

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
January 12, 2020**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:50 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, Porretta, Whittaker, Hoffman and Blazer

Absent: Councilman Norman

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

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES from December 8, 2020

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 with the exception of Councilman Whittaker's abstention.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES from December 8, 2020

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.

APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECS FOR FY 2020 RESURFACING OF LAKE DRIVE

A motion to approve the plans & specs was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Blazer

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

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: No Comments

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

Borough Hall Offices will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021 in observance of MLK

Next E-Waste Day is January 9, 2021 from 8:00AM to 1:00PM at the Borough Garage

Free Rabies Clinic will be held on March 20, 2021 from 9:00AM until 11:00AM at the Borough Garage. We will be renewing dog/cat licenses at the Clinic.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION 2021-28
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE ENGINEER'S PROPOSAL FOR DESIGN
SERVICES FOR THE RESURFACING OF OF PARK AVENUE**

WHEREAS, a proposal for design services for the Resurfacing of Park Avenue has been submitted by Polistina & Associates, LLC for approval of the council.

WHEREAS, the professional services are as follows:

- Total Tasks 1-6 Design Services \$19,000.00
- Total Tasks 7-8 Construction Services \$28,500.00
- Total Tasks (not to exceed) \$47,500.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that the proposal for design services submitted by Polistina & Associates LLC is accepted and authorization is given for the Resurfacing of Park Avenue

A motion to approve Resolution #2021-28 was made by Councilman Blazer and seconded by Councilman Porretta

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

**RESOLUTION 2020-29
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CREDIT OF AN OVERPAYMENT OF
PROPERTY TAXES**

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Borough Council that payment has been made in excess in 2020 to the below listed properties; and

WHEREAS, said payments have resulted in overpayment for 2020 property taxes in the amounts listed below as certified by the Borough Tax Collector;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom that the following overpayments be credited to 2021 property taxes;

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Amount</u>
301	10Q0002	\$2.86
2103	1	\$436.36
2501	342	\$2,487.59
2608	626	\$117.37

2618	183	\$55.89
2703	662	\$105.62
2712	396	\$1050.02
2712	397	\$336.72
2717	499	\$.20
2717	507	\$23.85
3401	15	\$76.12
3401	35Q00024	\$6.23

A motion to approve Resolution #2021-29 was made by Councilman Porretta and seconded by Councilman Conway

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

**RESOLUTION 2021-30
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Borough Council that payment has been made in excess on the 2020 taxes to the property listed; and

WHEREAS, said payments have resulted in overpayment of property taxes in the amounts listed below;

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TO</u>
2617/133	\$512.35	Carmen Rabatin

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, that the following overpayments be refunded.

A motion to approve Resolution #2021-30 was made by Councilman Porretta and seconded by Councilman Conway

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

**RESOLUTION 2021-31
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION REVISING RESOLUTION 2021-27 TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING
APPOINTMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

2021 COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3 YEAR – MIKE PORRETTA, JR.

12/31/23

3 YEAR - TRISTON UNDERWOOD

12/31/23

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing appointments were adopted at the regular meeting of Mayor and Council on January 12, 2021 in the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey.

A motion to approve Resolution #2021-31 was made by Councilman Porretta and seconded by Councilman Conway

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

**RESOLUTION # 2021-32
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Folsom have agreed to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA) for Solid Waste Disposal; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom and the ACUA desire to enter into said Agreement and to fix the expiration date of said Agreement to occur on December 31, 2025 in order to enable long term planning by both parties for the proper disposal of the Municipality's solid waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Governing Body of the Borough of Folsom approves the attached Agreement and authorizes the Mayor to execute.

A motion to approve Resolution #2021-32 was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Porretta

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION # 2021-33**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A REVISED
GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom authorized a grant application for the construction of a pedestrian path to connect with existing Borough amenities through municipal rights of way and Borough owned properties on or about August 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2021, a presentation was made to Mayor and Council by Dale Foster of GPI Design Consultants recommending a revision of the grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation in conformance with an alternative project proposed by GPI dated July, 2020; and

WHEREAS, for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough of Folsom, the application must be revised; and

WHEREAS, the project will promote and encourage pedestrian and bicycle access and safety for the residents of the Borough of Folsom.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor the Council of the Borough of Folsom that the grant application previously submitted to the New Jersey Department of Transportation be revised in accordance with the alternative proposal prepared by GPI dated July, 2020 and that the Mayor and Borough Clerk shall execute any and all documents necessary to revise the grant application and agreement.

A motion to approve Resolution #2021-33 was made by Councilman Conway and seconded by Councilman Porretta

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION # 2021-34**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITOR TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE
ADDRESSING VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES AND OBTAIN A
CONTRACT OF PARTICIPATION WITH COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom finds that vacant and abandoned properties can lead to neighborhood decline and become attractive nuisances causing the Borough to incur significant costs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom contains structures that are vacant; and

WHEREAS, it has been established that vacant and abandoned structures cause harm to the health, safety and general welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Borough incurs disproportionate costs in order to deal with the problems of vacant and abandoned structures and storefronts;

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the Borough to establish minimum standards of accountability on the owners and other responsible parties of vacant and abandoned structures in order to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the Borough of Folsom; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the Borough to impose a fee in conjunction with the registration of vacant and abandoned structures in light of the disproportionate costs imposed upon the Borough by the presences of these structures; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Borough to take adequate steps to monitor such properties and protect Borough residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom authorizes the Borough Solicitor to prepare an Ordinance addressing vacant and abandoned properties and obtain a contract of participation with Community Champions.

A motion to approve Resolution #2021-34 was made by Councilman Porretta and seconded by Councilman Whittaker

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION # 2021-35**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE
REVISED GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION FOR A PEDESTRIAN PATH**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom has authorized the revision of grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the establishment of a pedestrian path; and

WHEREAS, a Special Committee is needed to review the application and all appropriate plans submitted therewith; and

WHEREAS, for the health, welfare and safety of the residents of the Borough of Folsom, a pedestrian path needs to be constructed within the Borough.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom establishes a Special Committee to review the revised grant application for the construction of a pedestrian path and that Ronald Esposito, Jacob Blazer, James Hoffman and Gregory Conway are appointed to serve thereupon.

A motion to approve Resolution #2021-35 was made by Councilman Blazer and seconded by Councilman Porretta

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No report

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: No report

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Jen Heller read report

NJDOT FY2021 Municipal Aid

The DOT recently announced the Municipal Aid grant recipients. The Borough of Folsom was selected to receive \$285,000 in funding for the resurfacing of Park Avenue. We have provided a proposal for approval by Council to begin the survey and design for the project.

NJDOT FY2020 - Resurfacing of Lake Drive

Plans and specifications have been sent to the DOT for their final review and approval. Plans and specifications were sent to Council for their approval in December. We expect to have the project out for bid later this month and awarding a contract in March. Construction would begin in the spring, beginning with the drainage work, and paving to begin as soon as the weather is favorable, at least 30 days later.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Schenker reported that COVID-19 cases are on the rise in Folsom. He reminded residents to wash their hands, wear a mask, social distance and keep the sick in your prayers.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Conway: Greg asked Council to consider a project called Adopt –A-Spot which local landscapers help the Borough maintain certain properties in Folsom. Council gave Greg approval to research and bring information to Council. Greg reported that leaf collection is over for 2020. Greg welcomed Jim and Al to Council.

Councilman Norman: ABSENT

Councilman Porretta: NO REPORT

Councilman Whitaker: NO REPORT

Councilman Hoffman: NO REPORT

Councilman Blazer: Jake reported that the Falcon's Nest playground equipment began today. Jake thanked the Public Works Department for clearing and backfilling the area. Jake also reported that the Parks & Rec Commission did not approve of the new revised plans for the Pedestrian Bike Path. Jake wanted that on record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$36,390.17

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

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

There was a long discussion on speed humps and stop signs.

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, February 9, 2020 starting at 6:00 pm in Borough Hall, 1700 12th Street, Folsom, NJ

With no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:29PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto
Municipal Clerk

