

**BOROUGH OF BUENA
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 29, 2015**

Meeting Called to Order: 4:30 P.M.

Meeting Adjourned:4:55 P.M.

The Special meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. at the Borough Hall with Council President Baker presiding. The Council President announced that this meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act and notices of this meeting have been provided to The Press of Atlantic City, The Daily Journal and The Atlantic County Record, as well as having been posted on the bulletin board at the Borough Hall.

PRESENT: Councilpersons Marolda, James, Baker, Cugini, Zappariello and McAvaddy, and Maryann Coraluzzo, Borough Clerk

ABSENT: Mayor Baruffi and Dr. Trivellini

Council President Baker opened the meeting and stated the purpose was to discuss NJ Transit Bus 553, routes and bus stops. The Council President turned the meeting over to Councilman Zappariello.

1. Councilman Zappariello discussed the meeting he attended with NJ Transit Officials. The Councilman presented the options recommended by the officials and stated that he is in favor of keeping Bus 553 via US 40, Wheat Road and Lincoln Ave. After giving his rationale, the Councilman asked the Governing Body for input.

Council President Baker was not in favor of changing the current route. The Council President stated that many residents and senior citizens are utilizing the bus and with our high unemployment rate and below median income levels, the service is necessary.

Councilman James was in favor of keeping the route as is but feels it is better to offer some service to our residents than not.

Councilman Marolda gave an extensive report on the Cross County Connector; a shuttle service that will transport residents from various areas in the Borough to the bus stop. The Councilman stated that the shuttle will run hourly from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and again from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Councilman Cugini was in favor of Councilman Zappariello's recommendation.

Councilman McAvaddy expressed his dissatisfaction with the lack of communication between NJ Transit and Borough Officials. The Councilman was also of the opinion that the administration may have been less than truthful; reporting that a fellow councilman requested information six months ago and did not get a reply. Councilman McAvaddy is not in favor of bus 553 anywhere in the Borough.

Public Portion:

Matt Walker of Martinelli Avenue stated he works in Camden and sees teenagers from Cherry Hill and Voorhees use this bus to get to Camden. Mr. Walker is of the opinion that these young adults are there to buy drugs. Mr. Walker was not in favor of Bus 553 anywhere in the Borough.

m/Zappariello s/Cugini keeping Bus 553 via US 40, Wheat Road and Lincoln Ave using the Cross County Connector as a supplement.

	AYE:	NAY:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
MAROLDA	X			
JAMES	X			
BAKER		X		
ZAPPARIELLO	X			
CUGINI	X			
MCAVADDY		X		

MARYANN CORALUZZO, BOROUGH CLERK