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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:00 P.M.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:53 P.M.

MAYOR BARUFFI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER:

FLAG SALUTE:

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE:

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
GIOVINAZZI	X	_____
ALVAREZ	X	_____
ADAMS	X	_____
BARSUGLIA	_____	X
ANDALORO	X	_____
DESTEFANO	X	_____

ALSO PRESENT: Pamela Johnston, Acting Borough Clerk, Nicole Koch Clerk 1, Maryann Coraluzzo, Administrator, Atlantic County Commissioner James Bertino, Atlantic County Clerk Joseph Giraldo

Councilwoman Barsuglia entered the dais at 6:04 p.m.

INVOCATION: Father Ariel Hernandez

SUNSHINE LAW: **This reorganization meeting of January 2, 2025 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 9, 2024 as well as having been posted on the municipal bulletin board and website at www.buenaboro.org**

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

1. To induct into office two councilpersons for a full three-year term each.
2. To make all necessary appointments.
3. To organize the affairs of the Borough of Buena and to handle and approve any other related matters of business for the year 2025.

Atlantic County Commissioner James Bertino administered the oath of office to Councilman elect Patricia Andaloro.

Atlantic County Clerk Joseph Giraldo administered the oath of office to Councilman elect Richard Giovinazzi.

Mayor Baruffi asked who Council would have as its president for 2025.

Councilwoman Andaloro nominated Douglas Adams.

Councilman Alvarez seconded the nomination.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
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DESTEFANO	X				

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APPOINTMENTS:

FOR OFFICE OF BOROUGH SOLICITOR, MAYOR BARUFFI NOMINATED RICHARD TONETTA.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ADAMS SECONDED THE NOMINATION AND MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 1-25.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

FOR OFFICE OF ASSISTANT BOROUGH SOLICITOR, MAYOR BARUFFI NOMINATED ALAN GIEBNER.

COUNCILWOMAN BARSUGLIA SECONDED THE NOMINATION AND MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2-25.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

FOR OFFICE OF BOROUGH AUDITOR, MAYOR BARUFFI NOMINATED NANCY SBROLLA, FORD SCOTT & ASSOCIATES, LLC.

COUNCILMAN ALVAREZ SECONDED THE NOMINATION AND MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 3-25.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

FOR OFFICE OF ENGINEER, MAYOR BARUFFI NOMINATED MARC DEBLASIO, DEBLASIO & ASSOCIATES, LLC.

COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO SECONDED THE NOMINATION AND MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 4-25.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

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FOR THE OFFICE OF BOND COUNSEL, MAYOR BARUFFI NOMINATED JOEL M. FLEISHMAN, FLEISHMAN DANIELS LAW OFFICE.

COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO SECONDED THE NOMINATION AND MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 5-25.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

Atlantic County Commissioner James Bertino administered the oath of office to the president of council, solicitor, assistant solicitor, auditor, engineer, and bond counsel.

MAYOR BARUFFI APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING TO THE LAND USE BOARD:

CLASS	NAME
Class II	William Nimohay
Class IV	Ronald Frances
Class IV	Jenna Baruffi-Talarico
Alternate III	Peter Elias
Alternate IV	Albert Siciliano, Jr.

MAYOR BARUFFI ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL BE SERVING AS THE CLASS I MEMBER OF THE LAND USE BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2025.

COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO NOMINATED DOUGLAS ADAMS AS LAND USE BOARD MEMBER CLASS III.

COUNCILMAN ALVAREZ SECONDED THE NOMINATION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

Atlantic County Clerk Joseph Giraldo administered the oath of office to the land use board appointees.

MAYOR BARUFFI NOMINATED DOUGLAS ADAMS FOR THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO SECONDED THE NOMINATION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
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MAYOR BARUFFI APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS:

CLASS	NAME
Member	Christina Saccomanno
Member	William Nimohay

MAYOR BARUFFI NOMINATED THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY MEMBER:

CLASS	NAME
Member	Jerry Marinacci

MAYOR BARUFFI NOMINATED THE FOLLOWING HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBERS:

CLASS	NAME
Commissioner	Jeannine Bassetti
Commissioner	Jill Baruffi to fill the Unexpired Term of Betty Testa
Commissioner	Cheryl Peters to fill the Unexpired Term of Shannon Petyan

COUNCILMAN GIOVINAZZI SECONDED THE NOMINATION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

Atlantic County Commissioner James Bertino administered the oath of office to the Director of Public Safety, Recreation Commission, Municipal Utilities Authority, and Housing Authority appointees.

COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 6-25 CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS MADE THIS EVENING.

COUNCILMAN ALVAREZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ADAMS MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 7-25 AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CONDUCT A TAX LIEN SALE.

COUNCILWOMAN BARSUGLIA SECONDED THE MOTION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

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COUNCILWOMAN BARSUGLIA MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 8-25 SETTING THE INTEREST AND PENALTY TO BE CHARGED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND MUNICIPAL CHARGES, AND SETTING FORTH A SURCHARGE TO BE ADE UPON THE REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIENS.

COUNCILMAN GIOVINAZZI SECONDED THE MOTION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 9-25 AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR TO FILE TAX APPEALS.

COUNCILMAN GIOVINAZZI SECONDED THE MOTION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

COUNCILWOMAN BARSUGLIA MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 10-25 AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO AUBREY GROUP FOR GRANT MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

COUNCILMAN ALVAREZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ADAMS MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 11-25 GRANTING PERMISSION FOR THE BOROUGH OF BUENA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT PURCHASING PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, DIVISION OF PURCHASE AND PROPERTY SERVICES.

COUNCILWOMAN BARSUGLIA SECONDED THE MOTION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

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COUNCILMAN GIOVINAZZI MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 12-25 AWARDED A CONTRACT TO BCS CONSULTING FOR COMPUTER I.T. SERVICES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

COUNCILMAN ALVAREZ MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 13-25 ADOPTING THE TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2025.

COUNCILMAN GIOVINAZZI SECONDED THE MOTION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 14-25 ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2025.

COUNCILWOMAN BARSUGLIA SECONDED THE MOTION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ADAMS MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 15-25 AUTHORIZING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY/AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES.

COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO SECONDED THE MOTION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

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COUNCILWOMAN BARSUGLIA MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 16-25 CONFIRMING THE BOROUGH OF BUENA’S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS, AND VOLUNTEERS.

COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO SECONDED THE MOTION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 17-25, GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION’S “ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964.”

COUNCILMAN ALVAREZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ADAMS MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 18-25 APPOINTING SABRINA IGLESIAS AS A FULL-TIME EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025.

COUNCILMAN ALVAREZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

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MAYOR:

STANDING COMMITTEES:

- PLANNING/ZONING/INSPECTIONS**.....*CHAIRMAN RICHARD GIOVINAZZI,
FRANK DESTEFANO, MAYOR BARUFFI*
- FINANCE/TAX COLLECTOR/ASSESSOR**.....*CHAIRMAN JORGE ALVAREZ,
DOUGLAS ADAMS, MAYOR BARUFFI*
- PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS**.....*CHAIRMAN DOUGLAS ADAMS,
JORGE ALVAREZ, MAYOR BARUFFI*
- RECREATION**.....*CHAIRWOMAN MARINA BARSUGLIA,
PATRICIA ANDALORO, MAYOR BARUFFI*
- BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS**.....*CHAIRWOMAN PATRICIA ANDALORO,
MARINA BARSUGLIA, MAYOR BARUFFI*
- ROADS/RECYCLING**.....*CHAIRMAN FRANK DESTEFANO,
RICHARD GIOVINAZZI, MAYOR BARUFFI*
- PERSONNEL/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**.....*MAYOR BARUFFI,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT, RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENT HEAD*
- SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR**.....*COUNCILWOMAN MARINA BARSUGLIA*

COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO MOTIONED TO APPROVE STANDING COMMITTEES, SECONDED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ADAMS.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

REMARKS:

Mayor Baruffi congratulated all appointees and thanked everyone in attendance.

Mayor Baruffi recognized the individuals' portraits on the wall behind the dais as the following:

- Lieutenant Frank Grasso
- Chief Joseph Santagata
- Councilman Ike Giovinazzi
- Former Mayor Dan Muccio
- First Borough Council President Bruno Melini
- First Mayor of Buena Borough Bill Donini
- Judge Peter Capizola

Council members thanked everyone in attendance, including family and friends who showed their support for the appointees.

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

PLEASE REFER TO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF OUR MEETING IS TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO BRING TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION THEIR CONCERNS OR COMMENTS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10: 4-12(A), THE COUNCIL ASKS THE PUBLIC TO LIMIT THEIR COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES OR LESS. THE COUNCIL WILL RESPECT THE PUBLICS' TIME BY REFRAINING FROM ANY COMMENT UNTIL THE SPEAKER HAS FINISHED WITH THEIR ALLOTTED TIME. IT SHOULD BE FURTHER NOTED THAT THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF OUR MEETING IS NOT STRUCTURED AS A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION. IF A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS QUESTIONS, THEY SEEK ANSWERS TO, AN APPOINTMENT CAN BE MADE WITH THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS. THE ATTORNEY WILL REGULATE THE TIME DURING THE COMMENT PORTION OF OUR MEETING.

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COUNCILWOMAN BARSUGLIA MOTIONED TO OPEN THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ALVAREZ:

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
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.

No one spoke.

COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO MOTIONED TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ALVAREZ:

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

MAYOR: First Council meetings for the year 2025 will be held on:
January 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. – Special Meeting
January 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. -Regular Meeting

BENEDICTION: Mayor Baruffi

COUNCILWOMAN BARSUGLIA MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ADAMS.

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

Pamela Johnston

 Pamela Johnston, Acting Clerk