

**BOROUGH OF BUENA  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 18, 2016**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:36 P.M.  
MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:31 P.M.**

The special meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Tuesday, October 18, 2016 commencing at 6:30 p.m. at the Borough Hall with Mayor Zappariello presiding. Mayor Zappariello led the flag salute and announced that this meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public 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 Borough Hall.

**PRESENT:** Councilpersons Walker, Baker, Mancuso, Alvarez and McAvaddy, Maryann Coraluzzo, Borough Clerk, Brianna Pace, Deputy Clerk, Cindy LoGuidice, CFO and Michael Garcia, Auditor

**ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE:**

	AYE:	NAY:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
MAROLDA				x
WALKER	X			
BAKER	X			
MANCUSO	X			
ALVAREZ	X			
MCAVADDY	X			

**SUNSHINE LAW:** This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public 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 Borough Hall.

**The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the current and future status of the Borough of Buena Emergency Medical Services.**

Mayor Zappariello stated the purpose of the meeting is to discuss funding for the Buena Emergency Medical Services night shift. The Mayor stated that it was never the intention to shutter the Buena Emergency Medical Services.

Auditor Garcia stated that it will cost approximately \$21,068.00 to fund two additional EMTs until the end of 2016. Councilman McAvaddy felt this amount could be taken from our current budget instead of using funds previously obtained and subsequently returned to the Borough of Buena Municipal Utilities Authority (BBMUA). The Councilman felt that using money from the BBMUA would be akin to using a credit card to make a mortgage payment. Council President Baker stated she is in favor of Buena Emergency Medical Services and indicated that she would like to use funds from the BBMUA however, she has to abstain due to a conflict.

**Public Portion of the Meeting:**

Pam Grenier of Wheat Road questioned the legality of taking a monetary contribution from the MUA. Mayor Zappariello responded that the Borough is entitled to an annual contribution. Ms. Grenier asked if the funds were a loan that had to be paid back or a gift. Mayor Zappariello stated that the funds did not have to be paid back to the MUA. Ms. Grenier asked Councilman McAvaddy to clarify his mortgage/credit card analogy. The Councilman stated that he feels taking funds from the MUA will cause water and sewer fees to rise.

John Petrillo of Wheat Road asked everyone to work together. Mr. Petrillo feels that Mayor Zappariello inherited a mess and requested the public give him time to sort through it.

Delores Bononcini of Weymouth Road asked where the money from EMS billing goes. Lt. Michael Rodriguez stated that the money goes into the general fund and is used for EMS services.

Michael Rodriguez of Harding Highway asked about funding for EMS in 2017 and beyond. Mayor Zappariello stated that it will continue to be funded 24/7. The anticipated tax increase to keep two additional EMTs in 2017 is three cents.

**Meeting adjourned: m/Mancuso s/Alvarez**

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BAKER	X			
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MCAVADDY	X			

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Maryann Coraluzzo  
Borough Clerk