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COUNCIL MEETING
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CALLED TO ORDER: 7:01 P.M.
MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:34 P.M.

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE:

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

THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA WAS HELD MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021 COMMENCING AT 7:01 P.M. VIA TELECONFERENCING 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.

MAYOR'S REPORT: First order of business.

Engineer Robert Smith reported that he is waiting for an update from the Department of Transportation regarding various drainage issues. Mr. Smith sent a follow-up email requesting a status update and is waiting for a response.

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Brian Fatcher of Kimberly Lane asked for an update on the roadwork punchlist for potholes and other issues on Central Avenue. Road Supervisor Nimohay responded that the county had contacted the Superfund Site, and bids will be received to repair the potholes. The county will also resolve the balance of issues shortly.

Mr. Fatcher questioned the estimated third-quarter tax bill he received in the mail. Mayor Zappariello stated that tax bills are delayed because the county has not adopted its budget.

Susan Romeo of Landisville asked when the Borough will resume in-person council meetings and open the municipal building. Mayor Zappariello responded that in-person meetings will likely resume in September. The mayor cited the Delta variant of the coronavirus and low vaccination rate (46%) of borough residents. The mayor further stated that the municipal building is staffed and if a resident wishes to conduct business, knock on the door, and they will be let in.

Regarding the Landisville Volunteer Fire Company, Ms. Romeo urged the governing body to avoid delaying the company's reopening and rescind dissolution proceedings since the department abated all violations. Ms. Romeo disputed the

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**RESOLUTION 75-21 RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
 LICENSES FOR THE 2021-2022 TERM.**

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

WHEREAS, application for renewal of an inactive license, No. 0104-33-013-008 issued to Saloon 54, 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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ENGINEER’ S REPORT :

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

The contractor is scheduled to begin the remedial work the week of July 12, 2021.

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

Design of the project is essentially complete. We are waiting for South Jersey Gas to coordinate replacement of their gas main.

- **Expansion of the Commerce Center Redevelopment Area**

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

- **NJDEP MS4 Compliance Work**

Our office is coordinating final revisions of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SPPP) with Mr. Nimohay.

- **FY2022 NJDOT Municipal Aid Application**

The application has been submitted. The application included reconstruction of East Flower Street and East Summer Road.

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- Solicitor Costigan gave an update on the County Court

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: (CHAIRMAN, JOSEPH MANCUSO) No report

ROADS/RECYCLING, (CHAIRMAN, MATTHEW WALKER)

Councilman Walker provided those presented those present with the following report:

Borough Hall:

Normal cleaning of building and grounds.

Louise Basile Community Center:

1. items checked and prepared for inspection.
2. inspection was done and a request was made to:
 - a. clean air grills in the ceiling, some might have to be painted (old)
 - b. install a dehumidifier

Park:

1. prepared park for event
2. all went well and park is being cleaned up

Central Avenue:

1. contractor will return to complete punch list
2. Superfund is going out for bids to fix the manhole covers in the roadway

Grove Road:

1. contractor will return on 7-13-21
2. grade elevations have been marked out
3. road will be milled out and repaved

Road Items:

Brunini Pool

1. list of requirements have been written up and will be given to contractors to give a bid on the proposed work
2. Brush collection was completed
3. Bushes cut back at Franklin Street crossing
 - a. Ott Drive sign ordered
 - b. Johns Ave. sign installed
 - c. Grove Road sign (stop ahead) reinstalled after wind blew it down

A resolution is needed to notify resident on West Pacific to repair sidewalks

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RECREATION, (CHAIRWOMAN, ROSALIE M. BAKER)

Council President Baker reported on the following recreation items:

- Friday, July 9th, The American Legion Post #270 had a very successful crab and spaghetti fundraiser. Baker also mention that more dinner fundraisers will follow this summer.
- On Saturday, July 10th, Buena Baseball softball had a great closing day parade and ceremony. Congratulations were extended to all teams and coaches. Special congratulations to 16 and under girls' team and coach who are the NJ state champions. They will be traveling to Florida for the world series and will be in need of donations for their expenses.

Upcoming actives:

- Sunday, July 31st, the Sons of the Legion Post #270 will have a Roast Beef sandwich fundraiser 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 P.M. tickets are \$10.00 for 2 sandwiches, peppers and potato chips. Call 856-697-6020 for tickets.
- Sunday, August 8th, an Old Time Ice Cream social will be held at the Friendship Church, from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 p.m. on Weymouth and Friendship Rds. There will be hand scooped Ice Cream with toppings and Old-Fashioned Yard Games.

FINANCE, (CHAIRMAN, JORGE ALVAREZ)

Councilman Alvarez reported that the budget is sound and thanked the departments for their part.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS: (CHAIRMAN, JOSEPH D'ALESSANDRO)

1. As of: 07/12/2021 16:47
2. Public Health Emergency has ended
3. June 28, 2021
 - a. 4,960,435 residents are fully vaccinated.
 - b. 10,495,602 total doses administered
 - c. Borough of Buena – 46% of residents fully vaccinated (90% of 65 and older have been)
 - i. 52% have received at least one dose

4. Borough of Buena Cases: 455

February 22	March 22	April 26	May 24	June 28
74	22	44	21	1

- a. Borough of Buena Deaths: 10
 - b. Atlantic County Cases: 27,736
 - c. Atlantic County Deaths: 679
 - d. New Cases: PCR Test 227 Probable Cases 65
 - e. NJ Transmission Rate: 0.95
 - f. United States: 33,876,872
 - g. United States Deaths: 607,389
 - h. Global Cases: 187,092,329
 - i. Global Deaths: 4,035,291
5. NJ total hospitalizations are at 312 South: 71

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- 6. Ventilators 26 South: 5
- 7. Intensive/Critical Care Beds 58 South: 16
- 8. Long-term Care Facilities Statewide:
 - a. Facilities with Active Outbreaks: 15
 - b. Active Resident Cases: 33
 - c. Active Staff Cases: 32
 - d. Cumulative Resident Deaths: 7,878
 - e. Cumulative Staff Deaths: 144
- 9. Buena OEM continues to review Emergency Operations Plan to confirm compliance.
- 10. Buena OEM has been operating the Emergency Operations Center in Borough Hall both remotely.
- 11. Buena OEM has been updating Borough residents through social media outlets and website.
- 12. Maintaining COVID-19 webpage for Borough's website
- 13. Maintaining up-to-date inventory of PPE
- 14. Daily Calls with Chief Ciraolo to stay updated on EMS call volume, PPE levels, readiness and personnel.
- 15. Franklin PD May 2021 Report Update

- a. Stolen Property: \$500.00 reported in May 2021 YTD: \$14,585.00

Arrests	Tickets	MV Stops	DWI	MVC	CDS	DV	GP
13	75	85	1	8	5	7	16

- 16. Buena EMS – June 87 Calls for Service
 - a. Location of Calls
 - i. 68 Borough
 - ii. 1 BVT
 - iii. 6 Vineland
 - iv. 12 Dorothy
 - b. Types of Calls
 - i. 9 Cardiac Call
 - ii. 2 Overdoses – 2 Narcan (1 Refused Treatment)
 - iii. 4 DOAs
 - iv. 7 Respiratory
 - v. 3 Psychological
 - vi. 5 MVCs

- 17. Minotola Fire Company
 - a. Operations
 - i. The Minotola FC has had 77 calls for service year to date.
 - 1. Cover assignment in Malaga with a crew of 4
 - a. During cover firefighters were in station to cover any calls in the Borough
 - b. Alarm Call at Buena Gardens (2 trucks on scene, 2 staffed in station)
 - c. Also assisted police with a tree down across the roadway on Brewster Rd

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS :

Councilwoman Baker reported that Order to Clear Notices have been

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given to the Road Department after several attempts to the locate property owners to cut grass and board up structures.

Occupancy Inspections were completed at two rental properties.

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Minutes of the regular meeting of June 28, 2021. If no corrections or additions, entertain a motion to approve:

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

UNFINISH BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

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: AUGUST 9, 2021

MEETING ADJOURNED: M/BAKER S/ALVAREZ RCVU

 Pamela Johnston
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