

**BOROUGH OF BUENA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.
MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:54 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE:

Council Member	Present	Absent
GIOVINAZZI	X	
ALVAREZ	X	
ADAMS		X
BARSUGLIA	X	
ANDALORO	X	
DESTEFANO		X

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Administrator Maryann Coraluzzo, Solicitor Rick Tonetta, Road Supervisor Bill Nimohay, Engineer Joe Mohnack, Clerk I Nicole Koch

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, June 10, 2024 commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall with Mayor Baruffi presiding. Mayor Baruffi 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 and the Daily Journal on November 27, 2023 as well as being posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall.

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 November 27, 2023 as well as having been posted on the municipal bulletin board and website at www.buenaboro.org

MAYOR'S REPORT: FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Recognition for years of service – Former Mayor Gene Iannette, Former Councilpersons Joseph Rosemont and Rosalie Baker

Mayor Baruffi recognized the above individuals for their years of dedication and service to the Borough with their family members present and unveiled a plaque with their name and years of service on the Buena Borough Hall of Fame.

Mayor Baruffi continued his report stating the contract had been awarded for the demolition for 1005 South Central Ave property. Mayor stated there will be a meeting on June 11 with Engineer DeBlasio and Road Supervisor Nimohay regarding Minotola Estates. The Buena Borough Fire Department open house occurred on June 1 and was a huge success. Mayor deferred to Councilwoman Barsuglia who explained that the recreation committee applied again for the Local Recreation Grant and received \$66,000 and discussed plans to resurface the tennis courts and other various projects. In addition, a USDA grant was received in the amount of \$250,000 to attach a farmer's market to the Senior Center with the intent to promote local farmers.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO INFORM THE MAYOR AND GOVERNING BODY ABOUT THEIR VIEWS. THE MAYOR AND GOVERNING BODY PRESCRIBES TO COUNCIL'S BY-LAWS AND THE NEW JERSEY STATUTES ON OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS WHEN ENGAGING DURING PUBLIC COMMENT. AS SUCH, EACH INDIVIDUAL SHALL HAVE A 5 MINUTE LIMIT TO COMMENT; HE/SHE CANNOT YIELD TIME TO ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL; HE/SHE MAY ONLY APPROACH THE PODIUM ONCE DURING PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ANY ONE TOPIC; VULGAR OR OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE IS PROHIBITED AND MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL NOT ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE WITH THE PUBLIC DURING THIS TIME. THE GOVERNING BODY MAINTAINS MODEL

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MOTIONED TO OPEN THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

	Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
MOTION: <u>BARSUGLIA</u>	GIOVINAZZI	X				
	ALVAREZ	X				
SECOND: <u>ANDALORO</u> RCV	ADAMS				X	
	BARSUGLIA	X				
	ANDALORO	X				
	DESTEFANO				X	

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

Gina Andaloro, Landisville, expressed concerns regarding 101/103 South Franklin noting excessive amounts of trash and trash bags on the property. Mayor Baruffi and Councilman Giovinazzi acknowledged Ms. Andaloro’s concerns.

MOTIONED TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION:

	Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
MOTION: <u>ALVAREZ</u>	GIOVINAZZI	X				
	ALVAREZ	X				
SECOND: <u>ANDALORO</u> RCV	ADAMS				X	
	BARSUGLIA	X				
	ANDALORO	X				
	DESTEFANO				X	

CONSENT AGENDA:

Consent Agenda includes items of business which are not controversial and do not require individual discussion. A Motion approving the Consent Agenda is moved, seconded and voted upon as one item by the Borough Council. If any discussion is requested on a Consent Agenda item, it is removed from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda

- **RESOLUTION 118-24** TO AMEND ADOPTED BUDGET (CHAPTER 159) SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87)
- **RESOLUTION 119-24** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIRING OF AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, EUGENE JOHNSON
- **RESOLUTION 120-24** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIRING OF AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, WILLIAM HOLSTROM
- **RESOLUTION 121-24** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF LOU NARDONE AS CLASS IV MEMBER OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA LAND USE BOARD, EFFECTIVE JUNE 4, 2024
- **BILLS PAID AS LISTED**

	Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
MOTION: <u>BARSUGLIA</u>	GIOVINAZZI	X				
	ALVAREZ	X				
SECOND: <u>ALVAREZ</u> RCV	ADAMS				X	
	BARSUGLIA	X				
	ANDALORO	X				
	DESTEFANO				X	

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SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

RICHARD TONETTA, BOROUGH SOLICITOR

Solicitor Tonetta recommended a motion to refer a request to review Borough Code 150-70 C (3) and 150-136 D (1) for potential conflicting language regarding zones wherein chickens and other poultry may be kept and further to review zones and standards for keeping of chickens and other poultry including acreage, side yard and rear yard setbacks for coops, number of such poultry and whether roosters should be permitted in certain zones and to provide findings of fact and recommendations thereto.

	Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
MOTION: <u>BARSUGLIA</u>	GIOVINAZZI	X				
	ALVAREZ	X				
	ADAMS				X	
SECOND: <u>ANDALORO</u>	BARSUGLIA	X				
	ANDALORO	X				
	DESTEFANO				X	
RCV						

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ENGINEER’S REPORT:

MARC DEBLASIO, BOROUGH ENGINEER

Grant Applications

1. FY2024 NJDCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant (LRIG)
 - Our office collaborated with the Aubrey Group to produce a grant application for the improvements at Bruno Melini Park. The Aubrey Group has submitted the Grant Application to the NJDCA which is currently under review.
 - Grant awards were announced on May 31, 2024. **The Borough was awarded \$66,000.00.**
2. FY2024 NJDOT Local Transportation Projects Fund (LTPF) Grant
 - The application is completed and was submitted on April 24, 2024.
 - The roads selected for reconstruction consist of Pacific Avenue, Arctic Avenue and Williams Avenue.
3. FY2025 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program Grant Application
 - The New Jersey Department of Transportation is now accepting grant applications for roadway improvements.
 - The Borough has selected West Avenue and West Atlantic Avenue.
 - The application is complete and was submitted on June 3, 2024.

Capital Projects

1. FY2023 NJDOT Local Transportation Projects Fund - Reconstruction of Plymouth St and Friendship Rd
 - The Borough has been notified by the NJDOT that \$400,000.00 in FY2023 Grant funds have been awarded for the reconstruction of Plymouth Street and Friendship Road.
 - Engineering design is complete. The bid documents have been submitted to the State for review.
2. FY2024 NJDOT Municipal Aid - Reconstruction of East Summer Road
 - The Borough has been notified by the NJDOT that \$269,995.00 in FY2024 Grant funds have been awarded for the reconstruction of East Summer Road.
 - Our office has completed the land survey of the roadways.
 - Engineering design is in progress.

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3. CDBG ADA Building Improvements
 - . The Borough is proceeding with front door replacements at Municipal Hall and the Senior Center.
 - a. Jerry Blackman of OSK Architects has completed the architectural design drawings.
 - b. Bob McGuigan of the Atlantic County Improvement Authority has approved the bid documents.
 - c. Brian Tannenhaus of BD Engineering is producing electrical engineering design drawings.

4. Bruno Melini Park Bathroom Building
 - . Jerry Blackman of OSK Architects is preparing architectural design drawings.

5. Minotola Estates (Buena Drive) Flooding
 - . Our office obtained the final approved plans for the development dated 2005.
 - a. Our land surveyor visited the site to document the as-built conditions.
 - b. Our office has reported all design deviations and design flaws to the Borough Solicitor.

6. NJDEP MS4 Stormwater Infrastructure Mapping
 - . The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) is requiring all stormwater infrastructure (inlets, manholes, outfalls, etc.) to be mapped in a GIS format by 2026.
 - a. Our office obtained a \$25k grant from the NJDEP to aid the Borough in the cost to survey and map.
 - b. Our office has submitted mapping on June 3, 2024 and is waiting on review by the NJDEP.

7. Forest Grove Road Speeding
 - . Regarding the process to reduce the speed limit on Forest Grove Road:
 - i. New Jersey State Law requires that speed limit changes be approved by the NJDOT.
 - ii. A speed survey must be conducted to identify the prevailing travel speeds of motorists using the roadway.
 - iii. The speed study information is submitted to the NJDOT for approval of the recommended speed limit.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Mayor Baruffi explained that the Borough is still operating on a temporary budget noting it was necessary to create a budget for the new Borough Fire Department. It is anticipated to adopt the budget at the June 24 meeting.
- Chief DeCesari notified those in attendance that Ice Cream with a Cop will begin at Borough Hall Tuesday, June 11 at 5:30 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

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NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024

MEETING ADJOURNED: M/ BARSUGLIA S/ ANDALORO RCVU

Pamela Johnston

Pamela Johnston
Acting Borough Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. 118-24

**TO AMEND ADOPTED BUDGET (CHAPTER 159)
SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87)**

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Buena, County of Atlantic, has been awarded \$15,627.94 from the State of New Jersey Department of Treasury Clean Communities Account Fund

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the council of the Borough of Buena, County of Atlantic, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the Budget of the year 2024 in the sum of \$15,627.94 which is now available as revenue as follows:

Clean Communities Grant: \$15,627.94

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$12,267.36 and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Clean Communities Grant: \$15,627.94

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer will forward one copy of this resolution to the Director of the Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 119-24

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIRING OF AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN,
EUGENE JOHNSON**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Buena Emergency Medical Services Department operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS, appropriate staffing is required for the department to operate effectively and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Services Chief of the Borough of Buena requests the authorization from Council to approve the hiring of the following candidate:

Eugene Johnson

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Buena, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, hereby approves the hiring of aforementioned candidate as a per-diem Emergency Service Technician based on qualifications with a start date of June 10, 2024 and conditioned upon the successful completion of the hiring phases set forth in the Policy and Procedures of the Borough of Buena.

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RESOLUTION NO. 120-24

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIRING OF AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN,
WILLIAM HOLSTROM**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Buena Emergency Medical Services Department operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS, appropriate staffing is required for the department to operate effectively and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Services Chief of the Borough of Buena requests the authorization from Council to approve the hiring of the following candidate to replace the Emergency Service Technicians who have left the department:

William Holstrom

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Buena, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, hereby approves the hiring of aforementioned candidate as a part-time Emergency Service Technician based on qualifications with a start date effective immediately and conditioned upon the successful completion of the hiring phases set forth in the Policy and Procedures of the Borough of Buena.

RESOLUTION NO. 121-24

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF LOU NARDONE AS CLASS IV MEMBER OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA LAND USE BOARD, EFFECTIVE JUNE 4, 2024

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena that resignation of Lou Nardone be regretfully accepted effective June 4, 2024.