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**CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:40 P.M.**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER: FLAG SALUTE**

**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, DECEMBER 20, 2021 COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE BOROUGH HALL WITH MAYOR ZAPPARIELLO PRESIDING. 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.**

**PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:**

**MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:**

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

**PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:**

**Aldo Palmieri, Landisville**, stated that on April 30, 2021 he had submitted a resignation letter in the mailroom slot Mayor Zappariello, and asked that a motion be made to accept his resignation at this time.

**Susan Romeo, Landisville**, began by congratulating the Battelini's on their 100<sup>th</sup> year in business, Mr. Kiniry on his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, and recognizing Councilwoman Baker's for her years of service in the Boro. Ms. Romeo continued with her concern on the cost of the legal fees and advice of Solicitor Costigan. Ms. Romeo concluded that council accept Mr. Palmieri resignation and allow the vacancy be voted on at an election.

**Bruno Romero, Landisville**, addressed Mayor Zappariello and

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Councilman D’Alessandro to question if there had been a petition in support of dissolving the Fire District and the billing fees by Solicitor Costigan.

**Jenna Baruffi-Talarico, Minotola**, congratulated those being honored that evening. Ms. Baruffi-Talarico question the resolution of the resignation of Aldo Palmieri on the agenda and of the tabled resolution not on the agenda. Solicitor Costigan stated no comment. Ms. Baruffi-Talarico continued to question the litigation process concerning the Fire District #1 litigation. Solicitor Costigan stated no commented and that would be determined by a Judge.

**MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

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**RESOLUTION 104-21     A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA ACCEPTING  
THE         RESIGNATION OF JESSICA BLUME AS  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN FOR THE BOROUGH  
OF BUENA, WITH REGRETS.**

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

**WHEREAS**, Jessica Blume has served the Borough of Buena in the capacity of Emergency Medical Technician; and

**WHEREAS**, during her tenure, Jessica Blume has provided effective and compassionate representation to the Borough while serving as Emergency Medical Technician; and

**WHEREAS**, Jessica Blume has resigned her position, effective immediately.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of

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Buena that the resignation of Jessica Blume be regretfully accepted effective immediately.

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**RESOLUTION 105-21     A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CFO TO REFUND AN OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25.00 TO SHIELA INGRAM**

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

**WHEREAS**, SHEILA INGRAM remitted a payment of \$25.00 for copies of a certified vital record not on file in The Borough of Buena Municipal Clerk’s Office

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by Mayor and Council of Buena Borough that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to refund the amount of \$25.00 to Sheila Ingram.

**RESOLUTION 106-21     TO AMEND TRANSFER APPROPRIATION BALANCES  
TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

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

**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**

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Engineering OE	\$10,000.00
General Insurance	\$23,885.24
<b>TOTAL TRANSFER</b>	<b><u>\$33,885.24</u></b>

**TRANSFER TO**

Clerk SW	\$ 2,500.00
Clerk OE	\$ 650.00
Finance OE	\$ 500.00
Tax Collection OE	\$ 215.00
Legal OE	\$ 4,000.00
Disability	\$ 110.17
EMS SW	\$19,000.00
Gasoline/Diesel	\$ 300.00
Electric	\$ 2,000.00
Street Lighting	\$ 4,000.00
Street Lighting	\$ 4,000.00
Social Security & Medicare	\$ 110.07
DCRP	\$ 500.00

<b>TOTAL TRANSFER</b>	<b><u>\$33,885.24</u></b>
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**RESOLUTION 107-21     A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JENNIFER A. CONSALO AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN FOR THE BOROUGH OF BUENA, WITH REGRETS.**

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

**WHEREAS,** JENNIFER A. CONSALO has served the Borough of Buena in the capacity of Emergency Medical Technician; and

**WHEREAS,** during her tenure, JENNIFER A. CONSALO has provided effective and compassionate representation to the Borough while serving as Emergency Medical Technician; and

**WHEREAS,** JENNIFER A. CONSALO has resigned her position, effective immediately.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Buena that the resignation of JENNIFER A. CONSALO be regrettfully accepted effective immediately.

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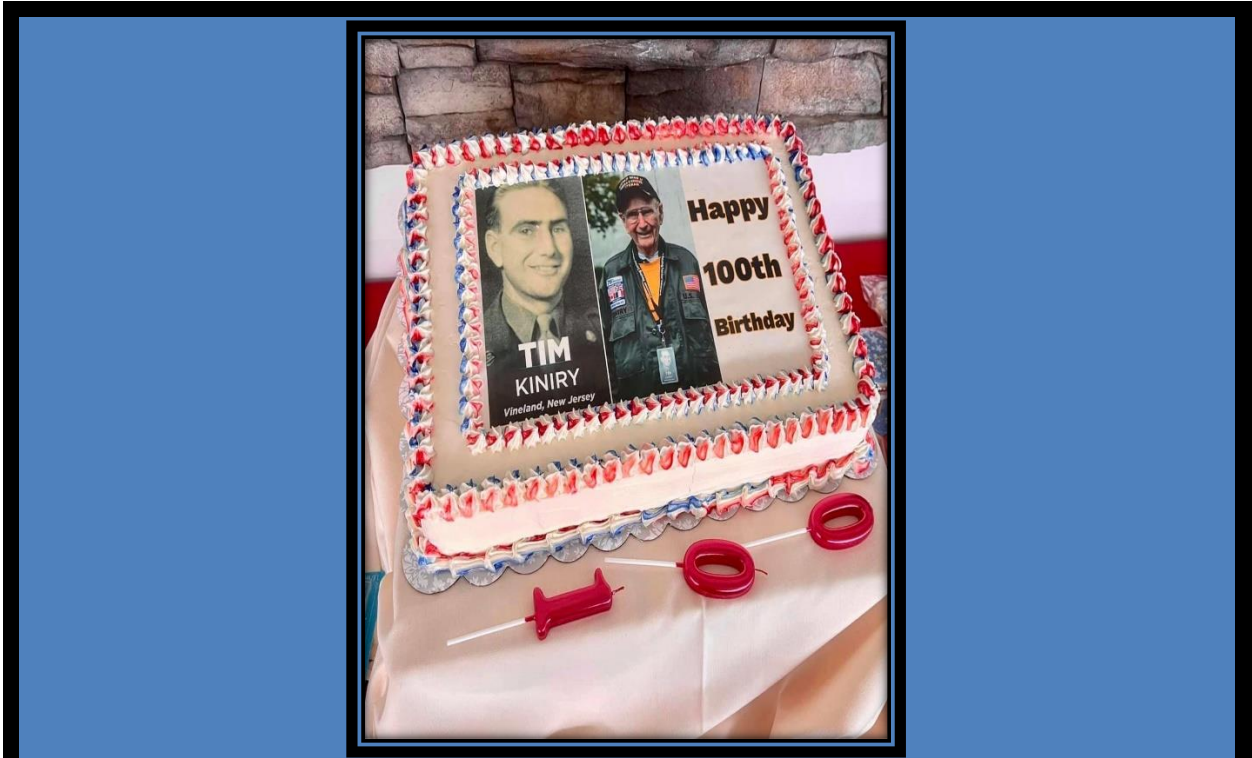
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**RESOLUTION 108-21     A RESOLUTION HONORING ANDREW "TIM" KINIRY ON HIS 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY AND THANKING HIM FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AND THE BOROUGH OF BUENA**

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

**WHEREAS**, Andrew “Tim” Kiniry is a resident of the Borough of Buena; and

**WHEREAS**, Andrew “Tim” Kiniry is a World War II Veteran who, among other valiant services, fought in the Battle of the Bulge; and





**WHEREAS**, Andrew “Tim” Kiniry witnessed the horrifying reality of war during his time of service; sights, sounds, and smells that the human condition wasn’t meant to endure; and

**WHEREAS**, Andrew “Tim” Kiniry lives a quiet and peaceful life for which he and his comrades fought so courageously; and

**WHEREAS**, Andrew “Tim” Kiniry has reached the age of 100; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena humbly acknowledge and thank Andrew “Tim” Kiniry for his service to our Country and our community, and wish him a very Happy Birthday.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena that Andrew “Tim” Kiniry is extended their congratulations and gratitude for his longevity and generosity of spirit, this 20th day of December 2021.

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**RESOLUTION 109-21      A RESOLUTION HONORING BATTELINI TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED, AND THE BATTELINI FAMILY ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY.**

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





**WHEREAS**, Battelini Transportation Systems, Incorporated, is a family business operating since 1921; and

**WHEREAS**, Alesio Battelini formed the transportation company with the help of Ole12; and

**WHEREAS**, Battelini Transportation Systems, Incorporated, is celebrating 100 years of dedicated service to our community;

and

**WHEREAS**, today, Battelini Transportation Systems, Incorporated, stands as a testimony to the unwavering dedication of the family and the leadership of generations, past and present.



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena, do hereby recognize and honor Battelini Transportation Systems, Incorporated, the Battelini family, and Ole12 for their service and commitment to the Borough of Buena and surrounding communities.



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**RESOLUTION 110-21     A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF THE MINOTOLA FIRE COMPANY FOR CONDUCTING COIN DROPS AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 40 AND NORTH EAST BOULEVARD AND ROUTE 40 AND SOUTH WEST BOULEVARD**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Minotola Volunteer Fire COMPANY has applied to the Borough of Buena for approval to conduct coin drops at the intersection of Route 40 and North East Boulevard in accordance with the Borough of Buena coin drop guidelines; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Buena, Atlantic County, does hereby grant approval to the Minotola Volunteer Fire COMPANY to conduct coin drops in the Borough Buena at the intersection of Route 40 and North East Boulevard - Route 40 and South West Bouvard on the following dates:

Date:	Time:
May 26, 2022	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
May 27, 2022	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
May 28, 2022	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
June 30, 2022	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
July 1, 2022	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
July 2, 2022	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
September 1, 2022	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
September 2, 2022	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
September 3, 2022	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

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**ENGINEER’ S REPORT :**

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

The contractor has completed the punchlist work. Our office is waiting for close-out documents from the contractor.



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

Design of the project is essentially complete. We are awaiting a schedule from South Jersey Gas for their gas main replacement work. Once funding issues are addressed, we can finalize the design and proceed with public bidding.

**FY2022 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project – W. Summer Road and W. Flower Street**

The Borough received \$285,000 for W. Summer Road and W. Flower Street. Our office is preparing a proposal for survey and engineering work.

**Expansion of the Commerce Center Redevelopment Area**

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

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Solicitor Costigan reported that she had been in a meeting with Franklinville, Mayor Zappariello and Councilman Alvarez regarding a new contract with the Franklinville Police Department.

Costigan had stated that the DEP asked to rework the Flood Ordinance and working with the Engineer for the ordinance to be on the January or February meeting. Solicitor Costigan then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: (CHAIRMAN, JOSEPH MANCUSO)** No Report

**ROADS/RECYCLING, (CHAIRMAN, MATTHEW WALKER)**

**RECREATION, (CHAIRWOMAN, ROSALIE M. BAKER)** Councilwoman Baker reported

- The Christmas Parade and tree lighting ceremony had been canceled this year due COVID 19.
- Thanked the Minotola Fire Company for bringing Santa Claus to the Community on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Thanked the Aulffo Family for providing a Community Event Cause on their premises. It was sincerely appreciate by everyone on December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Judgeing of the decorated homes in Buena Boro will take place during the week.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place will be awarded a \$100.00 WaWa gift card.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place will be awarded a \$ 75.00 WaWa gift card.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place will be awarded a \$ 50.00 WaWa gift card.

**FINANCE, (CHAIRMAN, JORGE ALVAREZ)** Councilman Alvarez reported

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that the committee had been working on finishing up the year. Next year's budget will be coming up and will be working with the new council members.

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

Councilman D’Alessandro reported as follows:

- 1. As of: 12/20/2021 15:30
- 2. December 20, 2021
  - a. Vaccinations
    - i. 6,200,807 2 Doses (73.21%)
    - ii. 7,221,774 1 Dose (85.27%)
    - iii. Booster Shots
      - 1. 1,936,674 (40.31% of residents eligible)
    - iv. Borough of Buena - 55% of residents fully vaccinated (98% of 65 and older have been)
    - v. 64% have received at least one dose
  - b. Breakthrough Cases (Jan 19 - Dec 6th)
    - i. Total Fully Vaccinated: 5,957,159
    - ii. Breakthrough Cases: 68,913 (1.16%)
    - iii. Requiring Hospitalization 1,513 (0.03%)
    - iv. Deaths: 350 (0.006%)

3. Borough of Buena Cases: 636

August 9	September 27	October 25	November 22	December 20
8	29	24	34	49

- a. Borough of Buena Deaths: 11
  - b. Atlantic County Cases: 38,421
  - c. Atlantic County Deaths: 782
  - d. New Cases: PCR Test 6505 Probable Cases 744
  - e. NJ Transmission Rate: 1.21
  - f. NJ Cases Total: 1,170,437
  - g. NJ Confirmed Deaths Total: 25,888
  - h. United States: 50,970,391 (3,106,218 last 28 Days)
  - i. United States Deaths: 807,023 (34,208 last 28 days)
  - j. Global Cases: 275,170,911 (17,139,770 last 28 days)
  - k. Global Deaths: 5,358,810 (202,631 last 28 days)
4. NJ total hospitalizations are at 1902 (811 11/22) South: 510 (267 11/22)
5. Ventilators: 181 (78 11/22) South: 50 (24 11/22)
6. Intensive/Critical Care Beds: 359 (166 11/22) South: 108 (61 11/22)
7. Long-term Care Facilities Statewide:
- a. Facilities with Active Outbreaks: 205 (115 11/22)
  - b. Active Resident Cases: 773 (624 11/22)

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- c. Active Staff Cases: 872 (530 11/22)
- d. Cumulative Resident Deaths: 8,739 (8,673 11/22)
- e. Cumulative Staff Deaths: 145
- 8. Buena OEM continues to review Emergency Operations Plan to confirm compliance.
- 9. Buena OEM has been operating the Emergency Operations Center in Borough Hall both remotely.
- 10. Buena OEM has been updating Borough residents through social media outlets and website.
- 11. Maintaining COVID-19 webpage for Borough's website
- 12. Maintaining up-to-date inventory of PPE
- 13. Daily Calls with Chief Ciraolo to stay updated on EMS call volume, PPE levels, readiness, and personnel.
- 14. Franklin PD November 2021 Report Update

- a. Stolen Property YTD: \$54,436.00

Arrests	Tickets	MV Stops	DWI	MVC	CDS	DV	GP

- 15. Buena EMS - November 88 Calls for Service

- a. Location of Calls

- i. 63 Borough
- ii. 6 BVT
- iii. 12 Vineland
- iv. 7 Dorothy

- b. Types of Calls

- i. 5 Cardiac Emergencies
- ii. 5 Respiratory
- iii. 5 Psychological
- iv. 3 MVCs
- v. 3 Unconscious
- vi. 6 Stroke/CVA
- vii. 1 Cardiac Arrest

- 16. Minotola Fire Company

- a. Operations

- i. The Minotola FC has had 145 calls for service year to date.
- ii. Chief Tony Habersham was re-elected Chief of Minotola Fire Company FY 2022
- iii. December 7, MFC held a CPR/AED Refresher Course
  - 1. Members will recertify in 2023
- iv. All required annual service for apparatus was completed FY 2021
- v. Minotola will begin operating Tender 11-24 in the Borough and as needed for Mutual Aid in the surrounding area.

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vi. On December 12, the members of Minotola Fire Company escorted Santa Claus throughout the Borough.

**BLDGS/GROUNDS/IMPROVEMENTS:** No Report

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 IF NO CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS, ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE:

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8, 2021. IF NO CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS, ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE:

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 22,2021. IF NO CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS, ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE:

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

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BAKER	X		X				
MANCUSO						X	
ALVAREZ		X	X				

NEXT MEETING: REORGANIZATION MEETING, JANUARY 6, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

MEETING ADJOURNED: M/BAKER S/WALKER