

BOROUGH OF BUENA
 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:01 P.M.
MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:18 P.M.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA WAS HELD MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020 COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M. VIA TELECONFERENCING 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.

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE:

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

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

There was no one wishing to address Mayor and Council.

RESOLUTION 57-20 A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO EXTEND THE GRACE PERIOD FOR SECOND QUARTER PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS TO JUNE 1, 2020.
M/BAKER S/WALKER

WHEREAS, in light of the dangers posed by Coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) in the State of New Jersey and the current declaration of both a Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency issued by Governor Murphy by way of Executive Order No. 103 on March 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2020 the Governor issued Executive Order No. 130, declaring that New Jersey taxpayers throughout the State were suffering from one or more financial hardships caused by or related to the Covid-19 pandemic including a drop in income and that a result of economic disruption, it was difficult for many residents to meet the May 1, 2020 due date for timely payment of real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, in Executive Order No. 130, the Governor ordered that any governing body of a municipality with a calendar year budget cycle may adopt a resolution instituting a grace period concluding on a date no later than June 1, 2020 for the payment of second quarter property taxes.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Buena, that the tax collector is directed to extend the grace period for second quarter property tax payments to June 1, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if second quarter property tax payments are not made by June 1, 2020, interest will be charged retroactive to May 1, 2020.

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

Councilman Mancuso successfully entered the meeting at 7:03 P.M.

**RESOLUTION 58-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIRING OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL
TECHNICIANS.
M/BAKER S/WALKER**

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 candidates to replace the Emergency Service Technicians who have left the department:

Part Time:
Paul Caola
Sean McCall

Per Diem:
Jennifer Consalo
Meghan Winkler
Perry Coker
Matthew Perri
Colin Kisby

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 candidates as Emergency Service Technicians based on their qualifications with a start date as soon as possible 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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MCAVADDY	X				

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

- **Replacement of the Plymouth Street Culverts**
The field survey work is complete. The as-built plan is currently being drafted.

- **FY2016 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project - Resurfacing of Forest Grove Road**
Our office is coordinating the final punchlist items with the contractor.

- **FY2018 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project - Reconstruction of Forest Grove Road**
Our office has requested additional survey information from the contractor to address grading issues.

- **FY2019 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project - Reconstruction of South Boulevard**
Construction began on May 6, 2020.

- **FY2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project - Reconstruction of South Boulevard**
Design work is underway.

- **Buena Borough Landfill**
Our office is working on the proposal for the work requested by The Pinelands Commission and will be submitting it in the near future.

- **Liberty Village**
No update.

- **Expansion of the Commerce Center Redevelopment Area**
The public hearing has been postponed. The new hearing date has not been scheduled.

- **Madison Estates Major Subdivision - Lauren Court**

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The bonding company's Engineer is negotiating with the apparent low bidder. The apparent low bidder is American Asphalt.

With regard to the FY2020 NJDOT funding, Engineer Smith recommended applying for an additional section of South Boulevard, specifically, storm drainage.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- Employee Handbook Update

Mayor Zappariello requested Council review the document and submit comments to Solicitor Costigan by May 18, 2020.

CLERK'S REPORT:

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2020 WERE APPROVED M/BAKER

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BAKER	X				
MANCUSO	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
MCAVADDY			X		

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

COVID-19 UPDATE: JOSEPH D'ALESSANDRO, III, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR.

1. As of: 05/11/2020 13:54
 - a. Borough of Buena Cases: 24
 - b. Borough of Buena Deaths: 1
 - c. Atlantic County Cases: 1,533
 - d. Atlantic County Deaths: 77
 - e. New Jersey Cases: 139,645
 - f. New Jersey Deaths: 9,310
 - g. NJ Positivity Rate: 37.9% (major labs 280,220 tests)
 - h. United States: 1,329,885
 - i. United States Deaths: 79,531
 - j. Global Cases: 4,132,365
 - k. Global Deaths: 283,387

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2. Atlantic County doubling rate is currently at 15 days, Cumberland is 14.5 & Gloucester is over 30
3. Southern NJ total hospitalizations is trending downwards
4. New hospitalizations, number of patients in ICUs and patients on ventilators statewide are trending downward
5. Governor Murphy indicated in today's update that a reopening timeline may be forthcoming
6. Communication with Buena Gardens
 - a. All residents are currently asymptomatic
7. Recommend all Borough bodies continue conduct meetings via conference call until further notice
8. PPE Supplies are currently stable
9. Landisville and Minotola have been exercising their COVID-19 procedures for responses to non-fire calls to minimize potential exposure
10. Buena OEM continues to review Emergency Operations Plan to confirm compliance
11. Buena OEM has been maintaining consistent communications with Atlantic County OEM, Landisville Fire, Minotola Fire, Franklin Twp Police and Franklin Twp OEM to coordinate mitigation and response planning.
12. Buena OEM has been operating the Emergency Operations Center in Borough Hall both remotely and in-person
13. Buena OEM has been updating Borough residents through the use of social media outlets on an almost daily basis
14. March 26, 2020 President Trump declared a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of New Jersey.
 - a. Buena OEM began to capture expenses related to COVID-19 for the following departments:
 - i. 11-0 Office of Emergency Management
 - ii. 11-1 Landisville Vol Fire Co
 - iii. 11-2 Minotola Vol Fire Co
 - iv. 11-9 Buena EMS
 - v. Administration (Borough Hall)
 - vi. Road Department
 - b. Departments are running Sun-Sat operational periods and reports are due MEMC by 10am on every Monday
 - c. Began working on FEMA Public Assistance Grant
 - d. Signed new MOU with State of New Jersey
 - e. Gathered Private Non-Profit info and distributed to local known PNPs
15. Continue to work with BRSD Superintendent David Cappuccio on School Closing Plan and Districts Food Distribution Plan
16. Maintaining COVID-19 webpage for Borough's website
17. Maintaining up-to-date inventory of PPE
18. Daily contact with Franklin Twp MEMC, weekly with Vineland OEM
19. Participate on 2-3 weekly conference calls with Atlantic Co EMS, Cumberland Co OEM, Gloucester EMS and Atlantic Co OEM
20. Daily Calls with Chief Ciraolo to stay updated on EMS call volume, PPE levels, readiness and personnel
21. Daily review of State and Federal Reopening Plans and Guidelines
22. Received PPE Grant from Ford Motor Company of 250 face shields

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NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Alvarez, who has been monitoring our financial status, reported we are maintaining an appropriate balance of revenue collection and expenditures.

BILLS PAID AS LISTED: M/BAKER S/WALKER

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NEXT MEETING: May 26, 2020

MEETING ADJOURNED: M/BAKER S/WALKER RCVU

MARYANN CORALUZZO
BOROUGH CLERK

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MEETING ADJOURNED: M/BAKER ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED?