

**BOROUGH OF BUENA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 14, 2008**

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Tuesday, October 14, 2008, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall with Mayor Baruffi presiding. Mayor Baruffi 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 Andaloro, Baker, Santagata, Martinelli, Cugini, and Robert De Santo Solicitor and Maryann Coraluzzo, Borough Clerk

ABSENT: Councilman Zappariello

PRESENTATION: BUDGET LODGE UPGRADES
Representatives from the Budget Lodge Motel were present to give an overview of the improvements being made to the inside and outside of the motel. The agreement between the Borough of Buena and the Budget Lodge will be considered at the next regular meeting of Mayor and Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

ORDINANCE NO. 560: NEED MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE BOROUGH OF BUENA, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$376,610 THEREFOR, INCLUDING \$240,000 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE NEW JERSEY TRANSPORTATION TRUST AND \$31,610 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED AS A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$99,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.
m/Cugini s/Andaloro

DISCUSSION: none

NEED MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING:
m/Baker s/Andaloro

ORDINANCE 560 ADOPTED:
m/Baker s/Andaloro

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
Andaloro	n/a	n/a	Zappariello
Baker			
Santagata			
Martinelli			
Cugini			

RESOLUTION 90-08 TO AMEND THE ADOPTED BUDGET (CHAPTER 159) SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS (NJSA 40A:4-87)
m/Baker s/Santagata

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
Andaloro	n/a	n/a	Zappariello
Baker			
Santagata			
Martinelli			
Cugini			

RESOLUTION 91-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND OVERPAYMENTS.
m/Baker s/Andaloro

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
Andaloro	n/a	n/a	Zappariello
Baker			
Santagata			
Martinelli			
Cugini			

RESOLUTION 92-08 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ARLENE SOTO TO THE PART TIME POSITION OF CLERK/TYPIST IN THE BOROUGH OF BUENA, RETROACTIVE TO OCTOBER 7, 2008 AND ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2008, AT A PAY RATE OF \$12.50 PER HOUR, NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE (25) HOURS PER WEEK.
m/Cugini s/Santagata

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
Andaloro	n/a	n/a	Zappariello
Baker			
Santagata			
Martinelli			
Cugini			

PROCLAMATION: PUT THE BRAKES ON FATALITIES DAY

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Baruffi read a memo from Tax Assessor Dennis DeKlerk regarding the taxation of new construction in the Borough. Mr. Ralph Laks of Minotola Estates has been proceeding at his own risk because the state has not granted permission to extend sewer and water service. At this time, and in anticipation of approval from the DEP, Mr. DeKlerk has established the new lots for 2009. In addition, rollback taxes will be instituted.

Lauren Court is on the tax list for 2008 and receives regular tax bills. Sherwood Forest recently filed their subdivision map and the new lots will be established for the 2009 book.

Regarding dispatching services, Mayor Baruffi expressed his dissatisfaction with Buena Vista and Weymouth Township leaving the Borough. Council President Santagata stated that as part of the current agreement, the townships were supposed to contact Mayor and Council of any resolved issues. No one from the Governing Body was contacted. Mayor Baruffi stated that the residents of Buena Vista Township should be angry with the increase in fees of \$11,000.00. Councilwoman Andaloro also expressed her dissatisfaction with these two towns.

Mayor Baruffi directed the Clerk to send a memo to the five dispatchers assuring them that dispatch will not cease operations in January.

Mayor Baruffi was pleased to inform those in attendance that the Spanish Speaking People's Community Center was approved to receive a \$74,449.00 grant award from the Hispanic Policy program.

Colonial Bank will be coming before the Land Use Board in November.

Mayor Baruffi gave an update on the future occupancy of the Commerce Center was given.

Mayor Baruffi reported that Buena Borough was not one of the seventeen Atlantic County towns sued by NJ Libertarian John Paff. Employees of the Clerk's Office were commended for their dedication to the Borough and compliance with the law.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

RESOLUTION 93-08: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF SURETY POSTED BY BUENA GARDENS SENIOR APARTMENTS.
m/Baker s/Andaloro

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
Andaloro	n/a	n/a	Zappariello
Baker			
Santagata			
Martinelli			
Cugini			

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECYCLING: (COUNCILWOMAN ANDALORO)

Councilwoman Andaloro reported on the Recycling Design A T-Shirt Contest. An extension for November was received for more applications.

The winners for the State Recycling Poetry Contest that Councilwoman Andaloro and William Nimohay held at Dr. J. P. Cleary Middle School and Notre Dame Regional School has not been announced yet.

RECREATION: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

The Recreation commission meeting was held on October 1st at Borough Hall. The main discussion was on Buena Day. Commissioners also decided to have a Halloween Party for children ten years old and under on October 31st at 6:00 p.m. at the Louise Basile Community Center. Refreshments will be served and a costume contests will be held. Borough children are invited. They also set the date for the Christmas Tree lighting and Santa Visit to be scheduled for Saturday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Baker attended the Buena Alliance meeting at which time the budget for the year was discussed. The first Intergenerational dinner for the Seniors will be held Wednesday, November 19th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Buena Regional High School to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman Baker decorated the foyer in the Borough Hall with scarecrows and wreaths.

Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 17th Flu Shots will be given by the Atlantic County from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Louise Basile Community Center
- Oct. 17th Buena Regional High School will be having their Homecoming Parade through town at 4:00 p.m.
- Oct. 17th Atlantic County League of Municipalities will be having its meeting in Buena Vista Township including a train ride and dinner at the Richland House
- Oct. 25th Landisville Fire and Rescue will be having their annual Roast Beef fundraiser from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Oct. 25th Trick or Treat 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Oct. 25th & 26th Bellview Winery Italian Festival 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 31st Halloween Party at Louise Basile Community Center 6:00 p.m. for Borough Children ten years old and under

STREETS/ROADS: (COUNCILMAN SANTAGATA)

Council President Santagata reported that the Borough will begin negotiations with South Jersey Gas regarding an easement needed by the Company.

The Road Department itinerary was given.

FINANCE: (COUNCILMAN MARTINELLI) no report

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN CUGINI)

RESOLUTION 94-08 A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT CERTAIN ITEMS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY OR FORFEITED TO THE BOROUGH OF BUENA ARE NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID ITEMS AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.
m/Cugini s/Santagata

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BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN ZAPPARIELLO)

Although Councilman Zappariello was not present at this meeting, Mayor Baruffi provided Council with an update of the property located at 117 South Harding Highway. In addition, Mayor Baruffi reported that Lee Rain will be donating sprinkler heads for the park.

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING: There was no one wishing to address Mayor and Council.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes of the regular meeting of September 22, 2008 **all in favor except Councilman Santagata who abstained.**

Minutes of the executive session of September 22, 2008 were approved m/Andaloro s/Baker **all in favor except Councilman Santagata who abstained.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. J.I.F. and M.E.L. 2008 dividend in the amount of \$22,708.00
all Council in favor to be received as a credit against our 2009 assessment.
2. Elected Officials Seminar, November 13, 2008 at Merighi's Savoy Inn.
3. Queen of Angels Parish re; request for Raffle License No. RA309.
m/Cugini s/Baker RCVU

Correspondence filed m/Baker s/Cugini RCVU

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

BILLS PAID AS LISTED: m/Baker s/Martinelli with the addition of purchase order number 08-0910 payable to Hans Lampart in the amount of \$40,143.44 for the partial refund of a Surety Bond RCVU

NEXT MEETING: October 27, 2008

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Cugini s/Martinelli RCVU

MARYANN CORALUZZO, BOROUGH CLERK