

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
May 11, 2021**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:24 PM

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 has been posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board showing the time and place of said meeting.*

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

Also present: Attorney Angela Costigan and Jen Heller (Vince Poistina & Assoc.)

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES from April 13, 2021

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

They was a roll call vote with ayes all.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES from April 13, 2021

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

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

There was a long discussion on the purchase of a digital sign.

RESOLUTION:

2021-61

**Borough of Folsom
Resolution # 2021-61**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A CUSTOM FABRICATED DOUBLE SIGN WITH ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER TO INCLUDE SKIRTING AND INSTALLATION NOT TO EXCEED \$28,455 SUBJECT TO CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS AVAILABLE BY THE CFO

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom have determined a need for an electronic message center; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that it is in the best interests of the residents of the Borough of Folsom to purchase the sign as a significant benefit to the residents of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Folsom that the Borough may purchase an electronic message center at a cost not to exceed \$28,455 subject to certification of funds available by the CFO.

There was a motion to approve Resolution 2021-61 made by Councilman Norman and seconded by Councilman Conway.

There was a roll call with ayes all

Mayor Schenker reported that County Counsel Jim Ferguson and retired Judge Mark Sandson came before Council this evening to speak about the benefits of merging the Atlantic County Courts.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: *No comments*

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

Borough Hall will be closed on Monday, May 31, 2021 in observance of Memorial Day

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.

Mayor Schenker asked if Council wanted to remove any resolutions from the Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTIONS:

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION 2020-58**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom have opted to participate in the Atlantic County Community Development Grant (CDBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, as a participant, the Borough of Folsom expects to be allocated \$15,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2021; and

WHEREAS, in order to be allocated CDBG funds, the Borough of Folsom must enter into an interlocal service agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority, which is the Administrator of the Atlantic County CDBG Entitlement Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Agreement by and between the Atlantic County Improvement Authority and the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom, which is attached hereto, is hereby approved and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said agreement.

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-59**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE
COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR DISPATCH SERVICES FOR POLICE,
FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 through 40A:65-35) authorizes local units of this State to enter into a contract with any local unit or units for the joint provision within their several jurisdictions of any service which any party to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom and the County of Gloucester have identified an area where working together through Shared Services will result in a positive outcome for both the Borough and the County of Gloucester ; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and the County of Gloucester have agreed that the County of Gloucester will provide dispatch services to the Borough in accordance with Shared Services Agreement attached as Exhibit A to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the County of Gloucester will provide emergency and routine radio communications with police, fire and EMS emergency providers to the Borough of Folsom on a 24-hour per day basis; and

WHEREAS, the County of Gloucester will provide direct emergency dispatch services to the Borough for ten years, beginning on May 1, 2021 and ending on April 30, 2031;and

WHEREAS, the Borough shall pay the County of Gloucester a fee of \$10,278.92 for the first year .Thereafter, for the second and subsequent years, there shall be an annual increase based on the Consumer Price Index-Urban Wage Earners. The annual sum shall be paid quarterly by February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1 of each calendar year.

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

1. The Recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference.
2. The Mayor and Clerk of the Borough of Folsom are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Shared Services Agreement attached as Exhibit A (“Agreement”) with the County of Gloucester. A copy of the Agreement shall be open for public inspection at the Offices of the Borough immediately after passage of this Resolution.
3. The terms of this Agreement shall take effect upon the adoption of appropriate Resolutions and execution of the Agreement by the parties thereto.

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION NO #2021-60**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR A USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT TO SUPPORT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY AND ENTERPRISE PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the USDA is making funding available under a Rural Development Grant program to support business opportunity and enterprise projects in rural towns, communities, state agencies, authorities, nonprofits, federally-recognized tribes, institutes of higher education and cooperatives; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of the Borough of Folsom that the Borough apply for this grant and obtain funding to purchase machinery, specifically a 50 foot tow behind boom lift T500J, which equipment is routinely rented by the Borough in emergencies; and

WHEREAS, there would be a substantial cost savings to the Borough if it is able to purchase this equipment instead of continually renting it; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding is contingent upon the project submission and availability of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom wish to apply for this grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Folsom that an application be submitted to the USDA to obtain a rural development grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Administrator shall be authorized to review and sign all grant applications made by the Borough to the USDA.

A motion was made by Councilman Norman to approve Resolutions 2020-58 through 2021-60 and seconded by Councilman Conway.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: *Ms. Costigan reported on the May 5, 2021 land sale and discussed with Council the new Cannabis Legislation. Council approve the following by roll call vote. After a long discussion Council voted on the following:*

A motion was made by Councilman Blazer and seconded by Councilman Hoffman to approve the retail sales of cannabis in the Borough of Folsom. There was a roll call vote.

Conway-N Whittaker-Y Porretta-Y Norman-N Hoffman-Y Blazer-Y

Restrictions: *The hours of operation for Class 5 cannabis retailers in all other permitted zones shall be 9am to 9pm Monday-Sunday.*

A motion was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Blazer to permit the cannabis Cultivating, Manufacturing, Wholesale and Distributor licenses in the F20 Zone. There was a roll call vote.

Conway-Y Norman-N Porretta-N Whittaker-N Hoffman-N Blazer-N

A motion was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Norman to permit cannabis Cultivating, Manufacturing, Wholesale and Distributor licenses in the FCS and FCR Zone and only on lots that have Black Horse Pike frontage.

Conway -Y Norman-Y Porretta-Y Whittaker-Y Hoffman-Y Blazer-Y

Councilman Norman thanked Jen Heller for help and support with Council and the Planning/Zoning board on the Cannabis issue.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: No report

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Cannabis Committee

The "Cannabis Committee" met on April 21st to discuss the five types of licenses and where in the Borough each license should be permitted to operate. The committee members agreed that the Borough should not permit retail sales anywhere within the Borough. In reviewing the Borough's zoning map, the committee recommends only permitting cultivating, manufacturing, wholesale, and distributor licenses in the FC-R and FC-S zoning districts along the Black Horse Pike (and only permitted on lots with frontage on the Black Horse Pike).

NJDOT FY2022 – Municipal Aid

The applications for the FY2022 Municipal Aid and Bikeway grants are due on July 1st. Next month, for the June meeting, we will need a resolution from the governing body to submit the applications. We will need to select a project / street to resurface and we will need to decide if we are submitting for the Bikeway grant and finalize the location of the proposed bike path.

NJDOT FY2020 - Resurfacing of Lake Drive

The Contractor, Arawak Paving Company, has finished paving North Pinewood Drive and Lake Drive. Striping and signage was completed this week. The radar speed warning signage will be installed soon. The project should be completed by the end of this month.

NJDOT FY2021 - Resurfacing of Park Avenue

We are currently working on the design for the resurfacing of Park Avenue. We have identified the drainage issues at 30 Park Avenue and will work to resolve the issue. We anticipate having the design plans and specifications done and out to the DOT for review this month and expect to have the project out for bid the project this summer.

Eighth Street Bridge

From Atlantic County: A full detour for Eighth Street is still in effect indefinitely. The County has indicated that the project is still under design now. The County previously had design plans completed, but now due to the condition of the bridge, the County needs to do a full replacement

of the bridge. The entire bridge will be replaced with a concrete bridge which has an expected life span of 75 years.

MAYOR'S REPORT: *Mayor Schenker wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day. Greg stated that the Veterans' Memorial concrete pad will be poured next week followed by the moving of the Monument. Hopefully next year we can plan an event.*

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Conway: *Greg asked for Council's help with the Adopt-A-Spot program. Help with finding vendors to participate. Greg discussed New Jersey Sustainability Grant. Greg also reviewed the resolution that was on the Agenda to approve a grant to purchase a piece of equipment. Greg also asked for approval to submit a Sustainable New Jersey Grant Application*

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION# 2021-62**

**Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body Authorizing the
Sustainable Jersey Grant Application**

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, Borough of Folsom strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, Borough of Folsom is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created a grant program called the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program;

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom has determined that Folsom should apply for the aforementioned Grant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom, State of New Jersey, authorize the submission of the aforementioned Sustainable Jersey Grant.

A motion to approve Resolution 2021-62 was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Norman.

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

Councilman Norman: Councilman Norman read the fire report.

Councilman Porretta: No report.

Councilman Whittaker: *Councilman Whittaker read the State Police Report. Jim discussed speeding issues on Lake Drive and traffic on Mays Landing Rd.*

Mayor Schenker reported that one of the Department of Public Works vehicles was involved in a minor accident on 14th St. A driver drove into the truck while the vehicle was making a left turn.

Councilman Hoffman: *No report*

Councilman Blazer: *No report*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: *Ron Esposito (Laurel Lane) thanked Council for putting the speed bumps back after the last meeting and adding police patrols to the Lake Dr. area. However he voiced his disapproval that the speed humps were not placed back after the paving of the road.*

Mayor Schenker stated that the Borough is waiting for the State to complete the inspection and give approval to place the speed humps back.

PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$645,523.92

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

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

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

The next regular meeting of Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 starting at 6:00 pm in Borough Hall, 1700 12th Street, Folsom, NJ

With no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto
Municipal Clerk

