

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
December 14, 2021**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 8:12PM

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, Whittaker, Porretta, Norman, Hoffman and Blazer

Absent: Councilman Hoffman

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

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES from November 9, 2021

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 of Councilman Whittaker's abstention

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES from November 9, 2021

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Norman 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 December 24, December 27, 2021, December 31st, in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day.

Mayor Schenker asked Council if anyone would like to remove a resolution from Consent Agenda.

Proclamation

**RECOGNIZING "LAST SALUTE" AS THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM'S "OFFICIAL
MILITARY FUNERAL HONOR GUARD"**

Whereas, the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey would like to recognize "Last Salute as its Official Military Funeral Honor Guard; and

Whereas, the last salute is a dedicated group of volunteer Military Veterans committed to providing our fallen brothers and sisters with dignified and appropriate final services, including the guard salute, flag folding and presentation, honor guard, taps, casket guard and the familiar “Jamie Lee” cannon; and

Whereas, members of the Last Salute serve Atlantic County and some members are residents of Atlantic County which volunteer their time for the Veterans that have served in our Community; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that

“LAST SALUTE”

is hereby recognized as the official Military Funeral Honor Guard for the Borough of Folsom

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.

RESOLUTIONS:

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION NO. #2021-103**

A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL CURRENT APPROPRIATION BALANCES

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-60 permits any unexpended balances of appropriations to be canceled prior to the end of the fiscal year by resolution of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the following 2021 Current Fund budget appropriations remain unexpended;
and

Interlocal Agreements:

1-01-42-108-000 – Municipal Court Shared Services \$18,000.00

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be credited to surplus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:4-60, by the Council of the Borough of Folsom that the above listed unexpended balances of the Current Fund be cancelled.

BOROUGH OF FOLSOM

#2021-104

**PARTICIPANT'S RESOLUTION
LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$10 million for Shared Services and School District Consolidation Study and Implementation Grants to assist local units with the study, development, and implementation of new shared and regional services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) is tasked with administering these grant funds through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP); and

WHEREAS, LEAP Implementation Grants exist to support costs associated with shared service implementation to ensure that meaningful, efficiency generating initiatives are not hindered by short term transitional expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic County Government propose to enter into a shared services agreement, but face certain expenses associated with implementation that present a burden to the local units; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this shared services agreement is to (purchase three (3) trailer mounted attenuators (TMA) and three (3) arrow boards to make available on an as needed basis to all Atlantic County municipalities at no cost through a shared service agreement, which will benefit the residents of all participating local units; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic County Government has agreed to be the lead agency in this program and will submit the application to DLGS on behalf of all participating units; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Folsom), that the Borough of Folsom does hereby join with (Atlantic County Government) in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$65,202.50 to support implementation of this shared service.

A motion was made by Councilman Norman to approve Resolutions 2021-103 thru 2021-106 and seconded by Councilman Porretta.

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: *Ms. Costigan reported that the DEP is mandating new flood ordinances for the Municipalities and she has reviewed and revised the sample Ordinance that was given and it will be introduced at our regular January council meeting. Angela wished everyone a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.*

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: *Councilman Norman read report*

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer's Report
December 14, 2021

NJDOT FY2022 - Resurfacing of S. Pinewood Drive, Evergreen Drive, Lake Drive, etc.

The Borough has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$285,000 to resurface Evergreen Drive, South Pinewood Drive, and the remainder of Lake Drive. We will begin the survey work and complete the design for approval by the NJDOT in the winter and anticipate construction beginning in the late spring or summer 2022.

NJDOT FY2021 - Resurfacing of Park Avenue

The contractor has completed the drainage improvements for the project. The contractor has paving scheduled for the week of December 27th, weather pending, so that the project will be completed this year. The Borough and the residents will be notified prior to the work beginning on Park Avenue. In the event that weather prevents the paving from being completed at the end of the month, it will be done in the spring.

Eighth Street Bridge

The DEP recently issued the required land use permits for the bridge construction. The bridge is still closed. A full detour for Eighth Street continues to be in effect indefinitely.

Mayor's Report: *Mayor Schenker thanked Councilman Conway for his work on the Veteran Memorial Day Event. Greg also thanked Diane Eby for all her efforts. Greg wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please be cautious when driving.*

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Conway: *Greg thanked Chuck Knuston from Last Salute, Gordon Payne from the DAV and Art Orsi from Hammonton for all their help and guidance with the Veteran Memorial Service. Greg thanked Diane Eby. Greg also thanked all the residents for their toy donations. Greg stated then when walking around town he hears a lot of complaints but said there is also a lot of positives he hears too. Greg wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays.*

Councilman Norman: *no report*

Councilman Porretta: *no report*

Councilman Whittaker: *Jim thanked Councilman Conway for this work on the Veteran Day Service. Jim reported on the speed stalker trailer that was placed on Mays landing Rd. Jim also addressed the negative comments on Facebook regarding speeding in the Borough. Jim assured the residents that Mayor and Council consider public safety to be their number one priority and take it very serious. Jim stated that the Borough is doing everything they can with the resources we have. Jim wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.*

Councilman Hoffman: *no report*

Councilman Blazer: *Jake wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Jake gave a brief review of the Parks & Rec accomplishments this past year and what they would like to do in 2022.*

Mayor Schenker asked residents if any is interested in serving on the Planning/Zoning board to please contact Borough Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: *None*

PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$207,385.57

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

The re-organization meeting of Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 starting at 6:00 pm and the next regular Council meeting will be held on January 11, 2022 starting a 6:00pm.

With no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto
Municipal Clerk

