

**BOROUGH OF BUENA
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FIRE DISTRICT 2
PUBLIC HEARING ON 2023 FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET
JANUARY 21, 2023
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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 1:00 pm
MEETING ADJOURNED:**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: FLAG SALUTE

SUNSHINE LAW: This meeting is 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 and The Daily Journal on December 6, 2022, as well as having been posted on the municipal bulletin board.

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner	Present	Absent
Abriola	X	
Barbagli	X	
D'Alessandro	X	
Lilla	X	
Pace	X	

NEED A MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON:

2023 FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET AMENDMENT

Commissioner	By	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Abriola	X		X				
Barbagli			X				
D'Alessandro			X				
Lilla			X				
Pace		X	X				

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC at 1:01 PM

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW", EACH MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE GIVEN A MAXIMUM OF 3 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Romeo: 307 Harding Highway Landisville

She asked why there was a \$200,000 increase in professional services.

Joann Rosemont: 309 Pacific Avenue Minotola

She asked if there is an anticipated end date of the current litigation.

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NEED A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING:

Commissioner	By	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Abriola			X				
Barbagli		X	X				
D'Alessandro			X				
Lilla			X				
Pace	X		X				

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC at 1:06 PM

RESOLUTION 2023-002

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BUENA
 BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FIRE
 DISTRICT 2 ADOPTING THE AMENDMENT TO
 THE 2023 BUDGET PUSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A:
 14-78.3 FISCAL YEAR FROM JANUARY 1, 2023
 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023**

WHEREAS, the Fire District Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning on January 1, 2023 and ending on December 31, 2023 was introduced on the 22ND day of NOVEMBER, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the 2023 Fire District budget was held on January 21th as publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend certain line items in the 2023 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Buena Borough Fire District No. 2 that the following amendments to the introduced 2023 Fire District Budget be made:

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ANTICIPATED REVENUES

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	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Fund Balance Utilized:		
Unreserved Fund Balance (A1)	\$ 152,998	\$ 341,998

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Total Revenues & Fund Balance Utilized (B1)	\$ 394,688	\$ 583,688
Amount to be Raised by Taxation To Support Fire District Budget (R5)	\$ 241,690	\$ 241,690

BUDGETED APPROPRIATIONS

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Operating Appropriations:

Cost of Operations & Maintenance

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Professional Services/Dispatch	\$ 28,000	\$ 228,000
Total Cost of Operations & Maintenance (E2)	\$ 394,688	\$ 583,688

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Capital Appropriations:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Total Capital Improvements (E8)	\$ 152,997.55	\$ 141,997.55

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List of Projects

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Fire Station Study	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 0

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution shall be uploaded in FAST for the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for the certification of the 2023 Fire District Budget as so amended.

Commissioner	By	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Abriola	X		X				
Barbagli		X	X				
D'Alessandro			X				
Lilla			X				
Pace			X				

NEED A MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON:

2023 FIRE DISTRICT AMENDED BUDGET

Commissioner	By	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Abriola	X		X				
Barbagli			X				
D'Alessandro			X				
Lilla			X				
Pace		X	X				

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC at 1:10 PM

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE “OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW”, EACH MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE GIVEN A MAXIMUM OF 3 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Lucchesi: 310 Forest Grove Road, Vineland

Asked if commissioners were paying for the litigation out of their own pocket if the lawsuit would continue. Stated he is offended by tender 1124 not being listed on the fire company’s website.

NEED A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING:

Commissioner	By	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Abriola			X				
Barbagli			X				
D'Alessandro			X				
Lilla		X	X				
Pace	X		X				

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CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC at 1:12 PM

RESOLUTION 2023-005

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2023 AMENDED
BUDGET FOR THE BOROUGH OF BUENA BOARD
OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FIRE DISTRICT 2**

2023 ADOPTED BUDGET RESOLUTION

Buena Borough FD No. 2

FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget for the Buena Borough FD No. 2 (the 'Fire District') for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023 has been presented for adoption before the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District at its open public meeting of January 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the adopted budget is in compliance with the Property Tax Levy Cap Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects Total Revenues of \$583,688.00 which includes amount to be raised by taxation of \$241 ,690.00, and Total Appropriations of \$583,688.00; and

WHEREAS, an election shall be held annually on the third Saturday of February (only if required) in each established fire district to determine the amount to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District at an open public meeting held on January 21 , 2023 that the Annual Budget of the Fire District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31 , 2023 is hereby adopted and, shall constitute appropriations for the purposes stated and authorization of Total Revenues of \$583,688.00, which includes amount to be raised by taxation of \$241 ,690.00, and Total Appropriations of \$583,688.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an annual election shall be held on the third Saturday of February (only if required) to determine the amount to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year. The results of which shall be subsequently certified to the Division and the Municipal Assessor.

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Commissioner	By	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Abriola	X		X				
Barbagli				X			
D'Alessandro			X				
Lilla			X				
Pace		X	X				

ADJOURNMENT:

NEED MOTION FOR ADJURNMENT: 1:13 PM

Commissioner	By	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Abriola	X		X				
Barbagli			X				
D'Alessandro			X				
Lilla		X	X				
Pace			X				

Respectfully Submitted

 Justin Lilla, Secretary