

BOROUGH OF FOLSOM (revised)
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
November 14, 2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:39PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG LED BY MAYOR 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, Norman and Blazer

Also present: Mayor Greg Schenker, Solicitor Angela Costigan, and CJ Kaenzig from Polistina & Assoc.

Absent: Councilman Hoffman

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES October 10, 2023

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

There was a roll call vote with ayes all with the exception of Councilman Conway’s abstention.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES October 10, 2023

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

There was a roll call vote with ayes all with the exception Councilman Conway’s abstention.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: *Steve Hudek (2111 14th St.) came before Council to express his concerns over the speeding and increased truck traffic on 14th St.*

Anna Marie LaRocca (Collings Dr.) discussed purchasing Life Guard Stands through the Borough. Ms. Costigan advised Annmarie to send a letter to the clerk with her request.

Councilman Whittaker reported that Mr. Joe Berenato asked to have a streetlight placed at Sherry Lane and Mays Landing Rd.

CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE:

Borough Hall Offices will be closed on Thursday November 23 and Friday November 24 in observance of Thanksgiving; and Friday December 22, Monday December 25, 2023, and January 1, 2024 in observance of Christmas and New Year’s Day.

ORDINANCES:

(Introduction/First Reading)

BOROUGH OF FOLSOM

ORDINANCE # 10-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE OF NON-CONFORMING REAL PROPERTY TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom is the owner of certain real property set forth in Schedule "A", which properties are not needed or required for municipal use; and

WHEREAS, the parcels are less than the minimum size required for development under municipal ordinance and are without capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the parcels were offered for public sale to contiguous property owners on October 16, 2023 pursuant to N.J. S. A. 40A:12-13 et seq. and there were no bidders; and

WHEREAS, the Local Lands and Building Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq., authorizes the sale of real property capital improvement, or personal property no longer needed for public use by public sale; and

WHEREAS, the sale shall be conducted at a public auction to be held at the Borough of Folsom Municipal Building, 1700 Route 54, Folsom, New Jersey 08037 on January 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. or such adjourned date as may be determined by the Council of the Borough of Folsom; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Folsom as follows:

1. The Borough of Folsom shall offer for sale by public auction, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 and N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, the properties listed on Schedule "A". Schedule "A" also contains the minimum sale price for each property. The Borough of Folsom reserves the right, in its discretion, to reject all bids for each property for any reason, including but not limited to, in the event that the minimum sale price for such property is not met.

2. Upon final passage of this Ordinance, the sale shall take place by public auction on January 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Borough of Folsom Municipal Building, 1700 Route 54, Folsom New Jersey, subject to receiving no higher bid for said parcels, after offering same to the highest bidder, at said time and place.

3. A copy of this Ordinance shall be posted on the bulletin board or other conspicuous place in the Borough of Folsom Municipal Building. Notice of adoption of this Ordinance shall be made in the official Borough newspaper within five (5) days following the enactment of the Ordinance. Notice of the public sale shall be published in the official

Borough newspaper by two (2) insertions at least once a week during two (2) consecutive weeks, the last publication shall be within seven (7) days prior to the sale date.

4. The property shall be sold subject to the following terms and conditions:

(a) The property is sold "as is". No representations of any kind are made by the Borough as to the conditions of the property, and the descriptions of the property are intended as a general guide only and may not be accurate. The properties are being sold in the present "as is", "where is", with all faults.

(b) The Borough does not warrant or certify title to the property and in no event shall the Borough of Folsom be liable for any damages to the purchaser-successful bidder if title is found unmarketable for any reason and the purchaser-successful bidder waives any and all right in damages or by way of liens against the Borough. The sole remedy being the right to receive a refund prior to closing of the deposit paid in the event title is found unmarketable. It shall be the obligation of the successful purchaser to examine title to said premises prior to the closing. In the event of closing and a later finding of defect of title, the Borough shall not be responsible for same, shall not be required to refund money or correct any defect in title or be held liable for damages.

(c) Acceptance of the highest bid shall constitute a binding agreement of sale and the purchaser shall be deemed to agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the sale herein contained.

(d) The highest bidder shall deposit with the Borough cash, check or money order in the amount of not less than 10% of the bid price at the time of sale. In the event the successful bidder fails to deposit 10% of the bid price at the time of the sale, the Borough will re-auction the property at the same public sale. If the successful bidder fails to pay the deposit, the bidder shall be responsible for any difference between their bid and the final sale bid in the event such bid is lower than the bid of the original bidder.

(e) The highest bidder must pay the balance of the purchase price, plus (1) the sum of \$250 for the legal services incurred by the Borough; (2) the Borough of Folsom's advertising and the actual recording fees within thirty (30) days after the date the Council adopts a resolution confirming the winning bid(s); and (3) realty transfer fees, if any. The balance shall be paid by certified funds. In addition, for all properties that are subject to Section 5 (r) of this Ordinance, the Purchaser shall provide the Borough Attorney with a copy of the deed for their existing property and their title insurance policy. Once the purchase price has been paid, a Quitclaim Deed without covenants will be prepared by the Borough Attorney and, after execution by the Borough Officials, shall be recorded with the Atlantic County Clerk's Office by the Borough Attorney. Additional work performed by the Borough Attorneys beyond the standard preparation of the sale resolutions, notice of sale, letters to property owners and adjoining property owners, Deed and closing

statement shall be billed at the rate charged by the Borough Attorney and shall be the responsibility of the purchaser, which fees must be paid prior to the Deed being recorded.

(f) The Deed will be subject to all matters of record, which may affect title herein, what an accurate survey may reveal, the Ordinances of the Borough of Folsom and reserving an easement for all natural or constructed drainage systems, waterways, water and sewer easements, if any, on the premises and the continued right of maintenance and flow thereof.

(g) The property will be sold subject to the current year taxes, prorated from the date of sale.

(h) The Council of the Borough of Folsom reserves the right to withdraw this offer to sell, or upon completion of the bidding to accept or reject any or all bids for said properties or to waive any informality in relation thereto.

(i) All bidders currently owning property within the Borough must have their taxes, as well as all municipal utility charges, if applicable, paid to date in order to be a qualified bidder. In the event the bidder's taxes or municipal utility charges are delinquent, the bidder shall be deemed unqualified and such bid shall be rejected.

(j) This same is made subject to all applicable laws, statutes, regulations, resolutions and ordinances of the United States, State of New Jersey and Borough of Folsom.

(k) No employee, agent or officer of the Borough of Folsom has any authority to waive, modify or amend any of the conditions of sale.

(l) The purchaser must abide by appropriate zoning, subdivision, health and building regulations and code, and agrees that this sale will not be used as ground to support any variance from or realization of the regulations.

(m) The failure of the purchaser to close on title within the time provided for in Subsection 5(f) of this Ordinance shall constitute a breach of this Ordinance unless the Borough agrees in writing prior to that date to extend the time of the closing. In the event the purchaser fails to close within the dates provided for in Subsection 5(f) or such date as may be extended by the Borough, the deposit paid by the purchaser shall be retained by the Borough as liquidated damages. The municipality is entitled to retain the purchaser's deposit to the extent of any expenses and/or losses it incurs including but not limited to advertising costs, attorney's fees, lost tax revenues from the date of the required closing as well as additional cost of resale and the difference in the sales price, to the extent the property is sold for a lower price and any subsequent sale. The only exception to

this section is in the event that the purchaser fails to close as a result of the title being unmarketable, in which case the Purchaser shall be entitled to a refund of their deposit as provided for in Subsection 5(c) of this Ordinance.

(n) The purchase shall not be used for any County, Board of Taxation, Tax Court of New Jersey, or in any Courts of the State as grounds to support a challenge of the existing assessments with regard to other properties.

(o) The sale shall be subject to final approval by the Council of the Borough of Folsom.

(p) The successful bidder shall provide a copy of their existing property Deed to the Borough Attorney within seven (7) days of their being notified that they are the successful bidder of the sale.

Potential Bidders are advised:

- (1) To conduct all necessary title searches prior to the date of sale.
- (2) No representations of any kind are made by the Borough of Folsom as to the conditions of the Property, including habitability or usability; the Property is being sold in its present conditions "as is".
- (3) The Property will be conveyed by a Quit Claim Deed and such conveyance shall be subject to all covenants, restrictions, reservations and easements established of record or by prescription and without representation as to character of title of the Property to be conveyed.
- (4) The highest bidder for the Property shall have the right, at its sole cost and expense, to obtain a new survey of the Property. Provided such survey depicts the Property and is certified to be correct to the Borough of Folsom, the Borough of Folsom shall utilize the legal description drawn in accordance with such survey in the Deed of conveyance, provided the highest bidder provides such legal description and a copy of the certified survey to the Borough of Folsom not less than one week prior to the date set for closing of title.

Additional Terms the Successful Bidder must comply with:

- (1) To abide by appropriate zoning, subdivision, health and building regulations and codes and stipulate that this sale will not be used as grounds to support any variance from the regulations.
- (2) That the failure to close title as agreed shall forfeit to the Borough of Folsom any and all money deposited with the Borough.

5. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application of this Ordinance to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

6. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent or in opposition to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.

7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication in accordance with law.

A motion to approve Ordinance #10-2023 was made by Councilman Norman and seconded by Councilman Whittaker

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

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 #2023-87

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of Mayor and Council that the Tax Assessor has declared the owner of Block 103 Lot 5, 1210 Mays Landing Road, to be 100% permanently and totally disabled due to a wartime service-connected disability and as such is exempt from paying property taxes.

WHEREAS, the 2023 taxes in the amount of \$ 881.16 shall be canceled and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey that the 2023 taxes are cancelled in the amount of \$ 881.16 on the above-mentioned Block and Lot.

RESOLUTION #2023-94

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC**

A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM'S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS

WHEREAS, it is the policy of The Borough of Folsom to treat the public, employees, prospective employees, appointees, volunteers and contractors in a manner consistent with all applicable civil rights laws and regulations including, but not limited to the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 as subsequently amended, the New Jersey Law against Discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Conscientious Employee Protection Act, and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Folsom has determined that certain procedures need to be established to accomplish this policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ADOPTED by the (Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom) that:

Section 1: No official, employee, appointee or volunteer of the Borough of Folsom by whatever title known, or any entity that is in any way a part of the Borough of Folsom shall engage, either directly or indirectly in any act including the failure to act that constitutes discrimination, harassment or a violation of any person's constitutional rights while such official, employee, appointee volunteer, or entity is engaged in or acting on behalf of the Borough of Folsom's business or using the facilities or property of the Borough of Folsom.

Section 2: The prohibitions and requirements of this resolution shall extend to any person or entity, including but not limited to any volunteer organization or inter-local organization, whether structured as a governmental entity or a private entity, that receives authorization or support in any way from the Borough of Folsom to provide services that otherwise could be performed by the Borough of Folsom.

Section 3: Discrimination, harassment and civil rights shall be defined for purposes of this resolution using the latest definitions contained in the applicable Federal and State laws concerning discrimination, harassment and civil rights.

Section 4: The Mayor and Council shall establish written procedures for any person to report alleged discrimination, harassment and violations of civil rights prohibited by this resolution. Such procedures shall include alternate ways to report a complaint so that the person making the complaint need not communicate with the alleged violator in the event the alleged violator would be the normal contact for such complaints.

Section 5: No person shall retaliate against any person who reports any alleged discrimination, harassment or violation of civil rights, provided however, that any person who reports alleged violations in bad faith shall be subject to appropriate discipline.

Section 6: The Mayor and Council shall establish written procedures that require all officials, employees, appointees and volunteers of the Borough of Folsom as well as all

other entities subject to this resolution to periodically complete training concerning their duties, responsibilities and rights pursuant to this resolution.

Section 7: The Mayor and Council shall establish a system to monitor compliance and shall report at least annually to the governing body the results of the monitoring.

Section 8: At least annually, the Mayor and Council shall cause a summary of this resolution and the procedures established pursuant to this resolution to be communicated within the Borough of Folsom. This communication shall include a statement from the governing body expressing its unequivocal commitment to enforce this resolution. This summary shall also be posted on the Borough of Folsom’s web site.

Section 9: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 10: A copy of this resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Folsom in order for the public to be made aware of this policy and the Borough of Folsom’s commitment to the implementation and enforcement of this policy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom, in the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2023-95
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL CERTAIN GRANT RECEIVABLE BALANCES

WHEREAS, certain Grant Receivable Balances remain on the Balance Sheet; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel the receivable balance and its’ offsetting appropriation reserve balance from the balance sheet; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Folsom, that the following grant receivable, appropriation reserve balances and appropriation reserve balances matching portion be canceled:

| | <u>Grant Receivable</u> | <u>Appropriation Reserve</u> | <u>Cash Match</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2022-2023 Alliance Grant | \$2,105.00 | \$2,409.39 | \$304.39 |
| NJDOT 2022 Grant | \$7,086.69 | \$7,086.69 | |

BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
Resolution# 2023-96

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS IN
THE 2022 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET PER N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-58**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Folsom,
County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey that the following transfers be made:

| <u>Account Description</u> | <u>Account Number</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Clerk - Salaries & Wages | 01-20-120-011 | | |
| Clerk - Other Expenses | 01-20-120-020 | | \$1,000.00 |
| Chief Financial Officer - Other Expenses | 01-20-130-020 | \$- | |
| Tax Collector - Salaries & Wages | 01-20-145-011 | | |
| Tax Collector - Other Expenses | 01-20-145-020 | | \$600.00 |
| Legal Services & Costs - Other Expenses | 01-20-155-020 | | |
| Engineering Services - Other Expenses | 01-20-165-020 | \$5,000.00 | |
| Planning Board - Other Expenses | 01-21-180-020 | \$1,000.00 | |
| General Liability Insurance - Other Expenses | 01-23-210-094 | | |
| Workers Compensation Insurance | 01-23-215-095 | \$2,200.00 | |
| Employee Health Insurance | 01-23-220-092 | | |
| Health Benefit Waiver | 01-23-221-000 | \$2,500.00 | |
| Public Works - Salaries & Wages | 01-26-290-010 | \$13,000.00 | |
| Public Works - Other Expenses | 01-26-290-020 | | \$1,000.00 |
| Reserve for Snow Removal | 01-26-300-000 | | \$7,000.00 |
| Public Buildings & Grounds - Other Expenses | 01-26-310-020 | | \$2,000.00 |
| Vehicle Maintenance | 01-26-315-000 | | |
| Animal Control Services | 01-27-340-020 | | |
| Parks & Recreation - Other Expenses | 01-28-370-020 | | \$1,500.00 |
| Park Commission - Other Expenses | 01-28-375-020 | | |
| Electricity & Natural Gas | 01-31-435-000 | | \$10,000.00 |
| Gasoline & Diesel | 01-31-447-074 | | |
| Defined Contribution Retirement Plan | 01-36-476-000 | | \$600.00 |
| PERS Pension Contribution | 01-36-471-000 | | \$- |
| | | \$23,700.00 | \$23,700.00 |
| TOTAL | | | |

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-98**

Resolution Authorizing an Award of Contract for Natural Gas Supply Services

WHEREAS, the County of Camden on behalf of the South Jersey Power Cooperative (“SJPC”) publicly advertised bids for the purpose of procuring electric energy services (Bid A-44/23); and

WHEREAS, the County received and opened publicly advertised bids on October 24, 2023 for retail natural gas services for the South Jersey Power Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, UGI Energy Services is the lowest responsible bidder for natural gas supply services for South Jersey Gas and submitted the rates are indicated below for a three-year period beginning December 1, 2023 and ending November 30, 2026.

| Bid Lot | Utility | Rate Code | Term (months) | Awarded Supplier | Bid Price \$/Dth |
|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 | SJG | GGS | 36 | UGI Energy Services | 1.011/dth |

WHEREAS, the Township is a member of the South Jersey Power Cooperative and wishes to receive its energy services from South Jersey Energy Company for its natural gas accounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic that the Township participates in the South Jersey Energy Cooperative contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the SJPC Consultant, Concord Energy Services, 520 Burnt Mill Road, Voorhees, NJ 08043.

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
Atlantic County, New Jersey**

RESOLUTION # 2023-99

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS FROM THE PUBLIC SALE OF NON-CONFORMING LOTS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom is the owner of certain real property located on Block 1602 Lot 3 which properties were not needed or required for municipal use; and

WHEREAS, the lots are less than the minimum size required for development under the municipal ordinance and are without capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, a public sale was held on October 16,2023 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13; and

WHEREAS, there is an offer to purchase the real property located on Block 1602 Lot 3 for \$40,000.00 by Brian and Jarivette Swope and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Folsom deems it in the best interests of the residents of the Borough of Folsom to accept the bids and sell the properties in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Folsom that the bids for Block 1602 Lot 3 are accepted and that the property be sold.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk and the Mayor are authorized to execute any and all Closing Documents to Effectuate the Sales.

BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
Atlantic County, New Jersey

RESOLUTION # 2023-100

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS FROM THE PUBLIC SALE OF NON-CONFORMING LOTS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom is the owner of certain real property located on Block 1602 Lot 4 which property were not needed or required for municipal use; and

WHEREAS, the lots are less than the minimum size required for development under the municipal ordinance and are without capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, a public sale was held on October 16,2023 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13; and

WHEREAS, there is an offer to purchase the real property located on Block 1602 Lot 4 for \$17,200.00 by Briana, LLC and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Folsom deems it in the best interests of the residents of the Borough of Folsom to accept the bids and sell the properties in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Folsom that the bids for Block 1602 Lot 4 are accepted and that the property be sold.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk and the Mayor are authorized to execute any and all Closing Documents to Effectuate the Sales.

**Borough of Folsom
RESOLUTION #2023-101**

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT APPLICATION Form 1B
Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
Fiscal Grant Cycle October 2020-June 2025

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities through New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials, but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, The Borough of Folsom has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Atlantic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Folsom Governing Body does hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Borough of Folsom Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2025 in the amount of:

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|---------------|------------|
| GCADA | \$5,850.68 |
| Cash Match | \$1,462.67 |
| In Kind Match | \$4,388.01 |

Total Alliance Budget: \$11,701.36

2. The Borough of Folsom acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance Grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

A motion to approve Resolutions #2023-88 thru 2023-101 excluding 2023-97 was made by Councilman Porretta and seconded by Councilman Blazer.

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: *Angela reminded residents of the upcoming land sale of two lots and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.*

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: *no report*

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

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

We are nearing completion of the design of the roads. Once the design is finished, we will do a cost estimate to determine if we can proceed with all of the roads or if we need to reduce the project limits accordingly. We would like to meet with the Roads Committee and Public Works to discuss the proposed improvements and prioritize the roads, if necessary.

We anticipate submitting the plans and specs to the Borough and NJDOT for approval in December. Based on our current timeline, we would recommend that the Borough go to bid at the same time in early spring for the FY 2023 Roads and the FY 2024 Roads since they are within the same neighborhood. We have done this in the past and found that the unit prices are generally lower for the larger workload, and the quality of work, especially paving, turns out much better. We would need to complete the survey and design of the FY 2024 Roads over the winter if the Borough would like to proceed with this approach.

NJDOT FY 2024 - Resurfacing of Fenimore Drive, Lenape Terrace, & Mohawk Drive

The Borough has been awarded a municipal aid grant in the amount of \$245,450.00 to resurface Fenimore Drive, Lenape Terrace, and Mohawk Drive. Based on the allotment amount, we anticipate that the Borough can complete drainage and roadway improvements to Fenimore Drive from the Black Horse Pike to Erie Road, the entirety of Lenape Terrace, and the remainder of Mohawk Drive. As previously mentioned, we anticipate completing the survey and design of these roads for approval by NJDOT in early spring, with the start of construction to follow in summer of 2024.

In order to proceed with this work over the winter, we need to get authorization from Council and Dawn to reallocate funds in this year's engineering budget. We propose to close the purchase order for the FY 2023 Roads, which would have a remaining balance for construction services that would not be needed this year. We would submit another proposal for approval utilizing those funds to complete the survey and design of the FY 2024 Roads over the winter, and then next year's engineering budget would include the construction services only for each project. The Borough would save a considerable amount of money in both the engineering costs and construction costs if we proceed this way.

ACIA CDBG FY 2020 - Court Room Automated Door Operators

We have submitted all required closeout documents to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority. The Borough should receive reimbursement soon, if not already.

MAYOR'S REPORT: *The Mayor wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Greg thanked Greg Conway, Diane Eby and Larry Adair for their work on the Veterans Day Ceremony. Greg also thanked Sue for stepping in and handling the meeting for the Clerk who is out of town.*

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Conway: *Greg reported on the toy drive. Greg thanked the Folsom Principal, teachers and students for providing letter to the veterans. Greg reported the Colling Lakes Fire Department are looking for more members. Please check website. Greg handed out a flag pin and pocketknife to each Council member from the Veterans (Frank Calletta). Greg congratulated Diane Eby on her new title as Atlantic County Vice Commander. Greg wished everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.*

Councilman Norman *No report*

Councilman Porretta: *No report.*

Councilman Whittaker: *Jim read the Public Safety report. Jim reported on the Atlantic County OEM meeting that was held at Borough Hall.*

Councilman Hoffman: *No report*

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Councilman Blazer: *Jake thanked Sue for stepping in and handling the meeting. Jake read the DPW report. Jake reported on the Parks & Rec meeting.*

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: *No comments*

PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$280,037.98

A motion to approve payment was made by Councilman Porretta 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 for updated Borough information and the Borough of Folsom Facebook page.

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

With no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:37PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto
Municipal Clerk

