

**BOROUGH OF BUENA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2016**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.
MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:52 P.M.

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held Monday, November 14, 2016 commencing at 6:30 p.m. at the Borough Hall with Council President Rosalie M. Baker presiding. Council President Baker 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 Marolda, Walker, Baker, and Alvarez, McAvaddy, Richard Tonetta, Solicitor and Dr. Paul Trivellini, Brianna Pace, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Mayor Zappariello

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE:

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

**RESOLUTION 114-16 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING A SIX MONTH EXTENSION FOR AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE FY2015 STATE AID FUNDS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF PLYMOUTH ROAD.
m/Walker s/Marolda**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Aid Agreement for the FY2015 funds for the Reconstruction of Plymouth Road, the contract must be awarded by November 16, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has advised that the contract may not be awarded by that date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Buena that a six (6) month extension for awarding the contract for the FY2015 State Aid funds for the Reconstruction of Plymouth Road from November 16, 2016 to May 16, 2017, is hereby requested.

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

RESOLUTION 115-16 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 2663 and ASSEMBLY BILL 4234
m/Marolda s/Walker

Whereas, almost all local units of government and Boards of Education in New Jersey including (name of local unit) secure insurance through governmental entities known as joint insurance funds (hereinafter JIFs); and

Whereas, existing law limits JIFs to investments otherwise authorized for local governmental entities and Boards of Education; and

Whereas, insurance mechanisms such as JIFs have different cash flow needs than local government and Boards of Education; and

Whereas, existing law greatly limits the potential investment earnings, currently less than 1% on investments of approximately \$1 billion; and

Whereas, S-2663 and A-4234 would permit JIFs to invest in debt obligations of any governmental entity established under the laws of the State of New Jersey and federal agencies or governmental corporations; and

Whereas, while the range of investments permitted by S-2663 and A-4234 is still very conservative, it would save the taxpayers at least \$10 million per year; and

Whereas, S-2663 and A-4234 would also reduce interest expense for local units of government and Boards of Education by creating an additional purchaser of their bonds; and

Whereas, S-2663 and A-4234 would also permit JIFs to join together and create a joint investment and cash management program further increasing investment income.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Buena that:

1. The Legislature is urged to adopt S-2663 and A-4234 and;
2. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to all area legislators as well as the Governor, Commissioner of the Department of Banking and Insurance and the Commissioner of the (Department of Community Affairs or Department of Education as appropriate.

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

RESOLUTION 116-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA TO POST AND FILE A SCHEDULE OF ALL MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL AS REQUIRED BY THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT OF 1975; AND DESIGNATING CERTAIN NEWSPAPERS TO RECEIVE SAID NOTICES AS REQUIRED UNDER THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT FOR THE YEAR 2017.
m/Alvarez s/Walker

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 requires that a schedule of regular meetings of the Council of the Borough of Buena be annually posted and maintained in one public place reserved for public announcements, and requires that the annual notice be filed and maintained by the Clerk of the Borough of Buena; and

WHEREAS, Section III of the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 requires certain notices of meetings to be submitted to at least two newspapers, one

of which shall be the official newspaper, and the second a newspaper which has the greatest likelihood of informing the citizens of the Borough of Buena; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 requires that notice of any meetings of the Borough of Buena not provided for in the annual schedule must be (1) posted in at least one public place reserved for public announcements; (2) mailed, telephoned, telegraphed or hand delivered to at least two newspapers designated by the public body; and (3) filed with the Clerk of the municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA THAT:

1. The Clerk of the Borough of Buena is hereby authorized and directed to post and maintain posted on the official bulletin board located in the Municipal Building, Borough of Buena, New Jersey, a copy of the attached schedule of regular meetings of the Council of the Borough of Buena for the year 2017 and to file a copy of said notice in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

2. Written notice of the date, time, place and agenda of any special meeting, rescheduling meeting, hearing or any other meeting of the Borough Council not provided for in the attached schedule as required by the Open Public Meeting Act of 1975, shall be posted by the Borough of Buena on the official bulletin board and filed; and maintained in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

3. The Atlantic County Record is hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Borough of Buena and said newspaper, together with the Press and Daily Journal are hereby designated to receive all notices of meetings required under the Open Meetings Act of 1975. The Clerk of the Borough of Buena is hereby authorized and directed to mail the attached schedule to the offices of the Atlantic County Record, the Press and the Daily Journal and to provide notices of all other meetings of the Borough of Buena to said newspapers in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act.

4. It is the opinion of this body that the Atlantic County Record, the Press and the Daily Journal have the greatest likelihood of informing the public within the jurisdictional area of this body of such meetings.

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

THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA SHALL BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES AT 6:30 P.M., AT THE BOROUGH HALL, CENTRAL AVENUE, MINOTOLA, NEW JERSEY, EXCEPT FOR THE REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE BOROUGH HALL, CENTRAL AVENUE, MINOTOLA, NEW JERSEY.

REORGANIZATION MEETING: JANUARY 3, 2017*
 JANUARY 23, 2017
 FEBRUARY 13, and 27, 2017
 MARCH 13, and 27, 2017
 APRIL 10, and 24, 2017
 MAY 08, and 22, 2017
 JUNE 12, and 26, 2017
 JULY 10, 2017
 AUGUST 14, 2017
 SEPTEMBER 11, and 25, 2017
 OCTOBER 10,* and 23, 2017
 NOVEMBER 13, and 27, 2017
 DECEMBER 11, 2017
 JANUARY 03, 2018

*Tuesday Meeting

RESOLUTION 117-16 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA AWARDING A CONTRACT TO REMINGTON, VERNICK AND WALBERG FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SENIOR RECREATION FACILITY- MELINI PARK SURVEYING, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES. m/Walker s/Alvarez

WHEREAS, the Borough of Buena was awarded a grant of \$55,475.00 from the Atlantic County Improvement Authority CDBG Funding; and

WHEREAS, certain engineering services need be provided for surveying, engineering and construction services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer's Remington, Vernick and Walberg have presented a proposal to complete said services in the amount of \$8,900.00; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena that the engineer is hereby retained for surveying, engineering and construction services in an amount not to exceed \$8,900.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award is contingent upon the receipt of a Certificate of Availability of Funds from the Chief Financial Officer.

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

**RESOLUTION 118-16 RESOLUTION TO AMEND TRANSFER APPROPRIATION BALANCES
TRANSFER RESOLUTION #1
m/Walker s/Alvarez**

Whereas, N.J.S. 40A:4-58 permitting the transfer to appropriate balances where needed for purposes specified in the budget in an amount in excess of the sum appropriated therefore from an appropriation balance deemed to be in excess of the amount necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following transfers be made in the Borough of Buena Budget:

TRANSFER FROM

Clerk S/W	\$850.00
Group Health Benefits	\$23,800.00
Health Benefits Waiver	\$500.00
Emergency Management S/W	\$500.00
Emergency Management O/E	\$1,000.00
Grant Administration	\$3,800.00

TOTAL TRANSFER \$30,450.00

TRANSFER TO

Tax Collector S/W	\$850.00
JIF & MEL General Ins	825.00
Workers Compensation Ins	\$6,000.00
Disability Insurance	\$500.00
EMS S/W	\$21,500.00
Building Inspector S/W	\$100.00
P.E.R.S.	\$675.00

TOTAL TRANSFER \$30,450.00

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WALKER	X			
BAKER	X			
MANCUSO				X
ALVAREZ	X			
MCAVADDY	X			

ADMINISTRATORS' S REPORT:

- 1. Community of Champions - month of September \$2,700
- 2. Jif declared dividend of \$18,941. It will just need Mayor's signature and should be used to save on next year's insurance premiums.
- 3. Retirement letter from Elizabeth Battelini effective November 30, 2016.

**RESOLUTION 119-16 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF ELIZABETH BATTELINI AS CLERK 3, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 30, 2016 WITH REGRETS.
m/Walker s/Alvarez**

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Battelini has served the Borough of Buena 28 years; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, Elizabeth Battelini has provided effective and compassionate representation to the Borough of Buena and;

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Battelini has submitted a letter of retirement effective November 30, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Buena that the retirement of Elizabeth Battelini be regretfully accepted effective November 30, 2016.

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

ENGINEER' S REPORT

FY2015 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project - Resurfacing of Plymouth Street

We are awaiting approval of the permits for the culvert replacement from the NJDEP and The Pinelands Commission.

FY2016 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project - Resurfacing of Forest Grove Road

Awaiting authorization to begin and then it will go out to bid.

SOLICITOR' S REPORT:

Mr. Tonetta advised he will be contacting the bond company from Lauren Court. If nothing happens he may ask for a bond to complete the project. He also advised council he sent them the draft for the By-Laws and to let him know if anything needs to be added or revised.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ROADS/RECYCLING: (COUNCILMAN MAROLDA)

Councilman Marolda advised routine leaf and branch pickup is in effect as well as getting the equipment ready. Also, Andrew Rock the Boy Scout that would like to have a flag burning pit chose property on Sumner Ave.

BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS: (COUNCILMAN WALKER)

Councilman Walker said the park's water will be shut off this week as well as the sprinklers blow out. The trash was collected down the bike path and the tree was decorated with the Christmas lights.

FINANCE: (COUNCILWOMAN BAKER)

Councilwoman Baker advised her report was the transfer of the funds resolution.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: (COUNCILMAN MANCUSO) No report

RECREATION: (COUNCILMAN ALVAREZ)

Councilman Alvarez announced Friendship Church is having their annual Christmas ceremony Sunday, November 27th. The Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 3rd at 7pm and Minotola Fire Company is having their roast beef sale Saturday, December 10th from 11-2. Tickets are \$10 for two sandwiches.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREETS LIGHTS: (COUNCILMAN MCAVADDY) No report

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING:

Joanne Rosemont of East Pacific Avenue had questions about the economic development and if any new businesses would be coming into town. Dr. Paul Trivellini advised they are looking at a plan at where we can have services. Solicitor Rick Tonetta added that they are looking at creation of redeveloping new areas but that it takes time.

Brian Fatcher of Kimberly Lane asked if there was anything new with a Public Safety Director. Council President Baker advised nothing has come through yet. Next, he asked if there were any new developments in repaving Central Avenue because it was talked about last year. Paul advised that the we submitted letters to the county and they have agreed but they need to plan for it. Lastly, he asked about Minotola Fire Company's new paved parking lot and he saw a voting sign on the board out front. Also, had questions regarding the bond for the new ladder truck and if the difference was going to be charged to the tax payers.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Minutes of the meeting of were approved m/Marolda s/Walker

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MAROLDA	X			
WALKER	X			
BAKER	X			
MANCUSO				X
ALVAREZ	X			
MCAVADDY			X	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing

BILLS PAID AS LISTED: m/Walker s/Alvarez

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

NEXT MEETING: November 28, 2016

MEETING ADJOURNED: m/Alvarez s/Walker

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

BRIANNA PACE
DEPUTY CLERK