**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:04 P.M.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:12 P.M.**

**The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, February 8, 2021 commencing at 7:04 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**

**ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE:**

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| COUNCIL MEMBER | PRESENT | ABSENT |
| **WALKER** | X |  |
| **D’ALESSANDRO** | X |  |
| **BAKER** | X |  |
| **MANCUSO** |  | X |
| **ALVAREZ** | X |  |
| **PALMIERI** | X |  |

**Engineer Robert Smith continues to correspond with county officials regarding drainage issues in the Borough of Buena. Mr. Smith will provide further details when they are available.**

**PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:**

**There was no one wishing to address Mayor and Council.**

**INTRODUCED AND PASSED ON FIRST READING:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 695 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART II GENERAL LEGISLATION CHAPTER 150- LAND USE, ARTICLE XVI TRAILERS AND MOBILE HOMES OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA**

**Introduced: 2/8/2021 Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| **Councilmember** | **By** | **2nd** | **Yes** | **No**  | **Abstain** | **Absent** |  | **Councilmember** | **By** | **2nd** | **Yes** | **No** | **Abstain** | **Absent** |
| **WALKER** |  | **X** | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **D’ALESSANDRO** |  |  | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **BAKER** | **X** |  | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **MANCUSO** |  |  |  |  |  | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **ALVAREZ** |  |  | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **PALMIERI** |  |  | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena have reviewed the existing provisions of Chapter 150, Land Use, Article XVI, Trailers and Mobile Homes and have determined that it is in the best interests of the residents of the Borough of Buena to amend the Code; and,

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, the Borough is authorized to enact ordinances for the protection of person and property and for the preservation of the public health, safety and general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey as follows:

 **SECTION I** Chapter 150, Article XVI titled Trailers and Mobile Homes is hereby amended as follows:

§150-142. Section C-EXCEPTIONS (1) is amended to read: It shall be permissible for work trailers, office trailers and other similar type trailers to be placed temporarily on land in the Borough of Buena for limited periods of time, not to exceed one year, upon application to the Council of the Borough and approval thereof. Extensions of approval of up to six months shall also be considered by Council upon application and approval thereof.

**SECTION II**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

**SECTION III**

If any article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, said article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence shall be deemed severable.

**SECTION IV**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final publication as provided by law.

**RESOLUTION 23-21 RESOLUTION ADOPTING COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR**

 **BOROUGH EMPLOYEES**

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| **COUNCIL MEMBER** | **BY** | **2ND** | **AYE** | **NAY** | **ABSTAIN** | **ABSENT** | **RECUSE** |
| **WALKER** |  | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| **D’ALESSANDRO** |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **BAKER** | X |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **MANCUSO** |  |  |  |  |  | X |  |
| **ALVAREZ** |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **PALMIERI** |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |

**WHEREAS,** on January 31, 2020, The United States Department of Health declared a public health emergency for the United States in order to aid in preventing the spread of Covid-19; and

**WHEREAS,** On March 9, 2020, the State of New Jersey declared a Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency due to the danger to public health caused by COVID-19 and its rapid spread through New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York; and

**WHEREAS,** On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, which means it is an epidemic that has spread over several countries or continents and affects a large percent of the population; and

**WHEREAS,** On March 13, 2020, as the rates of infection continued to rise in many locations around the world and across the United States, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency concerning the COVID-19 outbreak; and

**WHEREAS,** On March 16, 2020, the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders declared COVID-19 a public health emergency in the County of Atlantic and recommended certain preventative measures to protect the health, safety and welfare of Atlantic County New Jersey residents; and

**WHEREAS,** On January 21, 2021, Governor Phil D. Murphy extended the New Jersey State Public Health Emergency for another 30 days; and

**WHEREAS,** Covid-19 affects the health, safety and welfare of all citizens in the Borough of Buena; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Buena must develop and adopt guidelines for its employees to contain the spread of virus and implement procedures to secure the health, welfare and safety of all residents of the Borough.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of Borough residents, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena hereby adopts the Covid-19 Guidelines for Borough employees attached as Exhibit A.

**RESOLUTION 24-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JILLIAN M. SCARPA AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN FOR THE BOROUGH OF BUENA, WITH REGRETS.**

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| **COUNCIL MEMBER** | **BY** | **2ND** | **AYE** | **NAY** | **ABSTAIN** | **ABSENT** | **RECUSE** |
| **WALKER** |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **D’ALESSANDRO** |  | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| **BAKER** | X |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **MANCUSO** |  |  |  |  |  | X |  |
| **ALVAREZ** |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **PALMIERI** |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |

**WHEREAS**, Jillian M. Scarpa has served the Borough of Buena in the capacity of Emergency Medical Technician; and

**WHEREAS**, during her tenure, Jillian M. Scarpa has provided effective and compassionate representation to the Borough while serving as Emergency Medical Technician; and

**WHEREAS,** Jillian M. Scarpa has resigned her position, effective immediately.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Buena that the resignation of Jillian M. Scarpa be regretfully accepted effective immediately.

**RESOLUTION 25-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BUENA TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FALASCA MECHANICAL, INC FOR MECHANICAL AND PLUMBING REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE COMMENCING FEBRUARY 11, 2021 AND EXPIRING FEBRUARY 10, 2023.**

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| **COUNCIL MEMBER** | **BY** | **2ND** | **AYE** | **NAY** | **ABSTAIN** | **ABSENT** | **RECUSE** |
| **WALKER** |  | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| **D’ALESSANDRO** |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **BAKER** | X |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **MANCUSO** |  |  |  |  |  | X |  |
| **ALVAREZ** |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **PALMIERI** |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA** that a contract is hereby awarded to Falasca Mechanical, Inc. for the furnishing of mechanical and plumbing repair and maintenance services in the Borough of Buena

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Falasca Mechanical, Inc. for the purpose of furnishing mechanical and plumbing repair and maintenance services.

**RESOLUTION 26-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BUENA TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LEE-WAY, LLC., FOR ELECTRICAL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE COMMENCING FEBRUARY 11,2021 AND EXPIRING FEBRUARY 10, 2023.**

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| **COUNCIL MEMBER** | **BY** | **2ND** | **AYE** | **NAY** | **ABSTAIN** | **ABSENT** | **RECUSE** |
| **WALKER** |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **D’ALESSANDRO** |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **BAKER** | X |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **MANCUSO** |  |  |  |  |  | X |  |
| **ALVAREZ** |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **PALMIERI- Recused due to conflict of interest.** |  |  |  |  |  |  | X |

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it resolved by the council of the Borough of Buena that a contract is hereby awarded to Lee-Way Electrical, LLC., for the furnishing of electrical repair and maintenance services in the Borough of Buena

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Lee-Way Electrical, LLC for the purpose of furnishing electrical repair and maintenance services.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:**

**FY2016 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project - Resurfacing of Forest Grove Road**

The reimbursement package has been submitted to the NJDOT.

**FY2018 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project – Reconstruction of Forest Grove Road**

Our office is coordinating the remedial work plan with the contractor.

**FY2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project – Reconstruction of South Boulevard**

Construction is complete. Our office is working on closing out the project.

**FY2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project – Reconstruction of South Boulevard**

Our office submitted an engineering services proposal on December 2, 2020. We are prepared to begin work as soon as we are authorized.

**Expansion of the Commerce Center Redevelopment Area**

The public hearing has tentatively been scheduled at the February Land Use Board meeting.

**Madison Estates Major Subdivision – Lauren Court**

Our office is coordinating a meeting with the contractor to review the outstanding punchlist items.

**NJDEP MS4 Compliance Work**

The Stormwater Outfall Mapping is complete and should be submitted by the end of the week. Updating of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SPPP) is on-going.

Our office submitted a proposal to update the Stormwater Control Ordinance on January 19, 2021. The Ordinance needs to be effective no later than March 3, 2021. We are prepared to begin work as soon as we are authorized.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:** **Covid-19 Policy**

**Minutes of the REORGANIZATION meeting of January 4,2021 were approved.**

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| **COUNCIL MEMBER** | **BY** | **2ND** | **AYE** | **NAY** | **ABSTAIN** | **ABSENT** | **RECUSE** |
| **WALKER** | X |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **D’ALESSANDRO** |  | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| **BAKER** |  |  |  |  | X |  |  |
| **MANCUSO** |  |  |  |  |  | X |  |
| **ALVAREZ** |  |  |  |  | X |  |  |
| **PALMIERI** |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |

**Minutes of the regular meeting of January 19, 2021 were approved.**

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| **WALKER** |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **D’ALESSANDRO** |  | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| **BAKER** | X |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **MANCUSO** |  |  |  |  |  | X |  |
| **ALVAREZ** |  |  |  |  | X |  |  |
| **PALMIERI** |  | X | X |  |  |  |  |

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**BILLS PAID AS LISTED: M/BAKER S/ALVAREZ**

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| **COUNCIL MEMBER** | **BY** | **2ND**  | **AYE** | **NAY** | **ABSTAIN** | **ABSENT** | **RECUSE** |
| **WALKER** |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
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| **BAKER** | X |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **MANCUSO** |  |  |  |  |  | X |  |
| **ALVAREZ** |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| **PALMIERI** |  | X | X |  |  |  |  |

**NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 22, 2021.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED: M/BAKER S/WALKER RCVU**

**MARYANN CORALUZZO**

**BOROUGH CLERK**