

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
January 10, 2023**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:08PM**

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG LED BY MAYOR GREG SCHENKER**

**OPENING STATEMENT:** *Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the directives of the "Open Public Meetings Act", pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice of this meeting has been advertised in the Hammonton Gazette and Atlantic City Press and has been posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board showing the time and place of said meeting.*

**ROLL CALL:** Councilpersons: Conway, Whittaker, Porretta, Hoffman, Norman and Blazer

**Also present:** Mayor Greg Schenker, Solicitor Angela Costigan, and Jen Heller from (Polistina & Assoc.)

**APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES December 14,2022**

*A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Blazer and seconded by Councilman Norman*

*There was a roll call vote with ayes all with the exception of Councilman Whittaker's abstention.*

**APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES December 14, 2022**

*A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Porretta*

*There was a roll call vote with ayes all with the exception of Councilman Whittaker's abstention.*

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

**CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:**

Borough Hall will be closed on January 16, 2023 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Rabies Clinic scheduled for March 25, 2023 from 9:00Am to 11:00AM

**ORDINANCES** *None*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Consent Agenda:** All matters listed under Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by this Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

**RESOLUTION #2023-30**

**Whereas**, the BOROUGH OF FOLSOM

(formal name of organization)

desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

for approximately \$ 60,000 to carry out a project to

(dollar amount of request)

RENOVATE THE EXISTING BABE RUTH BASEBALL FIELD

(briefly describe the project)

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**Be it therefore RESOLVED,**

1) that the BOROUGH OF FOLSOM

(formal name of organization)

does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,

1. recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the

BOROUGH OF FOLSOM

(formal name of organization)

and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

**Be it further RESOLVED**, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

**RESOLUTION 2023-31  
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING A RAFFLE AND BINGO LICENSE TO FOLSOM  
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION TO BENEFIT THE SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, the Folsom Educational Foundation has applied for a license to conduct an on-premise raffle and Bingo to be held on Friday, April 28, 2023.

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

1. The following facts are hereby found and determined:
  - a) The Applicant is qualified.
  - b) The members designed to conduct the games are active members.
  - c) The members designated to conduct the games are of good moral character and have never been convicted of a crime.
  - d) The raffle will be conducted according to the Raffle Licensing Law and the Rules of Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission.
  - e) The entire proceeds are to be disposed of for a purpose permitted by the Raffles Licensing Law.
  - f) There is satisfactory proof that no payment will be made for conducting the raffle or assisting therein except to the extent allowed by the law.
  - g) There is satisfactory proof that the prizes are of the nature and amount allowed by the Raffles Licensing Law.
  - h) The rental to be paid for equipment does conform to the schedule of authorized rental prescribed by the Rules of the Control Commission.
  
2. The Council is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the proper certificates of the aforesaid Findings and Determinations in the Form prescribed and specified by the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission.

*A motion was made by Councilman Norman to approve Resolutions #2023-30 and 2023-31 and seconded by Councilman Porretta..*

*There was a roll call vote with ayes all.*

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** *No report*

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT:** *Al read fire report.*

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Mark O'Toole (**3315 S. Pinewood Dr.**) appeared before Council to let them know that he was not happy with his newly paved driveway or the work that Arawak did on Pinewood Drive.

**NJDOT FY 2022 - Resurfacing of South Pinewood Dr, Evergreen Dr, Lake Dr, & Laurel Lane**

Arawak has completed the milling, base repairs, and resurfacing of S. Pinewood Drive, Evergreen Drive, Lake Drive, and Laurel Lane. All concrete improvements, driveway reconstruction, and striping has also been completed. Arawak is currently in the process of performing turf repairs and addressing corrective punch list work, and regulatory and warning signs still need to be installed on South Pinewood Drive. We anticipate that all remaining work will be finished within the next two weeks. Arawak will return in the spring to complete fertilizing and seeding during optimal seeding weather.

**NJDOT FY 2023 - Resurfacing of Cherokee Rd, Erie Rd, Seneca Lane, Mohawk Dr, & Lenape Terrace**

The Borough has been awarded a municipal aid grant in the amount of \$261,640.00 to resurface Cherokee

Road, Erie Road, Seneca Lane, Mohawk Drive, and Lenape Terrace. Based on the allotment amount, we anticipate that the Borough can complete drainage and roadway improvements to the entirety of Cherokee Road, the entirety of Erie Road, Lenape Terrace from Erie Road east to Fenimore Drive, Seneca Lane from Lenape Terrace to Cherokee Road, and Mohawk Drive from Cherokee Road to a match line 200' east. We anticipate completing the survey and design for approval by NJDOT in late spring, with the start of construction to follow in summer or fall of 2023.

#### **NJDOT FY 2023 - 14th Street Bike Path**

The Borough has been awarded a bikeway grant in the amount of \$331,000.00 to construct a bike path along 14th Street from South River Drive to Back Line Road. We will need to take into consideration possible conflicts with the proposed bike path as we move forward with project planning, such as right-of-way widths, bridge approaches, and shoulder clearances. We anticipate looking further into the scope of work and completing any survey and design work for approval by NJDOT in late spring.

#### **NJDCA FY 2023 Local Recreation Improvement Grant**

Grant applications for the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' Fiscal Year 2023 Local Recreation Improvement Grants are due by January 20, 2023. The Borough's Resolution of Support to submit a grant application must be included at next month's Council meeting in order to be submitted with the grant application by January 20. The Borough must select a project for the Recreation Grant and inform our office of the proposed project by December 30.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Schenker asked if Ms. Costigan could reach out to the Hammonton Joint Municipal Court and check on the status of Folsom's cases. Greg wished everyone a Happy New Year.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman Conway:** *Greg reminded residents to recycle properly. Greg stated that he does receive monthly reports from PDW.*

**Councilman Norman:** *No report*

**Councilman Porretta:** *No report*

**Councilman Whittaker:** *Jim gave the stats from the State Police on incidents in Folsom. Jim stated that he is still working with the State Police to reduce speeding in Folsom.*

**Councilman Hoffman:** *Jim stated that he wants to see the road program going forward not stopping. A discussion ensued.*

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**Councilman Blazer:** *Jake reported on the status of the 13<sup>th</sup> St. project. Jake discussed raising fees for baseball field use for travel teams. Jake discussed salaries for 2023 and going forward. Jake reminded Council that they should decide what type of project they want to apply for because some come with costs with the engineer.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** *Mark O'Toole (3315 S. Pinewood Dr. (inaudible) gave his opinion on several road conditions.*

#### **PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$8,679.06**

*A motion to approve payment was made by Councilman Blazer and seconded by Councilman Norman*

*There was a roll call vote with ayes all*

Mayor Schenker reminded the public that all other monthly reports are on file in the minute book.

Please visit the Borough of Folsom website at [folsomborough.com](http://folsomborough.com) for updated Borough information and the Borough of Folsom Facebook page.

The next regular meeting of Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 starting at 6:00 pm in Borough Hall, 1700 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Folsom, NJ

With no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:57PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto  
Municipal Clerk



