

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
December 12, 2017**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:06 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG LED BY Mayor DeStefano

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: Smith, Jantz, Pagano, Arena, Hoffman and Schenker

Also present: Mayor Lou DeStefano, Attorney Brian Lozuke, and Engineer Gary Auer

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP MINUTES November 14, 2017

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Arena

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM November 14, 2017

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Arena

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

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Rick Dovey and Gary Conover from the Atlantic County Utilities Authority gave a presentation on the 2018 Budget.

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

Borough Hall Offices will be closed on December 22, December 25, 2017 and January 1, 2018 in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2017-108

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM ESTABLISHING AND
IMPLEMENTING A "GREEN TEAM" ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH TO SUPPORT
SUSTAINABLE PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom strives to conserve energy, save money, and promote the wellness of the Borough's residents, and preserve our fragile environment for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom desire to implement and encourage a plan to join with residents to act communally and personally to pursue green community actions and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom further desire to establish a community sustainability program in partnership with a group of interested volunteers who will be recognized as the Borough's "green team"; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom will join in a partnership with the Borough's "green team" to develop plans, implement programs and assist with educational opportunities and initiatives that support a sustainable community that shall include the "Borough of Folsom Community Garden" project; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom and the Borough's "green team" will work together to seek certification through Sustainable Jersey and related programs and initiatives to fulfill the objectives of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom that we do hereby recognize the volunteers of Sustainable Folsom as our Borough's official "green team."

A motion to approve Resolution #2017-108 was made by Councilman Pagano and seconded by Councilman Smith

Mayor thanked Jake Blazer and Parks Commission for all their work. Councilman Pagano agreed.

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

**RESOLUTION 2017-109
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INVITATION OF BIDS
FOR SINGLE STREAM RECYCLABLE MATERIALS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom requires services for the collection and removal of recyclable material within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed in the best interest of the Borough of Folsom that such services be obtained through the invitation of Public Bids in accordance with New Jersey Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom that the invitation, instructions and specifications thereto are hereby authorized and that the Clerk hereafter shall further publish such invitation for bids in accordance with the bid

documents forthwith upon the adoption hereof.

A motion to approve Resolution #2017-109 was made by Councilman Pagano and seconded by Councilman Smith

RESOLUTION 2017-110

**RESOLUTION EXCLUDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITHIN A
PORTION OF A MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12**

WHEREAS, meetings of the Mayor and Borough Council are subject to the provisions of a Statute entitled the "Open Public Meetings Act" codified within N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, et. seq.;

WHEREAS, the said Act provides for public participation within all meetings, except those meetings or business which involve certain enumerated activities of a public body as further set forth in the said Statute; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council desires to discuss and act upon certain matters, subject to the exclusions of said Act under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10-4-12, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Act hereinabove recited provides that a public body may exclude public participation within any meeting wherein such matters may be discussed or acted upon provided that a Resolution be adopted at a meeting to which the public is admitted;

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

A. The public shall and will be excluded from that portion of a meeting conducted by the Borough Council on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, concerning matters contemplated in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 et seq., and to specifically include contract negotiations concerning the municipal court under N.J.S.A.10:4-12(b)(7).

B. Directing the Clerk to separately record the minutes of that portion of the aforesaid meeting dealing with such matters and retain same within a confidential file until such time that those matters have been fully acted upon by the Township Committee.

A motion to approve Resolution #2017-110 was made by Councilman Pagano and seconded by Councilman Arena

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: no report

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Councilman Smith read the report.

The following incident occurred in your community during the month of November 2017.

Nov. 20th Highway Hazard (tree Branch in road) 8th Street 11 Members Responding

November was a busy month for training, quite a bit of training was conducted on apparatus, annual refreshers, training with the new ladder truck which was recently placed in service, all cold water/ ice rescue equipment was inspected, SCBA were inspected and all batteries were replaced.

Just a reminder anyone needing smoke detectors the Fire Department has them available at the firehouse, so please don’t hesitate to ask. Anyone needing them should contact town hall or you can reach us at clfd23.org and we will be glad to get them out. Again anyone wishing to stop by the station members are there every Tuesday night starting at 7pm. You can also check us out on Facebook or Twitter.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

FY16 State Aid Project - 14th Street

The subcontractor for the project, Kline Construction, completed the replacement of the damaged storm drain crossing near the intersection with Backline Road. Kline anticipates returning after the Christmas holiday to complete the final restoration via infrared.

Arawak Paving, Inc. completed the installation of the required signage and topsoil. They also replaced the inlet grates with bicycle safe grates and new curb pieces. We have notified them of the depressions caused by their machines during the work and anticipate them completing the necessary restoration.

2016 Community Development Block Grant Funding - Borough Hall Automatic Door Operators

A preconstruction meeting was held with the contractor and myself, with the Borough Clerk and Public Works Superintendent in attendance last month. The contractor has ordered the necessary materials and anticipates beginning work the 2nd or 3rd week of January.

During the meeting the contractor identified a few additional items that would help improve the functionality of the system. The recommended components will add an additional \$1,500 to the project, which will be covered by the remaining CDBG funding the Borough has received.

Folsom Development Associates, LLC

The site contractor is continuing with the site improvements. The concrete curbing along Route 54 and Mays Landing Road has been poured, along with a large quantity of the on-site concrete work. The wells for both building have been drilled. The septic fields are anticipated to be completed sometime next month.

8th Street County Bridge Replacement

Our office reached out to the County Engineer's office to obtain an updated schedule for the replacement of the bridge along 8th Street. The bridge was to be originally replaced in 2017, but the schedule was pushed back by the County and they are now looking at beginning construction by September 2018.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor DeStefano wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year and hopes then can spend time with their family. Mayor DeStefano thanked the Borough Staff, the Folsom School Singers and the Collings Lake Fire Department for their participation in the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting. He also thanked everyone who came.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS:

Councilman Kyle Smith: wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and Hanukkah. Kyle reminded residents that Santa will be driving around Folsom so please be safe when driving around the Holidays.

Councilman Ken Jantz: reported that he was away participating in the Caribbean Relief. Councilman Jantz thanked our attorney for the Fire Department Contract. Ken reported that a resident contacted him regarding a speed limit sign on 14th St. Ken stated he will forward to Streets and Roads Committee for review. Ken reported that all street lights are working at this time. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Hanukkah.

Councilman Pagano: reported that during the last snow event the Borough used 14 tons of salt. Councilman Pagano reminded everyone to remember the reason we celebrate the season. Ben wished everyone a Happy, Lovely Christmas, Hanukkah and Happy New Year.

Councilman Arena: reported that the two picnic tables that the Parks & Rec ordered are to be installed. Charlie reported that Parks & Rec submitted the tennis and basketball courts upgrades as a capital improvement project. Charlie wished everyone a Healthy New Year and a good Holiday.

Councilman Hoffman: thanked everyone for allowing him to miss two meetings because of classes. Councilman Hoffman expressed his concerns over the (dip) inlet in the road on 14th Street. Jim suggested that we look at the inlets before we do any paving projects in the future. Jim wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilman Schenker: wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Kwanzaa.

PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS ONLY:

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No comments

PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$214,779.25

A motion to approve payment was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Arena

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

Entered into executive session at 7:34PM

Returned from executive session at 8:20PM

Mayor DeStefano reminded the public that all other monthly reports are on file in the minute book and to please visit the Borough website with updated information along with the Folsom Borough Facebook Page.

The Borough of Folsom's re-organization meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 6:00pm at Borough Hall. The next regular meeting of Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 starting with the workshop meeting at 6:00 pm and immediately thereafter continuing with the regular meeting at Borough Hall, 1700 12th Street, Folsom, NJ.

With no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM with ayes all.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto
Municipal Clerk