

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
WORKSHOP MINUTES (Revised)
August 11, 2020**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:06 PM 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, Arena, Hoffman and Blazer

ABSENT: Councilman Jantz and Councilman Porretta

Also Present: Attorney Kris Facenda, Mayor Greg Schenker and Jen Heller (Vince Polistina & Assoc.)

Paul Miola an Executive Municipal JIF Strategist from Risk Program Administrators (RPA) gave a brief presentation on the benefits of participating in the Atlantic County Joint Insurance Fund and reviewed Folsom’s report with Mayor and Council.

Councilman Hoffman asked Mr. Miola if the Borough installed a “Safe Exchange Zone” at Borough Hall and something bad took place during an exchange would the Borough have some liability. A discussion ensued over the Exchange Zone.

Mayor Schenker read two letters he received from NJDOT.

Mayor Schenker updated Council on a letter he received from Atlantic County regarding the merger of County Court Systems. Greg reported that only a few towns have responded to the County at this time.

Mayor Schenker discussed solar radar signs installed on Borough roads. Council received a sign design handout from our engineer.

Mayor Schenker read a resolution (Second Amendment) request from Folsom resident Bob Presti. Our attorney will review.

Clerk asked Mayor and Council what they thought about Chrome Books for Council meetings. A discussion ensued and Council agreed.

Councilman Blazer informed Council that he was receiving quotes for playground equipment that were over budget. Jake asked Council for permission to submit a grant for equipment. A discussion ensued. Councilman Arena stated that he spoke with the School and they are also looking into playground equipment for Falcon’s Nest Park.

Councilman Conway asked to table Resolution#2020-67 until the state can come down and speak with Council. A discussion ensued and it was determined that we can move forward on this resolution.

MEETING IS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. NO VOTES WILL BE TAKEN

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Matt Roncone (1314 13th St.), Andy Magee (1307 13th St.), Kevin Driscoll (1310 13th St.), and Ryan Krueger (1311 13th St.) all appeared before Council to express their concerns over the proposed 2018 13th St. Bike Path & Pedestrian Project and were disappointed that they were not informed of the project.

Inaudible from the audience. Resident speaking from the audience did not stand up to microphone and identify themselves.

Al Norman (28 E. Park Avenue) stated that this was the first time he was hearing about this project because he wasn't really paying attention like most people. Al said he hopes that maybe the project engineer can work something out that will be agreeable to everyone. Al also stated that the reason we can't get a reduction in our insurance premium is because of the previous lawsuits and in 2024 the Borough should see a reduction.

Matt Roncone (1314 13th St.) asked Mayor and Council to please keep them informed going forward.

Ryan Krueger (1311 13th St.) complained about the site triangles at Backline Rd. and 14th St. are getting pretty overgrown. Councilman Conway stated that it's been cut.

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With no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:39PM with ayes all.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto
Municipal Clerk