

**BOROUGH OF BUENA
REORGANIZATION MEETING
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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:00 P.M.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:58 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ADAMS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL PERSON	PRESENT	ABSENT
GIOVINAZZI	X	
ALVAREZ	X	
ADAMS	X	
BARSUGLIA	X	
ANDALORO	X	
	X	

ALSO PRESENT: Pamela Johnston, Acting Borough Clerk, Nicole Koch Clerk 1,
Maryann Coraluzzo, Administrator,
Dan Hutchinson Assembly, Cody Miller Assembly

FLAG SALUTE:

INVOCATION: Father Ariel Hernandez

SUNSHINE LAW: This meeting 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 December 27, 2022 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 a mayor for a full four-year term.**
- 2. To induct into office two councilpersons for a full three-year term each.**
- 3. To make all necessary appointments.**
- 4. To organize the affairs of the Borough of Buena and to handle and approve any other related matters of business for the year 2024.**

Atlantic County Clerk Joseph Giraldo administered the oath of office to Mayor elect Joseph Baruffi

Atlantic County Surrogate James Curcio administered the oath of office to Councilman elect Jorge Alvarez

Atlantic County Commissioner James Bertino administered the oath of office to Councilman elect Frank DeStefano

Mayor Baruffi asked who Council would have as its president for 2024.

Councilwoman Andaloro nominated Douglas Adams.

Councilman Alvarez seconded the nomination.

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Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
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 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 1-24.

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

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

COUNCILWOMAN BARSUGLIA SECONDED THE NOMINATION AND MOVED FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 1A-24.

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

FOR THE OFFICE OF BOROUGH AUDITOR, MAYOR BARUFFI NOMINATED MICHAEL GARCIA.

COUNCILMAN ALVAREZ SECONDED THE NOMINATION AND MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2-24.

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 ENGINEER, MAYOR BARUFFI NOMINATED DEBLASIO & ASSOCIATES.

COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO SECONDED THE NOMINATION AND MOVED FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 3-24 CONFIRMING THIS APPOINTMENT.

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 BARSUGLIA SECONDED THE NOMINATION AND MOVED FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 4-24 CONFIRMING THIS APPOINTMENT.

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

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ATLANTIC COUNTY CLERK JOSEPH GIRALO ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, ASSOCIATE SOLICITOR, ENGINEER, AND BOND COUNSEL.

MAYOR BARUFFI APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING TO THE LAND USE BOARD:

CLASS	NAME
Class II	William Nimohay
Class IV	Thomas Dralle
Class IV	James Heisler
Alternate I	Louis Barsuglia
Alternate II	Aldo Palmieri
Alternate IV	Pete Elias

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MAYOR BARUFFI ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL SERVE AS THE CLASS I MEMBER OF THE LAND USE BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2024.

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

COUNCILMAN ALVAREZ SECONDED THE NOMINATION.

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GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

ATLANTIC COUNTY SURROGATE JAMES CURCIO ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE LAND USE BOARD APPOINTEES.

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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				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

MAYOR BARUFFI NOMINATED THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL UTILITY AUTHORITY MEMBERS:

CLASS	NAME
Member	David Romeo
Alternate I- Romeo	Alan Sasdelli
Alternate II- DeStefano	Matt Bertonazzi

COUNCILMAN GIOVINAZZI SECONDED THE NOMINATION.

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

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ATLANTIC COUNTY COMMISSIONER JAMES BERTINO ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY APPOINTEES.

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COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 5-24 CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS MADE THIS EVENING.

COUNCILMAN ALVAREZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

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GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ADAMS MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 6-24 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				

COUNCILWOMAN BARSUGLIA MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 7-24 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 MADE 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 8-24 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				

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COUNCILMAN ALVAREZ MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 9-24 AWARDED A CONTRACT TO AUBREY GROUP FOR GRANT MANAGEMENT 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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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ADAMS MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 10-24 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 11-24 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				

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COUNCILMAN ALVAREZ MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 12-24 ADOPTING THE TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2024.

COUNCILMAN GIOVINAZZI SECONDED THE MOTION.

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GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

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COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 13-24 ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2024.

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

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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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ADAMS MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 15-24 APPOINTING THE QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT TO SERVE AS THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER IN THE BOROUGH OF BUENA.

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 16-24 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				

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COUNCILMAN ALVAREZ MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 17-24 TO AMEND TRANSFER APPROPRIATION BALANCES TRANSFER RESOLUTION.

COUNCILMAN GIOVINAZZI 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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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ADAMS MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 18-24 APPOINTING AN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER FOR THE YEAR 2024.

COUNCILMAN ALVAREZ 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 19-24, 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.

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GIOVINAZZI	X				
ALVAREZ	X				
ADAMS	X				
BARSUGLIA	X				
ANDALORO	X				
DESTEFANO	X				

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ADAMS MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 20-24 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BUENA TO APPLY FOR AND OBTAIN A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR APPROXIMATELY \$68,000.00 TO CARRY OUT A PROJECT TO ACQUIRE NEW TURNOUT GEAR AND SCBA BOTTLES.

COUNCILMAN DESTEFANO 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 21-24 AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 42-23, BYLAWS OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS.

COUNCILMAN GIOVINAZZI 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,
DOUGLAS ADAMS, JORGE ALVAREZ***

***FINANCE/TAX COLLECTOR/ASSESSOR.....CHAIRMAN JORGE ALVAREZ,
MARINA BARSUGLIA, PATRICIA ANDALORO***

***PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS.....CHAIRMAN DOUGLAS ADAMS,
RICHARD GIOVINAZZI, FRANK DESTEFANO***

***RECREATION.....CHAIRWOMAN MARINA BARSUGLIA,
PATRICIA ANDALORO, RICHARD GIOVINAZZI***

***BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS.....CHAIRWOMAN PATRICIA ANDALORO,
DOUGLAS ADAMS, MARINA BARSUGLIA***

***ROADS/RECYCLING.....CHAIRMAN FRANK DESTEFANO,
JORGE ALVAREZ, RICHARD GIOVINAZZI***

***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.**

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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:

- 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
- Detective Frank Rosso

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.

MOTIONED TO OPEN THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

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

Chris Del Borrello, Gloucester County, stated he campaigned with Buena Borough and is proud to have done so with such great elected officials.

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MOTIONED TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION:

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

MAYOR: **FIRST COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE YEAR 2024 WILL BE HELD ON
JANUARY 16, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.**

BENEDICTION: Father Ariel Hernandez

**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