

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
WORKSHOP MINUTES
February 13, 2018**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:05 PM

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 DeStefano, Attorney Brian Lozuke, and Engineer Mark Herrmann

Mayor DeStefano gave Engineer Mark Herrmann a letter from the Atlantic County Improvement Authority requesting a representative from the Borough attend. Mayor asked Mark to attend on our behalf as our previous engineer did. Mark responded that he already received the letter from Clerk Gatto and he will be attending.

Mayor DeStefano asked if Council had any questions regarding the Agenda.

Councilman Schenker had a question about Ordinance #01-2018 certain line items which pertain to the Zoning Official and Code Enforcement Official. Greg asked for job descriptions. Councilman Smith stated that he forwarded the job description to everyone. Councilman Schenker responded that he did not receive it. Councilman Schenker stated that we need to correct our administrative code along with the ordinance. Councilman Schenker had questions regarding the Administrative Assistant changes along with hourly and salary rates.

There was a long discussion over the court merger and costs involved.

Clerk Gatto reminded Council that two more Councilman have to attend the next JIF Elected Officials meeting on March 29, 2018 in Easthampton.

Mayor DeStefano asked the residents if they're here this evening to discuss their tax assessments to please wait until the regular Council meeting to speak because there will be some additional information with regards to the tax assessments given at that meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carol Schreffler (**27 E. Park Avenue**) voiced her disappointment over the direction our community is being lead.

Councilman Smith and Councilman Arena responded to Ms. Schreffler over the postcard she mailed to the residents.

Larry Delfico (**1208 Mays Landing Rd**) expressed his disappointment over what is happening at the Council meetings.

Al Norman (**28 E. Park Avenue**) voiced his concern over Council members not receiving information in a timely matter to be able to make an intelligent decision.

Donna Sutts (**15 E. Park Avenue**) expressed her concern over the public receiving information. Ms. Sutts voice her concern over the planning/zoning minutes not matching a resolution.

Ed Mallec (**2125 14th St.**) hoped that Folsom doesn't merge with Hammonton.

Jim Phillips (**129 Fenimore**) told Council about what happened in Charlottesville, NC when towns merged and when the Camden Police Department became the County Department. Mr. Phillips urged Council to keep Folsom solvent.

Jack Farren (**20 Fenimore Dr**) asked if the flyer sent to the residents this past week was a misrepresentation.

Inaudible

Linda Slater (**219 Fenimore Dr**) asked Council to review all the information again before transferring the Court. Ms. Slater asked Council how the previous litigation will affect our taxes.

(Inaudible)

Michael Sutts (**3133 S. Pinewood Dr.**) reported that the State Police are patrolling the area and even if they do write tickets most of that money goes to the state. Mr. Sutts stated that most people here this evening are concerned about the flyer that is false. Mr. Sutts also thanked the State Police for their presence.

Linda Maxwell (**320 E. Collings Dr**) asked Council once the court merges why we would continue to pay a salary to an employee whose job is no longer there. Attorney Brian Lozuke explained the Borough's position regarding tenured employee.

MEETING IS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. NO VOTES WILL BE TAKEN

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto
Municipal Clerk