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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:11 P.M.
MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:44 P.M.**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE:

	AYE:	NAY:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:	RECUSE
WALKER	X				
D'ALESSANDRO	X				
BAKER	X				
MANCUSO	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
MCAVADDY				X	

SUNSHINE LAW:

THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA WAS HELD MONDAY, APRIL, 27, 2020 COMMENCING AT 7:02 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, VIA EMAIL, TO THE PRESS OF ATLANTIC CITY, THE DAILY JOURNAL AND THE ATLANTIC COUNTY RECORD ON NOVEMBER 13, 2019, AS WELL AS HAVING BEEN POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AT BOROUGH HALL.

Mayor Zappariello brough before the public, previous concerns. Nothing the pandemic had caused a ceased movement of our water drainage issues form the state. Also, a fence summons had been issued to the property owners at Brewster and Grove Rds by the zoning officer.

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING: NONE ADDRESSED

**RESOLUTION 55-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, AWARDDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO REMINGTON & VERNICK, ENGINEERS, FOR THE UPDATE AND REVISION OF THE NEW DIGITAL TAX MAP SET IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000.00.
m/ Baker s/Walker**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Buena desires to address the comments in the New Jersey Division of Taxation tax map review letter for revaluation compliance; and

WHEREAS, Remington & Vernick, Engineers has submitted a proposal outlining the

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Scope of Services and providing an estimate of an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Buena that the Borough of Buena award a professional services contract to Remington & Vernick, Engineers, for the work related to the update and revision of the new digital tax map set as outlined in the proposal attached hereto and made part of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this award is contingent upon a Certificate of Availability of Funds from the Chief Financial Officer.

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WALKER	X				
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BAKER	X				
MANCUSO	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
MCAVADDY				X	

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Costigan reported an email from the buyer's attorney regarding Infinity Fence, LLC stated settlement had not occurred and was requesting an abatement of 2020 taxes. Solicitor Costigan recommended none of 2020 taxes be abatement. A discussion ensued and a resolution was voted to denied further tax abatements.

**RESOLUTION 56-20 A RESOLUTION TO REJECT ANY FURTHER TAX ABATEMENT TO INFINITY FENCE. LLC., ROBERT GILLIS, MEMBER FOR 2020 TAXES
m/Baker s/Alvarez**

WHEREAS, Infinity Fence, LLC., Robert Gillis, Member, is the owner of Block 137, Lot 1.01 in the Borough of Buena, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Infinity Fence, LLC., Robert Gillis, Member, owes back real estate taxes to the Borough of Buena; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2020, Mayor and Council agreed to accept \$1700 from Infinity Fence, LLC., Robert Gillis Member, because of hardship and the stipulation that he was demolishing and selling the real property by April 1, 2020, in payment of all back taxes due by way of Resolution 24-2020. The resolution did not include any abatement for 2020 taxes due; and

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WHEREAS, Infinity Fence, LLC., Robert Gillis Member did not complete the demolition and sale of the real property by April 1, 2020 and did not pay the Borough the amount of \$1700, as addressed by Resolution 24-2020; and

WHEREAS, Infinity Fence, LLC., Robert Gillis, Member, has now requested a further tax abatement for 2020 taxes due; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Buena has considered the request of Infinity Fence, LLC., Robert Gillis, Member.

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D'ALESSANDRO	X				
BAKER	X				
MANCUSO					
ALVAREZ	X				
MCAVADDY				X	

Solicitor Costigan reported the Tax Board granted an additional year for the Re-Evaluation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ROADS/RECYCLING: CHAIRMAN, MATTHEW WALKER reported on the continued and upcoming cleaning in municipal building. Parks cleanup is being done. Bike and walking paths have been cut and cleaned. Mr. Nimohay with Mr. Smith met at Lauren Court with Contractor. Generator in the Municipal building is original and may need to be replaced. Closed signs had been placed at basketball and tennis courts.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: CHAIRMAN, JOSEPH D'ALESSANDRO reported the Franklin Township police update for March 2020. Covid-19 update was given. Requested public assistance from FEMA thru portal. Teleconferences are being held for updates.

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: CHAIRWOMAN, ROSALIE M. BAKER reported that a letter had been sent from the Code Enforcement Official concerning the multiple cars on Central Ave. Rental inspections will be scheduled at a later date, now property owners are sending photos of unit. Tenants will be contacted for a full inspection at a later date. Zoning officer has been issuing zoning permits via scans. Construction of 4 new homes are in

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the borough.

RECREATION: CHAIRWOMAN, ROSALIE M. BAKER reported the current ridership for March was 843 for the 54/40 shuttles. An average of 38 passengers a day. All recreation activities are on hold due to the Corona Virus

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: CHAIRMAN, JOSEPH MANCUSO NONE

FINANCE: CHAIRMAN, JORGE ALVAREZ NONE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2020. IF NO CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS, ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE:
 m/Baker s/Walker

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WALKER	X				
D'ALESSANDRO	X				
BAKER	X				
MANCUSO	X				
ALVAREZ			X		
MCAVADDY				X	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Zappariello asked that council's respective department spending be reviewed that revenue may be down due to pandemic.

BILLS PAID AS LISTED: m/Baker s/Walker

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NEXT MEETING: May 11, 2020

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Baker s/Walker RCVU

Pamela Johnston

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