

**BOROUGH OF BUENA
REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 9, 2014**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.
MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:10 P.M.**

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall with Mayor Baruffi presiding. Mayor Baruffi 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, Baker, Santagata and McAvaddy, Dr. Paul Trivellini, Administrator, Richard P. Tonetta, Solicitor and Gail Knott, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Councilpersons Zappariello and Cugini

MAYOR'S REPORT:

**RESOLUTION 75-14 TO AMEND ADOPTED BUDGET (CHAPTER 159)
SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87) m/Baker s/Santagata**

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 \$ 9,846.46 from the State of New Jersey Department of The 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 2013 in the sum of \$ 9,846.46 which is now available as revenue as follows:

Clean Communities Grant: \$ 9,846.46

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 9,846.46 and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Clean Communities Grant: \$ 9,846.46

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

	AYE:	NAY:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
MAROLDA	X			
BAKER	X			
SANTAGATA	X			
ZAPPARIELLO				X
CUGINI				X
MCAVADDY	X			

**RESOLUTION 76-14 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BUENA TO HIRE
DIANE G. BASSETTI AS CLERK 1, EFFECTIVE JUNE 16, 2014
OR AFTER. m/Baker s/Marolda**

WHEREAS, a retirement and the end of a shared service agreement have occurred making necessary the replacement of staff; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Buena Council has accepted both the retirement and the end of the shared service and desires staffing to allow training for a smooth transition.

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

1. The Borough is authorized to hire Diane G. Bassetti, effective June 16, 2014 or after at a salary of \$17,238.00 per year for a work week generally consisting of five hours daily, five days per week as Clerk 1.
2. The Chief Financial Officer, in conjunction with the Borough Administrator, shall determine the hours of employment of Diane G. Bassetti.

	AYE:	NAY:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
MAROLDA	X			
BAKER	X			
SANTAGATA	X			
ZAPPARIELLO				X
CUGINI				X
MCAVADDY	X			

**RESOLUTION 77-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA AWARDING
A CONTRACT TO NJ EMERGENCY VEHICLES (NJEV) FOR
THE RE-CHASSIS OF TWO AMBULANCES.
m/Baker s/Santagata**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Buena has two ambulances; and

WHEREAS, bids to re-chassis both ambulances were advertised; and

WHEREAS, NJ Emergency Vehicles was the sole bidder in an amount not to exceed \$151,242.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Buena, provided the CFO has certified the availability of funds, that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute an Agreement with NJ Emergency Vehicles in the amount not to exceed \$151,242.00 for the re-chassis of two ambulances as set forth in detail in the bid specifications.

	AYE:	NAY:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
MAROLDA	X			
BAKER	X			
SANTAGATA	X			
ZAPPARIELLO				X
CUGINI				X
MCAVADDY	X			

RESOLUTION 78-14 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL REFUND OR APPLY OVERPAYMENTS. m/Baker s/Marolda

WHEREAS, there exists a number of tax overpayments; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the tax assessor that the overpayments should be canceled, refunded or applied.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Buena, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey that the attached list of overpayments be canceled, refunded or applied.

	AYE:	NAY:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
MAROLDA	X			
BAKER	X			
SANTAGATA				
ZAPPARIELLO				X
CUGINI				X
MCAVADDY	X			

RESOLUTION 79-14 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE GRACE PERIOD FOR THE PAYMENT OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES IN THE BOROUGH OF BUENA FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2014. m/Baker s/McAvaddy

WHEREAS, the tax rate for the Borough of Buena has not been certified by the Atlantic County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the tax bills have not been received by the Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Buena, in order to provide adequate notice to property owners of the amount of taxes owed for the third quarter of 2014, believe that the grace period for the payment of taxes should be extended.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Buena that the grace period for the payment of property taxes in the Borough of Buena for the third quarter of 2014 be and the same is hereby extended to twenty-five days after the mailing of the tax bills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that interest shall only be charged on third quarter property taxes by the Tax Collector for payments received after the twenty-five day grace period.

	AYE:	NAY:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
MAROLDA	X			
BAKER	X			
SANTAGATA	X			
ZAPPARIELLO				X
CUGINI				X
MCAVADDY	X			

PERSONNEL:

**RESOLUTION 74-14 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING PART-TIME UNSKILLED
LABORERS IN THE BOROUGH OF BUENA ROAD DEPARTMENT.
m/Baker s/Santagata**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Buena that:

The following individuals are hereby appointed and employed, effective June 9, 2014 as part time unskilled laborers not to exceed current budgeted hours and/or current budgeted amount for salary and wage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the hourly rate will be \$8.50 per hour and hours will be determined by the Road Department Supervisor.

Johnathan P. Linn

Christopher M. Heisler

Edmond Pozzobon

	AYE:	NAY:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
MAROLDA	X			
BAKER	X			
SANTAGATA	X			
ZAPPARIELLO				X
CUGINI				X
MCAVADDY	X			

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Caregnato reported the police statistic report will be given at the end of the month meetings.

ADMINISTRATORS'S REPORT:

The Administrator reported on the following items:
The first part of the playground equipment has been installed. Caulking is being done on municipal building windows.

Pam Johnston is currently researching Borough owned properties. When this is complete, the Borough will be ascertaining the final disposition of each.

The Borough will be implementing the Nixle System for emergency call outs in order to notify Borough Employees.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: none

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Kimberly Lane Storm Drain Pipe

The pipe work is complete. The contractor is working on restoration.

FY2013 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project – Reconstruction of Flower Street

The Borough was selected to receive \$187,000.00 in NJDOT Municipal Aid funding for the project. Our office is preparing to submit the plans and specifications to the NJDOT for review.

FY2014 NJDOT Municipal Aid Application – Reconstruction of Flower Street

It is our understanding that the Borough received \$180,000.00 in Municipal Aid funding.

Louis Drive Drainage

Our office is currently evaluating alternatives to address the drainage issue.

**RESOLUTION 80-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA AUTHORIZING THE
BOROUGH ENGINEER TO REQUEST RECENT QUOTES TO PROFILE
MILL OF SHOULDERS AND OVERLAY FORSYTHE STREET.
m/Santagata s/McAvaddy**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Buena has recognized the need for certain infrastructure repairs including Forsythe Street; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council adopted Ordinance 597-606, Capital Improvement Bond Ordinance, providing for the funds necessary to perform road improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has performed a study on the needs of Forsythe Street and has recommended the appropriate repair to be profile milling of shoulder and overlay of Forsythe Street; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has estimated the cost for the recommended repairs to be under the Bid Threshold.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Buena that the Borough Engineer is authorized to request receipt of quotes to profile mill of shoulder and overlay of Forsythe Street for consideration of an award of Contract.

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BAKER	X			
SANTAGATA	X			
ZAPPARIELLO				X
CUGINI				X
MCAVADDY	X			

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECYCLING: (COUNCILMAN MAROLDA) none

FINANCE: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

Councilwoman Baker reported the audit for the year 2013 is done. A meeting with the Borough's Auditor will be scheduled shortly to discuss the audit.

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

Council President Santagata provided those present with the Road Department's itinerary.

RECREATION: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO)

Mayor Baruffi congratulated the Buena Chiefs for winning the NJSIAA Group II State Championship.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI) none

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN MCAVADDY)

Councilman McAvaddy provided those present with the Landuse Department itinerary. The Councilman also gave an update on the property located across street from the municipal building and informed Council the property is deemed an imminent hazard and needs to be demolished. The Solicitor will follow up on this matter.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING:

Brian Fatcher of Kimberly Lane was present to express his concerns with the work done on Forest Grove Road and Kimberly Lane. Mr. Fatcher stated that he has an elderly neighbor and is fearful of a trip and fall. Mr. Fatcher further stated that he is unhappy with the oversight provided by Remington,

Vernick and Walberg Engineers and strongly recommended the presence of a representative of the engineering firm.

Clerk's Report: none

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament request amending bingo license no. BA11-2013 and raffle license no. RA12-2013. m/Baker s/McAvaddy

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Need motion to file correspondence m/Baker s/McAvaddy

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BAKER	X			
SANTAGATA	X			
ZAPPARIELLO				X
CUGINI				X
MCAVADDY	X			

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

BILLS PAID AS LISTED: m/Baker s/Santagata

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MAROLDA	X			
BAKER	X			
SANTAGATA	X			
ZAPPARIELLO				X
CUGINI				X
MCAVADDY	X			

NEXT MEETING: June 23, 2014

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Baker s/Marolda RCVU