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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.
MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:11 P.M.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA WAS HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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 AND 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 BEING POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN BOROUGH HALL

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Zappariello called for a moment of silence for Jim Baals, Buena Borough Municipal Utilities employee, who recently died.

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE:

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

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, The Daily Journal and The Atlantic County Record on November 16, 2017, as well as having been posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall.

MAYOR'S REPORT: First order of business.

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

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

Dave Romeo, Harding Highway, Landisville, questioned Mayor

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Zappariello and Council as to the duties of the commissioners of the one fire district. Mayor Zappariello responded that it would be looked into. Romeo proceeded with reading a statement from a recent Minotola commissioner's meeting.

Betty Testa, Landisville inquired when the current police contract would expire. Mayor Zappariello answered that the contract expires December 2022.

CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

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

**RESOLUTION 87-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA
ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JONATHAN M.
ALVAREZ, ALTERNATE I MEMBER OF THE
BOROUGH OF BUENA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
AUTHORITY, WITH REGRETS.**

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

WHEREAS, Jonathan M. Alvarez has served the Borough of Buena Municipal Utilities Authority in the capacity of Alternate I Member; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Jonathan M. Alvarez has provided effective representation to the Borough while serving as Alternate I Member; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan M. Alvarez has resigned his position, effective September 28, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Buena that the resignation of Jonathan M. Alvarez be regretfully accepted effective September 28, 2021.

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WHEREAS, Maryann Coraluzzo has served the Borough of Buena for over twenty-six years; and

WHEREAS, Maryann Coraluzzo has served the Borough of Buena in an exemplary manner; and

WHEREAS, Maryann Coraluzzo has decided to retire effective January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena would like to extend their gratitude to Maryann Coraluzzo for her years of service and genuine desire to improve the community of Buena Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena that the retirement of Maryann Coraluzzo be regrettfully accepted effective December 31, 2021.

RESOLUTION 90-21 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR THE 2021-2022 TERM.

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

WHEREAS, application for renewal of an inactive license, No. 0104-33-001-003 issued to Emmanuil and Victor, LLC for the 2021-2022 year has been filed with the Borough Clerk; and

WHEREAS, all filing fees have been paid and all applications hereinafter identified are complete, including the Special Ruling to Permit Renewal for the 2021-2022 licensing term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena that the retail consumption license be and is hereby renewed, in inactive status, for the 2021-2022 licensing year.

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RESOLUTION 91-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF INTERIM EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL.

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize the need to hire interim Emergency Medical Service personnel to ensure the continuation of Emergency Medical services to the residents of the Borough of Buena; and

WHEREAS, there is often an immediate need to hire Emergency Service Personnel; and

WHEREAS, during those times, the governing body may not be available to convene; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council wish to authorize the hiring of interim Emergency Medical Service personnel pending final approval at a regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A.40:48-2 a municipality may pass resolutions as it may deem necessary and proper for the protection of persons and property and for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the Borough and its inhabitants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize the hiring of interim Emergency Medical Service personnel pending final approval at the next regularly scheduled council meeting and that the Director of Public Safety, the Borough Clerk and the CFO are authorized to execute the necessary documents to effectuate the interim hiring.

ENGINEER’ S REPORT :

FY2018 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project – Reconstruction of Forest Grove Road

- The contractor has completed most of the punchlist items. Once the punchlist is complete, our office will close out the project and submit to the NJDOT for reimbursement.

FY2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project – Reconstruction of South Boulevard

- Design of the project is essentially complete. South Jersey Gas will be replacing their gas main in this area in the near future. Once the gas company completes their work and the funding issues are addressed, we can finalize the design and proceed with public bidding.

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Expansion of the Commerce Center Redevelopment Area

- The public hearing is being scheduled in coordination with the new Board Solicitor.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 2021 Best Practices Survey

CORRESPONDENCE FILED:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: Councilman Walker indicated that 3 bids had been submitted for the Buena Pool demolition.

BILLS PAID AS LISTED:

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

NEXT MEETING: October 25, 2021

MEETING ADJOURNED: M/Baker S/Mancuso RCVU

Pamela Johnston
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