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CALLED TO ORDER: 7:02 P.M.
MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:27 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Zappariello opened the meeting with a moment of silence for those affected by COVID-19.

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE:

Council Member	Present	Absent
WALKER	X	
D'ALESSANDRO	X	
BAKER	X	
MANCUSO	X	
ALVAREZ	X	

SUNSHINE LAW:

THIS MEETING BEING HELD VIA TELE-CONFERENCING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT AND NOTICES OF THIS MEETING HAD BEEN PROVIDED, VIA EMAIL, TO THE PRESS OF ATLANTIC CITY, THE DAILY JOURNAL AND THE ATLANTIC COUNTY RECORD ON DECEMBER 1, 2020, AS WELL AS HAVING BEEN POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AT BOROUGH HALL.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Zappariello called on Road Supervisor Bill Nimohay for an update on Brunini Pool. Nimohay reported that Brunini Pool had been drained and trash around the area was removed and preparations are being made for filling the pool area over the next week or two. Nimohay additionally reported the county will aide with the water drainage on Marie Ave and will be reviewing the situation with Engineer Bob Smith.

Mayor Zappariello stated that Mayor and Council will be holding a special meeting regarding the Landisville Fire Company is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26 at 6:30pm. This meeting will be held at the Buena Regional High School cafeteria. Mayor also notated that there will be no voting at this meeting from Council.

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Brian Fatcher, Kimberly Lane, asked for updates on the paving of Central Ave. Supervisor Nimohay stated the County will begin June 1 with milling starting at 7am for the next three days. The completion should be over the next few days after that.

Susan Romeo, Landisville, asked Mayor Zappariello for the dates of the State Inspection for the Landisville Fire Company and the Council voted to suspend the department. Zappariello answered that without his notes at hand, he believed it to be October 16th for the inspection and December 1st for the suspension. Ms. Romeo proceeded to reference an OPRA request on the billing of the Solicitor of matters on the Landisville Fire Company and continued to state a timeline between the situations of the Landisville Fire Company, Minotola Fire Company

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and Council proceedings. Ms. Romeo continued by asking for an explanation of the billing of the Solicitor in reference to dissolving the fire department last July and August. Mayor Zappariello stated a meeting will be held Wednesday, to explain the many issues. Ms. Romeo responded by stating the dissolution appeared to be more than the violations, fines and public safety matters. Ms. Romeo concluded with comments that the closing was premeditated and with the involved council members.

Christine Saccomanno, Forest Grove Rd, shared her support and appreciation of the Landisville Fire Company and glad a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday.

Susan Romeo added a comment concerning reasons for the year to review the multiple concerns of the Landisville Fire Department.

Keith Kemery, on behalf of the Fire District# an April conversation confirmed the violations with the Department of Labor and PEOH. A representative has a scheduled an inspection is slated for June 11 as a sooner date was unavailable Kemery stated he was looking forward to the Wednesday meeting.

Motion to close public portion:

Council Member	By	2nd	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
WALKER			X				
D' ALESSANDRO			X				
BAKER	X		X				
MANCUSO			X				
ALVAREZ		X	X				

**RESOLUTION 61-20 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING GLENN FRANZOI AS PART TIME
 FIRE SUB CODE INSPECTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF BUENA.**

Council Member	By	2nd	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
WALKER			X				
D' ALESSANDRO			X				
BAKER	X		X				
MANCUSO		X	X				
ALVAREZ			X				

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Borough of Buena Construction Department for the position of Part-Time Fire Sub Code Inspector; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-126 authorizes municipalities to appoint a construction official and any necessary sub code officials; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5-23-5.3 and 5.7 requires all construction officials and sub code officials to be licensed; and

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WHEREAS, Glenn Franzoi has met all of the requirements for the position and possesses all the required licenses; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Franzoi understands that he will not receive health benefits while serving as Part-Time Fire Sub Code Inspector; and

WHEREAS, the total number of weekly work hours shall be set as an average of 10 hours per week; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena have determined that it is in the best interests of the residents of the Borough of Buena to appoint, Glenn Franzoi as Part-Time Fire Code Inspector in the Construction Department; and

WHEREAS, the CFO of the Borough of Buena has certified that funding is available to cover the costs of this position; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Franzoi shall be performing all duties of the Fire Sub Code Inspector as stated in N.J.A.C. 5-23-5.3 and 5.7 and in addition to those duties shall perform the special duties associated with resolution of all violations in the Borough from the Division of Fire Safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council for the Borough of Buena, County of Atlantic State of New Jersey that Glenn Franzoi is hereby appointed to the position of a Part-Time Fire Sub Code Inspector.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Glenn Franzoi shall be paid \$25.00 per hour for regular duties and \$30.00 per hour for special duties

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena direct the Municipal Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to the New Jersey Department of Community Services along with a copy of all certifications held by Mr. Franzoi.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: (CHAIRMAN, JOSEPH MANCUSO) NO REPORT

ROADS/RECYCLING, (CHAIRMAN, MATTHEW WALKER)

Boro Hall

1. *Normal cleaning*
2. *emergency lights installed in the police dept.*
3. *air filters in the heating and air conditioning system were checked*
4. *flower beds were cleaned and mulch was put down Louise Basile Building*

1. *gutter repair is scheduled for after veterans day event*

Park

1. *normal grass cuttint and maintenance*

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2. benches that have new wood on them were painted
3. flower beds were cleaned out and mulch was put down
4. park will be prepared for veterans event Road Items _ . _
 1. bike path from Central to rt. 40 was cleaned and is being prepared for Memorial Day
 2. Central Ave. gas trenches have been excavated again and . restored
 - a. paving on Central Ave. will start on June 1, 2021
 3. Commerce Center grass was cut and weed wacked
 4. Eurfins QC came and did the landfill well testing
 5. JIF meeting was attended
 6. Brush collection has started again, central ave. will be clear of brush for the beginning of paving
 7. Road edges were cut
 8. County came back to us and will not do anything to help with the water on Marie ave.
- a. I have already reviewed some other directions we may have to go with Robert Smith from R/V
 8. Brunini Poll
 - a. water has been pumped out
 - b. all trash has been removed from pool and around it
 - c. access opening was made larger to be able to get trucks capability to enter and dump their loads to fill the area
 - d. pool will be filled after we finish preparation for veterans event, about one or two weeks, a full crew will be needed when we start for about three days

RECREATION, (CHAIRWOMAN, ROSALIE M. BAKER)

The American Legion Post#270, Minotola will be having Memorial Services on Monday May 31st at 9:00 am. Everyone is invited.
Saturday, June 5th, a Veteran's Picnic will be held in Bruno Melini Park from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

FINANCE, (CHAIRMAN, JORGE ALVAREZ) NO REPORT

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (CHAIRMAN, JOSEPH D'ALESSANDRO)

1. As of: 05/24/2021 16:16
2. Public Health Emergency has been extended 30 by days
3. Effective Friday, May 28, 2021
 - a. The Statewide Indoor Mask Mandate will be lifted.
 - i. Individual businesses and other entities which oversee indoor spaces may continue to require that employees and customers/guests wear face masks.
 - b. Masks will still be required in certain settings:
 - i. Healthcare and long-term care facilities
 - ii. Correctional facilities
 - iii. Homeless shelters
 - iv. On an airplane, bus, or train, or other forms of public transportation
 - v. Transport hubs (airports, bus & train stations)
 - vi. Public-facing state offices (MVC, etc.)
 - vii. Worksites that are closed to the public, including warehousing and manufacturing facilities
 - c. Executive Order will not extend to:
 - i. Child-care centers and facilities

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- ii. Youth summer camps
- iii. Public, private or parochial preschool program premises & elementary and secondary schools
- iv. Worksites that are closed to the public, including warehousing and manufacturing facilities
- d. Six Feet of Social Distancing in all indoor and outdoor settings will be lifted.
 - i. Businesses can continue to require social distancing if they choose.

4. Effective Friday, June 4:

- a. All indoor gathering limits will be lifted.
- b. 30% limit on large indoor venues will be lifted.

5. May 24, 2021

- a. 4,081,059 residents are fully vaccinated.
- b. Herd Immunity will require 70% of NJ Adults (4.7 million people)

6. NJ has seen a slowdown in the number of COVID-19 cases

a. Borough of Buena Cases: 454

January 1/18	February 22	March 22	April 26	May 24
69 New	74	22	44	21

b. Borough of Buena Deaths: 8

c. Atlantic County Cases: 27,494

d. Atlantic County Deaths: 662

e. New Jersey Cases: 1,014,088

December 14	January 1/18	February 22	March 22	May 24
405,448	572,306	684,902	767,583	1,014,088

f. New Cases: PCR Test 5/24 260 Antigen Test 5/24 40

g. New Jersey Deaths: 23,440 Probable Deaths: 2,660

November 23	December 14	January 1/18	March 22	April 26
14,960	15,907	18,421	21,666	22,788

h. NJ Positivity Rate: 2.13% 5/24

December 14	January 19	February 22	March 22	April 26
10.95%	10.12%	6.35%	8.48%	6.44%

i. NJ Transmission Rate: 0.60 5/24

December 14	January 19	February 22	March 22	April 26
1.13	1.11	1.86	1.09	0.90

j. United States: 33,134,618 5/24

December 14	January 19	February 22	March 22	April 26
16,308,153	24,163,707	28,168,735	29,823,323	32,088,686

k. United States Deaths: 590,141 5/24

December 14	January 19	February 22	March 22	April 26
299,737	400,022	499,902	542,393	572,272

l. Global Cases: 167,001,377 5/24

December 14	January 19	February 22	March 22	April 26
72,587,435	95,914,178	111,633,620	123,349,088	147,325,436

m. Global Deaths: 3,466,871 5/24

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December 14	January 19	February 22	March 22	April 26
1,617,498	2,049,813	2,471,494	2,717,306	3,112,206

7. NJ total hospitalizations are at 699 South 180 5/24 (436 4/26 408 3/22 433 2/22 1/19 887)

December 14	January 19	February 22	March 22	April 26
3,635	3,506	2,023	1,921	1,797

8. Ventilators 102 5/24

December 14	January 19	February 22	March 22	April 26
491	429	289	205	245

9. Intensive/Critical Care Beds 148 5/24

December 14	January 19	February 22	March 22	April 26
704	643	438	409	398

10. Long-term Care Facilities Statewide:

- a. Facilities with Active Outbreaks: 155
- b. Active Resident Cases: 1,547
- c. Active Staff Cases: 2,354
- d. Cumulative Resident Deaths: 7,885
- e. Cumulative Staff Deaths: 144

11. School-Related Outbreaks:

- a. Statewide School Outbreaks: 281
- b. Statewide Caseload Linked to School Outbreaks: 1,263
 - i. Atlantic County has 15 outbreaks with 47 linked cases

12. PPE Supplies are currently stable

13. Buena OEM continues to review Emergency Operations Plan to confirm compliance.

14. Buena OEM has been maintaining consistent communications with Atlantic County OEM, Minotola Fire, Franklin Twp Police and Franklin Twp OEM to coordinate mitigation and response planning.

15. Buena OEM has been operating the Emergency Operations Center in Borough Hall both remotely.

16. Buena OEM has been updating Borough residents through social media outlets and website.

17. Maintaining COVID-19 webpage for Borough's website

18. Maintaining up-to-date inventory of PPE

19. Daily Calls with Chief Ciralo to stay updated on EMS call volume, PPE levels, readiness and personnel.

20. Franklin PD April 2021 Report Update

- a. Stolen Property: \$830.00 reported in April 2021

Arrests	Tickets	MV Stops	DWI	MVC	CDS	DV	GP
23	73	134	1	9	5	1	21

21. Buena EMS – April 90 Calls for Service

- a. 67 Borough
- b. 7 BVT
- c. 13 Vineland
- d. 3 Dorothy
- e. 1 Gloucester Co

22. Minotola Fire Company

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NEXT MEETING: JUNE 14, 2021

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

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Clerk 1

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