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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:31 P.M.
MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:29 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE:

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk I Koch, Solicitor Tonetta, Road Supervisor Nimohay, Emergency Management Coordinator Marinacci

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held November 25, 2024 commencing at 6:31 P.M. at the Borough Hall with Mayor Baruffi presiding. Mayor Baruffi 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 and the Daily Journal on November 27, 2023 as well as being posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall.

MAYOR’S REPORT: FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS.

PROCLAMATION: **JERRY MARINACCI**

WHEREAS, Jerry Marinacci was born and raised in Buena Borough; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Jerry Marinacci has demonstrated an innate desire to serve others; and

WHEREAS, this desire led him to a rewarding career in teaching, where he shaped the minds and futures of our most precious assets—our children; and

WHEREAS, even after his retirement, Jerry Marinacci continued to embody the spirit of service by taking on the role of Buena Borough Emergency Management Coordinator, selflessly donating his time, resources, and efforts for the betterment of our community; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Buena Borough recognize and deeply appreciate Jerry Marinacci’s endless contributions and unwavering commitment to our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph Baruffi, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Borough of Buena, do hereby officially recognize and express our heartfelt gratitude to Jerry Marinacci as an invaluable member of our community.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that all citizens are encouraged to join in thanking Jerry Marinacci for his dedication to the Borough of Buena. The community applauds him for his tireless efforts to make Buena Borough a better and safer place to live.

Jerry Marinacci thanked the Clerk’s Office and Administrator Coraluzzo for their assistance in typing the updated Borough Emergency Management Plan which was from his handwritten notes. Mr. Marinacci thanked his deputies for their support.

Mayor Baruffi and Council President Adams thanked Mr. Marinacci for his dedication to emergency management in the Borough. Council President Adams commended the magnitude of Mr. Marinacci’s accomplishments over the last eleven months.

Mayor’s Report Continued:

- Mayor Baruffi explained that he made contact with Atlantic County Administrator Jerry DelRosso to enter a lease agreement to help offset the costs for the Concert Series, utilities, and janitorial services for the buildings and grounds department.

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RESOLUTION NO. 212-24

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BUENA TO ENTER INTO A NUTRITION SITE LEASE WITH THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY, TO LEASE TO THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC PREMISES KNOWN AS THE BUENA SENIOR HALL TO BE USED SOLELY BY THE ATLANTIC COUNTY NUTRITION PROJECT AND PERMITTING THE LESSEE TO PROVIDE OTHER PROGRAMS SPECIFIED UNDER THE "OLDER AMERICANS ACT" FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS

	Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
MOTION:	<u>ADAMS</u>	X				
	ALVAREZ				X	
	ADAMS	X				
SECOND:	<u>BARSUGLIA</u>	X				
	BARSUGLIA	X				
	ANDALORO	X				
	RCV	X				

WHEREAS, the Borough of Buena presently owns the Buena Senior Hall, located at Central Avenue, in the City of Minotola and State of New Jersey, recorded as Block 126, Lot 27, in the Borough of Buena Tax map; and

WHEREAS, said Buena Senior Hall currently houses programs for senior adults residing in the Borough of Buena; and

WHEREAS, the County of Atlantic and the Atlantic County Nutrition Project is desirous of providing meals to senior adults residing in the Borough of Buena; and

WHEREAS, the County of Atlantic may also provide programs specified under the "Older Americans Act"; and

WHEREAS, the County of Atlantic has agreed to pay one dollar per year for a term of three (3) years beginning January 1, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA that the Mayor and Acting Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a Nutrition Site lease agreement with the County of Atlantic for the purpose of serving meals to senior adults residing in the Borough of Buena under a federally funded program which operates through the Atlantic County Nutrition Project and for the purpose of permitting the County of Atlantic to provide other programs for senior adults specified under the "Older Americans Act", which lease agreement shall provide for a rent of one dollar per year for a term of three years retroactive to January 1, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2027 and permitting the County of Atlantic to renew the lease agreement on a three year basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Acting Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to forward an executed copy of said Nutrition Site Lease agreement, together with a certified copy of this Resolution to the above-named County of Atlantic.

- The Christmas banners are being put up on Central Avenue in preparation for the Christmas Parade on December 7, 2024.
- The reimbursement paperwork for the CDBG grant for the Maurelli's property has been completed and delivered.
- In two weeks, the Borough will have a start date for the reconstruction project for Friendship and Plymouth Road.
- Read into record a letter dated November 13, 2024 from the ACUA regarding increasing contract costs. The costs will increase by 3.38 % based on the annual increase in the CPI-U of the Philadelphia SMSA for October 2024. Effective March 1, 2025 the annual fee for recycling service will be \$59,968.11. Mr. Nimohay informed those in attendance of cost saving efforts such as containers at each household which would result in less trucks and four less employees needed to collect the trash.

PUBLIC COMMENT: OPPORTUNITY FOR ANYONE TO COMMENT WITH A LIMIT OF FIVE (5) MINUTES PER SPEAKER. PLEASE REFER TO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO INFORM THE MAYOR AND GOVERNING BODY ABOUT THEIR VIEWS. THE MAYOR AND GOVERNING BODY PRESCRIBES TO COUNCIL'S BY-LAWS AND THE NEW JERSEY STATUTES ON OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS WHEN ENGAGING DURING PUBLIC COMMENT. AS SUCH, EACH INDIVIDUAL SHALL HAVE A 5 MINUTE LIMIT TO COMMENT; AN INDIVIDUAL CANNOT YIELD TIME TO ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL; AN INDIVIDUAL MAY ONLY APPROACH THE PODIUM ONCE DURING PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ANY ONE TOPIC; VULGAR OR OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE IS PROHIBITED AND MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL NOT ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE WITH THE PUBLIC DURING THIS TIME. THE GOVERNING BODY MAINTAINS MODEL COURTESY AND RESPECT AND REQUIRES MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO DO THE SAME.

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MOTIONED TO OPEN THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

	Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
MOTION:	<u>BARSUGLIA</u>	X				
	ALVAREZ				X	
SECOND:	ADAMS	X				
	<u>ANDALORO</u>	X				
	ANDALORO	X				
	RCV	X				

Dr. John Kulin, High Grass Farms, informed those in attendance that the facility has been running a generator for the past five days and will continue for approximately another week noting they are actively monitoring the noise level of the generator. Dr. Kulin explained the facility has been operational for five weeks and plants are in flower but because the air filtration systems are active, they have not noticed an odor outside the facility. He encouraged the public to inform him if anyone notices a smell so that it may be resolved.

MOTIONED TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION:

	Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
MOTION:	<u>BARSUGLIA</u>	X				
	ALVAREZ				X	
SECOND:	ADAMS	X				
	<u>ANDALORO</u>	X				
	ANDALORO	X				
	RCV	X				

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MOTIONED TO INTRODUCE AND PASS AT FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 761 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 749, THE SALARIES AND WAGES RANGES OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA FOR THE YEAR 2025

	Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
MOTION:	<u>ADAMS</u>	X				
	ALVAREZ				X	
SECOND:	ADAMS	X				
	<u>BARSUGLIA</u>	X				
	ANDALORO	X				
	RCV	X				

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Buena, in the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, that the following salary and wage ranges are hereby established for municipal officials and employees in the Borough of Buena.

Mayor	\$ 8,112.00 – \$ 14,000.00
Council President	\$ 4,300.00 - \$ 6,500.00
Council	\$ 4,161.00 – \$ 8,000.00
Administrator	\$10,000.00 – \$40,000.00
Municipal Clerk Full Time	\$46,000.00 – \$60,000.00
Municipal Clerk Part Time	\$25,000.00 – \$35,000.00
Deputy Municipal Clerk	\$27,000.00 – \$50,000.00
Acting Clerk – Full Time	\$42,000.00 - \$45,000.00

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Tax Collector Part Time	\$23,000.00 – \$35,000.00
Tax Collector Full Time	\$46,000.00 – \$60,000.00
Chief Financial Officer Full Time	\$46,000.00 – \$70,000.00
Qualified Purchasing Agent	\$ 2,000.00 – \$ 6,000.00
Tax Assessor Part Time	\$10,000.00 – \$25,000.00
Municipal Housing Liaison	\$ 1,500.00 - \$ 4,500.00
Zoning Officer	\$ 4,500.00 – \$14,000.00
Enforcement Officer	\$ 6,500.00 – \$11,200.00
Construction Code	\$ 1,800.00 – \$ 5,500.00
Building Sub-Code Official	\$ 9,000.00 – \$13,000.00
Plumbing Sub-Code Official	\$ 6,500.00 – \$12,000.00
Electrical Sub-Code Official	\$ 6,500.00 – \$11,500.00
Fire Sub-Code Official	\$ 1,500.00 – \$11,500.00
Fire Official	\$ 4,000.00 – \$ 8,000.00
Occupancy Inspector	\$ 3,000.00 – \$ 6,300.00
Housing Inspector	\$ 3,500.00 – \$ 7,000.00
Housing Inspector Trainee	\$ 20.00 - \$ 40.00
Road Supervisor	\$75,000.00 – \$85,000.00
EMS Chief	\$40,000.00 – \$85,000.00
EMS – Sr. & Full Time	\$30,000.00 – \$60,000.00
Director Emergency Management	\$ 550.00 – \$ 5,000.00
Clerk 1- Full Time	\$26,200.00 – \$45,000.00
Clerk 2 - Full Time	\$46,000.00 – \$49,499.00
Clerk 3 - Full Time	\$49,500.00 – \$65,000.00
Clerk 1 - Part Time	\$ 15.50 – \$ 25.00
Clerk 1 (Per Meeting)	\$ 100.00 – \$ 125.00
Land Use Secretary (Per Meeting)	\$ 100.00 – \$ 125.00
Land Use Board Chairman	\$ 30.00 – \$ 50.00
Land Use Board Members	\$ 25.00 – \$ 40.00
EMS – Part Time	\$ 17.00 – \$ 25.00
Substitute UCC Inspector	\$ 25.00 – \$ 35.00
Substitute Code Enforcement	\$ 25.00 - \$ 35.00
Streets & Roads Laborer 1	\$ 16.00 – \$ 19.00
Streets & Roads Laborer 2	\$ 19.01 – \$ 25.00

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Streets & Roads Laborer 3 \$ 25.01 - \$ 35.00
Part-Time Road Laborers & Seasonal \$ 16.00 – \$ 18.50

MOTIONED TO INTRODUCE AND PASS AT FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 762 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 642, CHAPTER 181 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA, ENTITLED “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE”

	Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
MOTION:	BARSUGLIA	X				
	ALVAREZ				X	
SECOND:	ADAMS	X				
	BARSUGLIA	X				
	ANDALORO	X				
	RCV	DESTEFANO	X			

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena have determined that certain amendments to Chapter 181 entitled “Property Maintenance” are necessary; and

WHEREAS, in all other respects Chapter 181 entitled “Property Maintenance” shall remain in full force and effect;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of same as follows:

Section 1:

All references to "International Property Maintenance Code, 2018 Edition" in Chapter 181 entitled "Property Maintenance" shall be amended to "International Property Maintenance Code, 2024 Edition, and as subsequently amended and revised".

Section 2:

Chapter 181.3 entitled “Repealer” shall be deleted in its entirety and be replaced with the following language:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this amending ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistencies only.

Section 3.

Severability.

Should any section, clause, sentence, phrase or provision of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 4.

When effective.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

MOTIONED TO TABLE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

	Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
MOTION:	ADAMS	X				
	ALVAREZ				X	
SECOND:	ADAMS	X				
	BARSUGLIA	X				
	ANDALORO	X				
	RCV	DESTEFANO	X			

RESOLUTION NO. 208-24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF A CLASS I CANNABIS CULTIVATION FACILITY BY AND BETWEEN HIGH GRASS FARMS LLC AND THE BOROUGH OF BUENA

RESOLUTION NO. 209-24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF A CLASS V CANNABIS RETAIL SALES FACILITY BY AND BETWEEN TASTE OF EARTH LLC AND THE BOROUGH OF BUENA

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RESOLUTION NO. 210-24

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE SANITARY SEWER AND ROAD PROJECTS BY AND BETWEEN THE BUENA BOROUGH MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND THE BOROUGH OF BUENA

	Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
MOTION: <u>BARSUGLIA</u>	GIOVINAZZI	X				
	ALVAREZ				X	
SECOND: <u>ANDALORO</u>	ADAMS	X				
	BARSUGLIA	X				
	ANDALORO	X				
	RCV	DESTEFANO	X			

WHEREAS, the Buena Borough Municipal Utilities Authority (BBMUA) and Borough of Buena recognize that the sanitary sewer gravity system is aging and in a state of deterioration which requires reconstructing; and

WHEREAS, the BBMUA has identified three areas of concern; East Summer Road from Route 40 to Sumner Avenue; West Avenue from Route 619 Wheat Road to West Atlantic Avenue and West Atlantic Avenue from Central Avenue to West Avenue; and

WHEREAS, upon repairing and reconstructing the sanitary sewer mains, it will be necessary for the roads to be reconstructed and the Borough and BBMUA find it to be economical for the roads and sewer repairs to be done together and to provide new roads on the areas marked for repairs; and

WHEREAS, the Parties recognize the benefits and economies to be achieved by utilizing shared services for sanitary sewer system upgrades and repairs and road resurfacing and reconstructing that can be done more efficiently in combination then separately and the Parties are authorized, pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A.40A: 65-1, et seq., to enter into a shared services agreement with any other local unit to provide or receive any service that each local unit could perform on its own.

WHEREAS, the BBMUA and the Borough intend upon entering into a Shared Services Agreement to provide the much needed work to the Borough infrastructure and intend upon obtaining funding through the New jersey Infrastructure Bank in an amount of not less than \$3,000,000.00 to cover most of the cost of the project

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Buena that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Shared Services Agreement with the Buena Borough Municipal Utilities Authority for the sanitary sewer and road project as set forth herein.

RESOLUTION NO. 211-24

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND GRANT AGREEMENT FOR GRANT FUNDING FROM THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK IN THE AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN \$3,000,000.00 FOR THE SANITARY SEWER AND ROAD PROJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE BUENA BOROUGH MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND THE BOROUGH OF BUENA

	Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
MOTION: <u>BARSUGLIA</u>	GIOVINAZZI	X				
	ALVAREZ				X	
SECOND: <u>ANDALORO</u>	ADAMS	X				
	BARSUGLIA	X				
	ANDALORO	X				
	RCV	DESTEFANO	X			

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Buena that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the application for grant funding in an amount not less than \$3,000,000.00 through the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank as well as any other documents necessary for the application and receipt of said grant funding.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Consent Agenda includes items of business which are not controversial and do not require individual discussion. A Motion approving the Consent Agenda is moved, seconded and voted upon as one item by the Borough Council. If any discussion is requested on a Consent Agenda item, it is removed from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda

- **RESOLUTION 203-24** A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT TO SERVE AS THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER IN THE BOROUGH OF BUENA
- **RESOLUTION 204-24** A RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM NIMOHAY, FUND COMMISSIONER AND VALERIE SANTAGATA-JONES, ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE ATLANTIC COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND JANUARY 1, 2025 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026
- **RESOLUTION 205-24** A RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE OPTION YEAR RENEWAL TO CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN SHORE ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES AND THE BOROUGH OF BUENA FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH A CONTRACT DATED
- **RESOLUTION 206-24** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JAMIE HAUSMANN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN FROM BUENA EMS
- **RESOLUTION 207-24** A RESOLUTION TO AMEND TRANSFER APPROPRIATION BALANCES
TRANSFER RESOLUTION
- **BILLS PAID AS LISTED**
- **CLERK'S REPORT**
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12, 2024

	Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
MOTION:	ADAMS	X				
	ALVAREZ				X	
SECOND:	ADAMS	X				
	BARSUGLIA	X				
	ANDALORO	X				
	DESTEFANO	X				
	RCV					

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING/ZONING/INSPECTIONS

COUNCILMAN RICHARD GIOVINAZZI:

- A trial date of January 10, 2025 is set for the following properties:
104 South Franklin St.
106 South Franklin St.
114 N Harding Highway
- 110 E Arbor Ave. had a trial date of Friday, November 22, 2024 and the tenant was found guilty. The Judge issued a fine of \$12,600.00 and ordered the property to be cleaned in a timely manner.
- A summons was issued for 521 North Harding Hwy. for failure to comply with use of property (Used car sales, no storage of damaged or inoperable vehicles.) Court date is scheduled for December 12, 2024.

FINANCE/TAX COLLECTOR/ASSESSOR

COUNCILMAN JORGE ALVAREZ:

On behalf of Councilman Alvarez, Mayor Baruffi reported that the finance department is planning meetings in preparation for the upcoming budget.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS

COUNCILMAN DOUGLAS ADAMS:

- Franklin Township Police department responded to 993 calls for service for Buena Borough for the month of October.
- Officer Omar Alam was nominated Officer of the Month. He is a Class II Officer who will be promoted to full time status in December.
- Chief DeCesari reported on the fire that occurred at the Budget Lodge on November 25, 2024, noting smoke and flames coming from two rooms on the corner of the building. Upon arrival, the fire department was able to control the fire. The fire is believed to be intentional and a suspect was taken into custody. Newfield Terrace Community Center and Franklin Township Police Department will host Holiday with a Hero on December 7, 2024 where Officers will take 13 community

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children shopping through donations from various local businesses.

- A total of 95 EMS calls were reported for the month of October. 47 of those calls were for Buena Borough and 48 for Buena Vista Township. The Borough is still assisting Buena Vista Township in rescue squad calls. They are currently responding to two out of every three calls throughout the hiring process. In an email conversation with Buena Vista Township's administrator, it was noted that they expect to be up and running by December 1, 2024.
- Buena Borough Fire Department responded to 137 calls in October to date with 20 for the month of November.
- Atlantic City Electric is researching the reimbursement of street lights that have been out in the Borough for over three years.
- Reported that street lights are in the process of being repaired and requested residents to continue to report any outages.

RECREATION

COUNCILWOMAN MARINA BARSUGLIA:

- The annual Christmas Event is December 7, 2024. The parade line-up will begin at the Cleary School at 5:30 p.m. and travel down Central Ave. and end at Melini Park for the tree lighting with other holiday activities. Road Supervisor Nimohay donated the trophies to be awarded to the best float in the parade.
- The tennis courts are still being repaved and trees are being removed from the stream at Blackwater Pond. In December, the beaver issue will be addressed with the Fish and Game Commission.
- Received a letter from Rutgers requesting information regarding activities, if any, provided in the Borough for fostered and adopted children.

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS

COUNCILWOMAN PATRCIA ANDALORO:

- Three boilers require repair at the Minotola fire house on Wheat Road. Three companies have been contacted for estimates.
- A sign was placed on the lawn at Borough Hall to advertise that the grants have been received for the ADA door installation at Borough Hall buildings. The doors are expected to be installed January 9, 2025.
- The Louise Basile Center is being utilized in the evening by the Girl Scouts, Buena Baseball, Buena Borough Fire Relief Association, and Jerry Marinacci will hold HAM Radio classes at the center.

ROADS/RECYCLING

COUNCILMAN FRANK DESTEFANO:

- Atlantic City Electric will be pruning trees around power lines in the Borough.
- Leaf collection is in progress.
- Snow plows are ready for winter with the exception of one.
- Drainage pipes to be replaced on Friendship Road and Plymouth Street.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council President Adams reported that Buena Borough's Municipal Surplus Auction will occur December 7, 2024. The preview for the auction is at 8 a.m. and the live auction will begin at 9 a.m. Details are on the Borough's home page: www.buenaboro.org

NEW BUSINESS:

Road Supervisor Nimohay updated those present that he is hosting an educational program on trash and recycling funded by Clean Communities for JP Cleary students and senior citizens at the Louise Basile Center.

Mayor Baruffi requested that the Workshop Session of December 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. be dedicated to honoring Frank Grasso, a former Buena Borough police officer. All Council members agreed.

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NEXT MEETING: WORKSHOP 6:00 P.M. AND REGULAR 6:30 P.M. DECEMBER 16, 2024

MEETING ADJOURNED: M/BARSUGLIA S/ANDALORO RCVU

Nicole Koch
Clerk I

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RESOLUTION NO. 203-24

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT TO SERVE AS THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER IN THE BOROUGH OF BUENA

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Division of Contract Compliance and Equal Employment Opportunity in Public Contracts, is charged with enforcing N.J.S.A.10:5-31 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the statute applies to each political subdivision and agency of the State of New Jersey, and includes procurement and service contracts as well as construction contracts; and

WHEREAS, the statute provides that no public contract may be awarded nor any monies paid until the prospective contractor has agreed to contract performance which complies with an approved, Affirmative Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Buena is required to designate a Public Agency Compliance Officer in accordance with N.J.S.A.10:5-31 to ensure compliance of this statute by the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Buena that the Qualified Purchasing Agent is hereby designated as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Borough of Buena in accordance with N.J.S.A.10:5-31.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be submitted to the State of New Jersey, Division of Contract Compliance and Equal Employment Opportunity in Public Contracts, immediately after adoption and execution.

RESOLUTION NO. 204-24

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM NIMOHAY, FUND COMMISSIONER AND VALERIE SANTAGATA-JONES, ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE ATLANTIC COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND JANUARY 1, 2025 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of Buena, is a member of the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, hereinafter referred to as "FUND"; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the FUND require that in the manner generally prescribed by law, each member shall appoint one (1) Fund Commissioner and may appoint one (1) Alternate Fund Commissioner to the Fund. Each Fund Commissioner shall be either a member of the local unit's governing body, or one of its employees and that no individual may serve as Fund Commissioner for more than one (1) member; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 11:15-2.6 states that a Fund Commissioner who is a member of the appointing local unit's governing body, shall hold office for two years or for the remainder of his/her term of office as a member of the local unit's governing body, whichever shall be less; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 11:15-2.6 states that a Fund Commissioner who is an employee of the appointing member shall hold office at the pleasure of the member and can be removed by the member at any time without cause; and

WHEREAS, The Borough of Buena recommends the appointment of William Nimohay to serve as Fund Commissioner and the appointment of Valerie Santagata-Jones as Alternate Fund Commissioner in accordance with the FUND Bylaws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Buena that it does hereby appoint William Nimohay as Fund Commissioner and Valerie Santagata-Jones as Alternate Fund Commissioner to the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, January 1, 2025 expiring December 31, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 205-24

A RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE OPTION YEAR RENEWAL TO CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN SHORE ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES AND THE BOROUGH OF BUENA FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH A CONTRACT DATED

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2024, Borough Council adopted Resolution No. 18-24 awarding a contract to Shore Animal Control Services, Tuckahoe, NJ to provide animal control services and additional wildlife assessment and transport services in accordance with a request for proposals and scope of standards and services and a proposal dated December 11, 2023 for a period of one year commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, with an option to renew for an additional one (1) year period under the same terms and conditions contained in the proposal and contract; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds it to be in the best interest of the Borough to exercise the option for the one year renewal for animal control services and additional wildlife assessment and transport services with Shore Animal Control provided said professional meets all of the requirements as set forth in Resolution 18-24 which is attached hereto and made a part hereof including the submission of proof of a current state certification as well as a valid certification during the term of the contract, along with current certifications for all employees who may perform such services in the Borough of Buena and certifications of insurance for workers

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compensation and general liability arising out of its activities or actions on behalf of the Borough in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 per incident; and

WHEREAS, the Chief financial Officer has certified the availability of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Buena that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue an extension to a Contract entered into by and between the Borough of Buena and Shore Animal Control Services, Tuckahoe, New Jersey, commencing January 1, 2025 and expiring December 31, 2025 with a monthly payment schedule of \$1,500.00 plus after hours, holidays and weekends of a \$75.00 per hour call out fee under the same terms and conditions contained in the proposal submitted, Resolution 18-24 and contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 206-24

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JAMIE HAUSMANN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN FROM BUENA EMS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena that the following resignation be regrettfully accepted effective November 29, 2024: Jamie Hausmann

**RESOLUTION NO. 207- 24
RESOLUTION TO AMEND TRANSFER APPROPRIATION BALANCES
TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

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 November 25, 2024:

TRANSFER FROM

Clerk SW	\$2000.00
Finance SW	\$ 750.00
Tax Assessor OE	\$ 500.00
Tax Collector OE	\$1090.00
Public Bldg/Grds	\$ 25.00
Health Insurance	\$2512.00
Fire Dept. OE	\$ 605.00
Building Insp. SW	\$ 472.00
Unemployment	\$ 100.00
Enforcement Officer	\$ 816.00
Fire Official SW	\$ 25.00
Fire Official OE	\$ 25.00

TOTAL TRANSFER \$8920.00

TRANSFER TO

Clerk OE	\$ 500.00
Computer	\$1115.00
Public Bldgs/Grds	\$4000.00
Land Use Board SW	\$ 500.00
Fire Dept. Secretary	\$ 605.00
Occupancy Inspector SW	\$2200.00

TOTAL TRANSFER \$8920.00