FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 3-24 CONFIRMING THIS APPOINTMENT.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
ADAMS					
BARSUGLIA					
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**MAYOR:** FOR THE OFFICE OF BOND COUNSEL, I NOMINATE JOEL M. FLEISHMAN, FLEISHMAN DANIELS LAW OFFICE.

**BARSUGLIA:** I SECOND THE NOMINATION AND MOVE FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 4-24 CONFIRMING THIS APPOINTMENT.

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

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**OATH OF OFFICE:** ATLANTIC COUNTY CLERK JOSEPH GIRALO WILL ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, ASSOCIATE SOLICITOR, ENGINEER, AND BOND COUNSEL.

**MAYOR:** I APPOINT THE FOLLOWING TO THE LAND USE BOARD:

CLASS	NAME
Class II	William Nimohay
Class IV	Thomas Dralle
Class IV	James Heisler
Alternate I	Louis Barsuglia
Alternate II	Aldo Palmieri
Alternate IV	Pete Elias

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**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.

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**OATH OF OFFICE: ATLANTIC COUNTY SURROGATE JAMES CURCIO WILL ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE LAND USE BOARD APPOINTEES.**

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**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
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**MAYOR: AS MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL UTILITY AUTHORITY, I NOMINATE THE FOLLOWING:**

CLASS	NAME
Member	David Romeo
Alternate I- Romeo	Alan Sasdelli
Alternate II- DeStefano	Matt Bertonazzi

**GIOVINAZZI: I SECOND THE NOMINATION.**

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
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**OATH OF OFFICE: ATLANTIC COUNTY COMMISSIONER JAMES BERTINO WILL ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY APPOINTEES.**

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**MAYOR: IS THERE ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL?**

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**DESTEFANO: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 5-24 CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS MADE THIS EVENING.**

**ALVAREZ: I SECOND THE MOTION.**

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
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**ADAMS: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 6-24 AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CONDUCT A TAX LIEN SALE.**

**BARSUGLIA: I SECOND THE MOTION.**

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
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**BARSUGLIA: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 7-24 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					
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**ANDALORO: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 8-24 AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR TO FILE TAX APPEALS.**

**GIOVINAZZI: I SECOND THE MOTION.**

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**ALVAREZ: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 9-24  
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AUBREY GROUP FOR GRANT  
MANAGEMENT SERVICES.**

**BARSUGLIA: I SECOND THE MOTION.**

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI					
ALVAREZ					
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**ADAMS: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 10-24  
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
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**GIOVINAZZI: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 11-24  
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO BCS CONSULTING FOR  
COMPUTER I.T. SERVICES.**

**ADAMS: I SECOND THE MOTION.**

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**ALVAREZ: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 12-24  
ADOPTING THE TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2024.**

**GIOVINAZZI: I SECOND THE MOTION.**

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Recuse</b>
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**ANDALORO: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 13-24  
ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE YEAR  
2024.**

**BARSUGLIA: I SECOND THE MOTION.**

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Recuse</b>
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**ADAMS: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 14-24  
AUTHORIZING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY/AUTHORIZED  
SIGNATURES.**

**ALVAREZ: I SECOND THE MOTION.**

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**ADAMS: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION 15-24 APPOINTING THE QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT TO SERVE AS THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER IN THE BOROUGH OF BUENA.**

**BARSUGLIA: I SECOND THE MOTION.**

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
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**BARSUGLIA: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 16-24 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
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**ALVAREZ: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 17-24 TO AMEND TRANSFER APPROPRIATION BALANCES TRANSFER RESOLUTION.**

**GIOVINAZZI: I SECOND THE MOTION.**

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**ADAMS: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 18-24 APPOINTING AN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER FOR THE YEAR 2024.**

**ALVAREZ: I SECOND THE MOTION.**

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Recuse</b>
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**DESTEFANO: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 19-24, 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.**

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Recuse</b>
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**ADAMS: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 20-24 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BUENA TO APPLY FOR AND OBTAIN A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR APPROXIMATELY \$68,000.00 TO CARRY OUT A PROJECT TO ACQUIRE NEW TURNOUT GEAR AND SCBA BOTTLES.**

**DESTEFANO: I SECOND THE MOTION.**

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**ALVAREZ: I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 21-24 AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 42-23, BYLAWS OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS.**

**GIOVINAZZI: I SECOND THE MOTION.**

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Recuse</b>
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BARSUGLIA					
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DESTEFANO					

**MAYOR:**

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**PLANNING/ZONING/INSPECTIONS..... CHAIRMAN RICHARD GIOVINAZZI,  
DOUGLAS ADAMS, JORGE ALVAREZ**

**FINANCE/TAX COLLECTOR/ASSESSOR.....CHAIRMAN JORGE ALVAREZ,  
MARINA BARSUGLIA, PATRICIA ANDALORO**

**PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS.....CHAIRMAN DOUGLAS ADAMS,  
RICHARD GIOVINAZZI, FRANK DESTEFANO**

**RECREATION.....CHAIRWOMAN MARINA BARSUGLIA,  
PATRICIA ANDALORO, RICHARD GIOVINAZZI**

**BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS.....CHAIRWOMAN PATRICIA ANDALORO,  
DOUGLAS ADAMS, MARINA BARSUGLIA**

**ROADS/RECYCLING.....CHAIRMAN FRANK DESTEFANO,  
JORGE ALVAREZ, RICHARD GIOVINAZZI**

**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.**

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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:**

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Recuse</b>
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**Anyone wishing to address Mayor and Council please step forward and state your name for the record.**

**NEED MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION:**

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Recuse</b>
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**MAYOR:**                   **FIRST COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE YEAR 2024 WILL BE HELD ON  
JANUARY 16, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**BENEDICTION:**       Father Ariel Hernandez

**BARSUGLIA:**           **MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

**ADAMS:**                 **I SECOND THE MOTION.**

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Recuse</b>
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