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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:21 P.M.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA WAS HELD MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021 COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE BOROUGH HALL WITH MAYOR ZAPPARIELLO PRESIDING. MAYOR ZAPPARIELLO CALLED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY COVID-19. MAYOR ZAPPARIELLO 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 DECEMBER 1, 2020, AS WELL AS HAVING BEEN POSTED ON THE WEBSITE WWW.BUENABORO.ORG

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE:

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

Mayor Zappariello asked Road Supervisor Bill Nimohay to give an update on the clean-up efforts at the Brunini pool. Mr. Nimohay stated that trash was removed, the pool drained, and the road crew dug a hole to allow drainage. Mr. Nimohay further noted that he and Engineer Smith are pursuing the acquisition of grant funds, specifically CDGB funding, to remove the structure.

Councilman Alvarez joined meeting at 7:04 p.m.

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Brian Fatcher of Kimberly Lane stated that he is pleased with the paving on Central Avenue; however, only four out of twenty-three manholes are at the correct height. Mr. Fatcher said he has been in contact with Engineer Smith to address the issue. Mayor Zappariello responded that he is aware of the Central Avenue manhole problem, and he and Engineer Smith are taking steps to ensure corrective action is taken. Mr. Fatcher also spoke with Mr. Smith regarding a pothole on Kimberly Lane. Mr. Smith verified he has been in contact with Mr. Fatcher and referenced a new inlet installed on Kimberly Lane. Mr. Smith contacted the inspection company hired by the county and was assured they would rectify this problem. Mr. Fatcher also noted that soil taken from an inlet was placed on Central Avenue in a manner that will not allow the water to flow freely into the drain. Mr. Smith responded that he had contacted the appropriate representatives to ensure grading as outlined in the submitted plans. Mr. Fatcher thanked Road Supervisor Nimohay and Engineer Smith for their assistance in rectifying the problems.

Toni Mattioli of Edwards Avenue extended her thanks to Mayor Zappariello and Road Supervisor Nimohay for the clean-up they do with limited resources.

Susan Romeo of Landisville congratulated the Landisville Volunteer Fire Company for passing the state inspection on June 11, 2021. Ms. Romeo requested the Mayor and Council lift the suspension and rescind dissolution proceedings officially notified of the successful abatements. Ms. Romeo stated the department is under new leadership, has installed computer software, and has new policies and procedures to prevent the violations from occurring in the future.

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Loretta Gazzara of Edwards Avenue read a letter into the record from Fire District No. 1 Consultant Keith Kemery to Solicitor Angela Costigan regarding the New Jersey Department of Health's reinspection of June 11, 2021, noting all deficiencies were abated. Mr. Kemery will forward the New Jersey Department of Health official letter to Solicitor Costigan upon receipt.

PUBLIC PORTION CLOSED:

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

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RESOLUTION 62-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CFO TO REFUND AN OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$887.64 TO PHILIP MCQUILLAN.

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

WHEREAS, Philip McQuillan erroneously remitted a duplicate property tax payment in the amount of \$887.64 to the Borough of Buena for payment of property taxes on Block 111, Lot 10 assessed to Philip McQuillan; and

WHEREAS, Philip McQuillan has requested the duplicate payment be returned.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of Buena Borough that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to refund the amount of \$887.64 to Philip McQuillan.

RESOLUTION 63-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL OR APPLY OVERPAYMENTS AND UNDERPAYMENTS.

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

WHEREAS, there exists a number of tax overpayments and underpayments; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the tax assessor and collector that the

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overpayments and underpayments should be canceled or applied.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Buena, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey that the attached list be canceled or applied.

**RESOLUTION 64-21 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND ADOPTED BUDGET (CHAPTER 159)
 SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS
 (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87) .**

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Buena, County of Atlantic, has been awarded \$11,960.01 from the State of New Jersey Department of Treasury Clean Communities Account Fund

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the council of the Borough of Buena, County of Atlantic, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the Budget of the year 2021 in the sum of \$11,960.01 which is now available as revenue as follows:

Clean Communities Grant: \$11,960.01

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$11,960.01 and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Clean Communities Grant: \$11,960.01

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer will forward one copy of this resolution to the Director of the Local Government Services.

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RESOLUTION 65-21 A RESOLUTION FOR JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY.

Councilman D'Alessandro requested EMS be paid on the actual holiday to correspond with changes made to the EMS handbook.

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

WHEREAS, Juneteenth short for “June Nineteenth” is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free, and

WHEREAS, from the 16th to the 19th centuries, an estimated 12 million Africans were shipped as slaves to the Americas, about 645,000 were brought to what is now the United States, Confederate General Robert E. Lee had surrendered at Appomattox Court House two months earlier in Virginia, but slavery had remained relatively unaffected in Texas – until U.S. General Gordon Granger stood on Texas soil and read General Orders No.3: “The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free.” That December, slavery in America was formally abolished with the adoption of the 13th Amendment, and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a landmark in history, a celebration of freedom and the end of slavery in America and is recognized as a state holiday or special day of observance in over 43 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Congress, and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey will recognize Juneteenth as a paid holiday.

Resolution adopted with the addition of: “EMS employees will be paid on the date of the holiday,” as requested by Councilman D'Alessandro.

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ENGINEER' S REPORT :

FY2018 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project – Reconstruction of Forest Grove Road

Our office is coordinating the remedial work plan with the contractor.

FY2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project – Reconstruction of South Boulevard

The reimbursement package has been submitted to the NJDOT.

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CORRESPONDANCE FILED:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

BILLS PAID AS LISTED:

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

NEXT MEETING: June 28, 2021

MEETING ADJOURNED: M/Baker S/Mancuso RCVU

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MEETING ADJOURNED: M _____ S _____ ALL IN FAVOR? ANY OPPOSED?