

**BOROUGH OF BUENA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.  
MEETING ADJOURNED: P.M. 7:10 P.M.

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, February 9, 2015 commencing at 6:30 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, James, Baker, Zappariello and McAvaddy,  
Richard Tonetta, Solicitor and Dr. Paul Trivellini, Administrator

ABSENT: Councilman Cugini

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**RESOLUTION 22-15 RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATION RESERVE BALANCES  
TRANSFER RESOLUTION #2  
m/Baker s/Zappariello**

**Whereas**, N.J.S. 40A:4-58 permitting the transfer to appropriate balances where needed for purposes specified in the budget in an amount in excess of the sum appropriated therefore from an appropriation balance deemed to be in excess of the amount necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following transfers be made in the Borough of Buena Budget:

**TRANSFER FROM**

Sts. & Roads O/E	\$ 940.00
Landfill	\$3,000.00
Gas Heat/Heating Fuel	\$1,180.00
Gasoline/Diesel	\$1,420.00
Street Lighting	\$2,450.00
Social Security	\$3,400.00
Unemployment	\$ 420.00

**TOTAL TRANSFER** \$12,810.00

**TRANSFER TO**

Finance O/E	\$ 960.00
Legal O/E	\$1,125.00
Engineer O/E	\$4,270.00
Public Bldgs/Grounds O/E	\$1,225.00
Land Use O/E	\$ 120.00
Group Health Ins.	\$ 210.00
EMS O/E	\$1,600.00
Trash O/E	\$3,300.00

**TOTAL TRANSFER** \$12,810.00

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

**RESOLUTION 24-15      A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA AUTHORIZING  
THE INVESTIGATION OF THE DISSOLUTION OF THE BUENA  
BOROUGH MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
m/Zappariello s/McAvaddy**

WHEREAS, Governor Christie has urged municipalities to research and investigate possible mergers, consolidation and dissolution of government entities to seek ways to save money and pass savings on to the tax payers; and

WHEREAS, it appears that consolidation of the services of the Buena Borough Municipal Utilities Authority (BBMUA) in with the Borough could save taxpayers money by combining certain synergies common to both thus eliminating duplicating services and equipment while providing the same excellent services the BBMUA rate payers expect; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the expansion of sewer and water and providing exemplary service is the goal of both the BBMUA and Borough and when combined would more easily consider the master plan for expansion of the residential, commercial and industrial base to the benefit of the residents; and

WHEREAS, while the Council of the Borough of Buena considers the dissolution of the BBMUA and consolidation of their duties with that of the Borough appears to be in the best interest of the Borough, its residents and rate payers, it is necessary to review the financial standing, infrastructure and future goals of the BBMUA to assure that assuming their liabilities do not adversely impact the BBMUA rate payers or the tax payers of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide Council with the necessary data to make a competent decision, it is necessary to investigate all aspects of the BBMUA to assure its dissolution is in the best interest of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Buena that the Mayor is authorized to commence all necessary actions to perform due diligence for the Borough, including engaging the Borough Auditor and all other necessary Borough Professionals to generate a report of findings of fact and recommendations for Council's Consideration.

Mayor Baruffi provided those present with a brief explanation and overview of the process and outcome of this investigation.

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

**PERSONNEL:**

**RESOLUTION 23-15      A RESOLUTION APPOINTING PART-TIME EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA  
EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 9, 2015.  
m/Baker s/Marolda**

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

The following individuals are hereby appointed and employed, effective February 9, 2015 as part time Emergency Medical Technicians who shall regularly work 20 hours or under per week and shall be paid in accordance with the current salary resolution:

Norman Wickizer  
Jonathan Stewart  
Justin Rodriguez

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Director Caregnato provided those present with an overview of police department activities.

**ADMINISTRATORS'S REPORT:**

**RESOLUTION 25-15**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BUENA TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SCALFO ELECTRIC, INC FOR ELECTRICAL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE YEAR 2015 AND 2016.**

**m/Baker s/Zappariello**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA that a contract is hereby awarded to Falasca Mechanical, Inc. for the furnishing of electrical repair and maintenance services in the Borough of Buena

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Sclafo Electric, Inc. for the purpose of furnishing electrical repair and maintenance services.

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

**RESOLUTION 26-15**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BUENA TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FALASCA MECHANICAL, INC FOR MECHANICAL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE YEAR 2015 AND 2016.**

**m/Baker s/James**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA that a contract is hereby awarded to Falasca Mechanical, Inc. for the furnishing of electrical repair and maintenance services in the Borough of Buena

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Falasca Mechanical, Inc. for the purpose of furnishing mechanical repair and maintenance services.

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

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** none

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

**Kimberly Lane Storm Drain Pipe**

The final change order has been approved by the Borough. Our office is working on closing out the project.

**FY2013 and FY2014 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project - Reconstruction of Flower Street**

Our office is working on the re-bid documents.

**Louis Drive Drainage**

Our office is currently evaluating alternatives to address the drainage issue. Our survey crew performed additional field survey of the area and our office has prepared a base map.

**Resurfacing of Forsythe Street**

Paving of the roadway is complete. Stop bars are left to be installed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**RECYCLING:** (COUNCILMAN MAROLDA)

Councilman Marolda reported on recycling in the Borough.

**STREETS/ROADS:** (COUNCILMAN JAMES)

Councilman James reported an evaluation of Louise Drive is in process.

**FINANCE:** (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

Council President Baker reported that the Annual Financial Statement and the Annual Debt Statement have been filed. The Finance Office is working on the 2015 budget.

**RECREATION:** (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO)

Councilman Zappariello reported that opening day is scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS:** (COUNCILMAN CUGINI) none

**BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS:** (COUNCILMAN MCAVADDY) none

**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING:**

There was no one wishing to address Mayor and Council.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Vineland Regional Dance Company requesting a Bingo License dated October 23, 2015 was approved m/Baker s/Zappariello

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MAROLDA	X			
JAMES	X			
BAKER	X			
ZAPPARIELLO	X			
CUGINI				X
MCAVADDY	X			

**Correspondence Filed: m/Baker s/James**

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MAROLDA	X			
JAMES	X			
BAKER	X			
ZAPPARIELLO	X			
CUGINI				X
MCAVADDY	X			

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Council President Baker reported that seven framed pictures of Buena Borough in the past are being donated by Dr. Frank DiMaio. The Council President would like these photos displayed in the Borough Hall. A thank you letter will be sent to Dr. DiMaio.

**BILLS PAID AS LISTED: m/Baker s/McAvaddy**

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

**NEXT MEETING: February 23, 2015**

**MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Baker s/James RCVU**

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PREPARED BY MARYANN CORALUZZO  
FOR DR. TRIVELLINI