

**BOROUGH OF BUENA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 25, 2016**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:35 P.M.**

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, April 25, 2016 commencing at 6:30 p.m. at the Borough Hall with Mayor Zappariello presiding. Mayor Zappariello 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 Marolda, Walker, Baker, and James, McAvaddy, Richard Tonetta, Solicitor and Dr. Paul Trivellini, Maryann Coraluzzo, Borough Clerk

**ABSENT:** Councilman Mancuso

	AYE:	NAY:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
MAROLDA	X			
WALKER	X			
BAKER	X			
JAMES	X			
MANCUSO				X
MCAVADDY	X			

**MAYOR'S REPORT: First order of business.**

**PUBLIC HEARING 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:  
m/Baker s/Walker**

	AYE:	NAY:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
MAROLDA	X			
WALKER	X			
BAKER	X			
JAMES	X			
MANCUSO				X
MCAVADDY	X			

**DISCUSSION:**

Auditor Garcia stated the budget presented was as introduced with an increase of .05 cents. Council President and Finance Chairwoman Baker stated that the budget was bare boned and cautioned those present that any additional cuts would have a negative impact this year as well as years to come. At the request of the CFO, Council discussed adding at least \$7,000.00 to the Police Salary and Wage Line Item. This will cover pending and anticipated military deployments and ensure adequate coverage in the police department.

**m/Baker s/James increasing the Police Salary and Wage Line Item by \$7,000.00**

	AYE:	NAY:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
MAROLDA		X		
WALKER	X			
BAKER	X			
JAMES	X			
MANCUSO				X
MCAVADDY		X		

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:  
m/Baker s/James**

	AYE:	NAY:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
MAROLDA	X			
WALKER	X			
BAKER	X			
JAMES	X			
MANCUSO				X
MCAVADDY	X			

**RESOLUTION 52-16      SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET  
m/Baker s/James**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Borough of Buena has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2016 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Buena that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
  - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
  - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
  - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
  - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
  - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
  - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.

2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).

3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.

4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:

- a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
- b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
- c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.

5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

	AYE:	NAY:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
MAROLDA	X			
WALKER	X			
BAKER	X			
JAMES	X			
MANCUSO				X
MCAVADDY	X			

**RESOLUTION 53-16      RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
m/Baker s/Walker**

	AYE:	NAY:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
MAROLDA		X		
WALKER	X			
BAKER	X			
JAMES	X			
MANCUSO				X
MCAVADDY		X		

Mayor Zappariello also voted no on the budget as presented.

**ADMINISTRATORS'S REPORT: no report**

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT: no report**

**PERSONNEL:**

**RESOLUTION 54-16      A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA ACCEPTING THE  
RESIGNATION OF GAIL KNOTT AS DEPUTY CLERK EFFECTIVE  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 WITH REGRETS.  
m/Baker s/James**

WHEREAS, Gail Knott has served the Borough of Buena in the capacity of

Deputy Clerk for sixteen years; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, Gail Knott has provided effective and compassionate representation to the Borough of Buena; and

WHEREAS, Gail Knott has submitted a letter of retirement effective September 1, 2016.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Buena that the retirement of Gail Knott be regretfully accepted effective September 1, 2016.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for said position.

	AYE:	NAY:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
MAROLDA	X			
WALKER	X			
BAKER	X			
JAMES	X			
MANCUSO				X
MCAVADDY	X			

**RESOLUTION 55-16      A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN M. ECKLER, JR. AS  
CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL IN THE BOROUGH OF  
BUENA EFFECTIVE APRIL 25, 2016  
m/Baker s/McAvaddy**

WHEREAS, John M. Eckler, Jr. is duly licensed and qualified to serve as Construction Code Official: and

WHEREAS, the said John M. Eckler, Jr. has agreed to serve as Construction Code Official in the Borough of Buena effective April 25, 2016.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Buena as follows:

1. John M. Eckler, Jr. be and is hereby appointed as Construction Code Official in the Borough of Buena, effective April 25, 2016.
2. John M. Eckler, Jr. shall be paid bi-weekly as specified in the current Buena Borough salary ordinance.
3. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Department of Community Affairs by the Clerk of the Borough of Buena to advise them of the appointment set forth herein.

	AYE:	NAY:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
MAROLDA	X			
WALKER	X			
BAKER	X			
JAMES	X			
MANCUSO				X
MCAVADDY	X			

**RESOLUTION 56-16      A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN M. ECKLER, JR. AS  
BUILDING SUB- CODE OFFICIAL IN THE BOROUGH OF  
BUENA EFFECTIVE APRIL 25, 2016  
m/Baker s/McAvaddy**

WHEREAS, John M. Eckler, Jr. is duly licensed and qualified to serve as Building Sub-Code Official: and

WHEREAS, the said John M. Eckler, Jr. has agreed to serve as Building Sub-Code Official in the Borough of Buena effective April 25, 2016.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Buena as follows:

1. John M. Eckler, Jr. be and is hereby appointed as Building Sub-Official in the Borough of Buena, effective April 25, 2016.
2. John M. Eckler, Jr. shall be paid bi-weekly as specified in the current Buena Borough salary ordinance.
3. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Department of Community Affairs by the Clerk of the Borough of Buena to advise them of the appointment set forth herein.

	AYE:	NAY:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
MAROLDA	X			
WALKER	X			
BAKER	X			
JAMES	X			
MANCUSO				X
MCAVADDY	X			

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**RECYCLING: (COUNCILMAN MAROLDA)**

Councilman Marolda presented the road department's itinerary. An update was given on funds to be received from FEMA for January 2016 storms.

**RECREATION: (COUNCILMAN WALKER)**

Councilman Walker gave an update on upcoming events. In addition, the Councilman reported that the Borough will be participating in Jeans for Troops this year. Participating employees will donate \$5.00 which will allow them to wear jeans on May 26, 2016. This program supports Military Personnel and Veterans. Councilman Walker asked the Clerk to follow up on this worthwhile cause.

**FINANCE: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)**

Council President Baker attended the Transportation Meeting at the Dr. Martin Luther King Center. The 54/40 Shuttle is improving. During the month of March, 445 passengers used the Shuttle.

Council President Baker also attended the meeting of the Atlantic County Mayor's Association. Freeholder Chairman Formica stated the County tax rate will be below last year. In addition, the new Bail Reform Legislation will be very costly for each municipality. It is to begin January of 2017 but the Judge wishes it to start in June. The next Association meeting will be May 27, 2016.

Council President Baker reported on the 2015 Audit. Thanks were extended to Cindi LoGuidice, CFO, her staff and all employees for receiving no recommendations for the second year in a row.

**PUBLIC SAFETY/STREETS LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN JAMES) no report**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: (COUNCILMAN MANCUSO) no report**

**BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN MCAVADDY)**

Councilman McAvaddy reported on the continuing upgrades to the municipal building.

**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING:**

There was no one wishing to address Mayor and Council.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

Minutes of the regular meeting of April 11, 2016 were approved m/Baker s/McAvaddy

	AYE:	NAY:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
MAROLDA	X			
WALKER	X			
BAKER	X			
JAMES	X			
MANCUSO				X
MCAVADDY	X			

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none**

**NEW BUSINESS: A discussion was held on the possibility of subdividing and selling off lots owned by the Borough.**

**BILLS PAID AS LISTED: m/Baker s/Marolda**

	AYE:	NAY:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
MAROLDA	X			
WALKER	X			
BAKER	X			
JAMES	X			
MANCUSO				X
MCAVADDY	X			

**NEXT MEETING: May 9, 2016**

**MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Baker s/McAvaddy**

	AYE:	NAY:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
MAROLDA	X			
WALKER	X			
BAKER	X			
JAMES	X			
MANCUSO				X
MCAVADDY	X			

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**MARYANN CORALUZZO**  
**BOROUGH CLERK**