

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
June 14, 2022**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:29PM

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 Atlantic City Press and has been posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board showing the time and place of said meeting.*

ROLL CALL: Councilpersons: Conway, Porretta, Norman, Hoffman and Blazer

Also present: Solicitor Angela Costigan and CJ Kaenzig (Vince Polistina & Assoc.)

Absent: Mayor Greg Schenker, Councilman Whittaker and Councilman Blazer

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES from May 10, 2022

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Norman and seconded by Councilman Porretta

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES from May 10, 2022

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Norman

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

APPROVAL OF THE PLANS AND SPECS FOR FY 2022 ROAD PROJECT

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

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: NO COMMENTS

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

Borough Hall will be closed on June 20th, 2022 in observance of Juneteenth Day and on July 4, 2022 in observance of Independence Day.

Our next E-waste Drop-off Day is scheduled for July 9, 2022 from 8:00AM to 1:00PM at the Borough Garage.

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:

**RESOLUTION 2022-58
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF
REVENUE INTO THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom will receive \$2,742.27 from the State of New Jersey through the 2021 Recycling Tonnage Grant and wishes to amend its 2022 Budget to include this amount as revenue.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Folsom hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2022 in the sum of \$2,742.27.

**RESOLUTION 2022-59
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2022 in the sum of \$6,517.18, which is now available from the 2022 Clean Communities Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$6,517.18 is hereby appropriated under the caption 2022 Clean Communities.

**RESOLUTION 2022-60
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION RENEWING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES WITHIN THE
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

WHEREAS, the following Alcoholic Beverage Licensees have made their application for the renewal of their respective licenses for the year 2022-2023;

0110-44-005-005	Ruchirag, LLC 10 E. Black Horse Pike Folsom, NJ 08094	\$360.00
0110-33-001-002	Folsom Inn, Inc. 1012 East Black Horse Pike Folsom, NJ 08037	\$420.00
0110-33-003-007	Harley Dawn Inc. 1402 Black Horse Pike Folsom, NJ 08037	\$420.00
0110-33-002-011	Stern Light Inn, Inc. 40 E. Black Horse Pike Folsom, NJ 08037	\$420.00

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom Council have no objection to the 2022-2023 renewal of said license and is not aware of any circumstances or provisions of law or local Ordinance which would prohibit the issuance of said license.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom, that the Borough Clerk be hereby authorized to issue and deliver said license, which will become effective July 1, 2022.

BOROUGH OF FOLSOM

RESOLUTION #2022-62

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE ATLANTIC COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING THE VACANT FORECLOSED HOME REGISTRY SYSTEM WITH PROPERTY REGISTRATION CHAMPIONS LLC

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom, recognizes an increase in the number of vacancies and abandoned properties located throughout the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic County Improvement Authority has established a county-wide registration program to be administered by the Property Registration Champions LLC, who will identify a contact person to address safety and aesthetic concerns to minimize the negative impacts that occur as a result of foreclosures and vacant properties; and

WHEREAS, The Borough entered into a Shared Services Agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority on February 9, 2021 for a period of 10 years: and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to amend its shared services agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority to participate in the county-wide registration program with Property Registration Champions LLC to facilitate communication with the contact person responsible for abandoned and foreclosed homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Folsom that the Mayor is authorized to execute the First Amendment to the Shared Services Agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for the purpose of participating in the county-wide registration program with Property Registration Champions LLC.

BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION# 2022-63

Urging the Swift Passage of S-330 which restores Energy Tax Receipts

WHEREAS, taxes on gas and electric utilities were originally collected by the host municipalities to be used for local purposes and to compensate the public for the use of their rights of way; and

WHEREAS, when the State made itself the collection agent for these taxes, it promised to dedicate the proceeds to municipal property tax relief; since, just as municipalities collect property taxes for the benefit of school districts, counties, and other entities, the State is supposed to collect Energy Taxes for the benefit of municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, for years, though, State budget makers have diverted funding from Energy Taxes to fund State programs; and instead of being spent on local programs and services and used to offset property taxes, the money has been spent as successive Legislatures and Administrations have seen fit; and

WHEREAS, the diversion of dedicated energy tax receipts to the State's General Fund further jeopardizes this critical property tax relief funding in future years; and

WHEREAS, by reducing Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Act (CMPTRA), which is also comprised of revenues that should be returned to municipalities, State Budget makers have been able to continue collecting Energy Taxes, while keeping additional revenue that should have been returned to provide property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative impact of years of underfunding has left many municipalities with serious needs and burdensome property taxes; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials are in the best position to decide the best use of these resources, which were always intended to fund local programs and services; and

WHEREAS, Senator Singleton and Senate President Scutari have introduced legislation (S-330) that will restore, over a five-year period, Energy Tax Receipts to municipalities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Borough of Folsom in the county of Atlantic urges the Legislature to swiftly pass this legislation and Governor Murphy sign the legislation prior to passage of the FY2023 State budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to State Senator Christopher J. Connors (R-9th) Assemblywoman Dianne C. Gove (R-9th)

Assemblyman Brian Rumpf (R-9th) , Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Governor Murphy, and the League of Municipalities.

Borough of Folsom
Resolution 2022-64

Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the NJDOT for the 14th Street Bike Path Extension project. Project BIKE-2023-Folsom Borough – 00011

Borough of Folsom
Resolution 2022-65

Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the NJDOT FY 2023 – Resurfacing of Cherokee Rd., Erie Rd., Seneca Lane, Mohawk Dr., and Lenape Terrace Project Project# MA-2023-Folsom Borough 00262

RESOLUTION 2022-66

BOROUGH OF FOLSOM

A RESOLUTION RENEWING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM

WHEREAS, the following licensee has received a Special Ruling from the Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 concerning the relief for Sneakers Sports Bar Company for the license term 2022-2023 for an inactive license.

0110-33-007-010	Sneakers Sports Bar 301 E. Black Horse Pike Folsom, NJ 08037	\$420.00
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WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom Council has no objection to the 2022-2023 of said license and is not aware of any circumstances or provisions of law or local Ordinance which would prohibit the issuance of said license.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom, that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue and deliver said license, all of which shall become effective July 1, 2022

**RESOLUTION 2022-67
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH
THE ATLANTIC COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE
ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM INCOME FROM SMALL CITIES GRANTS
FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom desires to engage the services of the Atlantic County Improvement Authority to perform various services for the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic County Improvement Authority is qualified by training and experience to perform the required services in the manner and on the terms and conditions set forth in the attached contract, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom that the Atlantic County Improvement Authority is hereby appointed to be the administrators of that portion of the Folsom Housing Rehabilitation Program financed by the Program Income generated by previous Small Cities CDBG Grants, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into and execute the Inter-local Services Agreement authorizing the Atlantic County Improvement Authority as the Administrator of the Borough's Program Income-Housing Rehabilitation Program for a three year period from July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025.

A motion was made by Councilman Norman to approve Resolutions #2022-58 and 2022-67 seconded by Councilman Porretta

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

No public comments

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: *Ms. Costigan stated that she and the Ordinance Review Committee continue to review and amend Borough Ordinances to make Folsom a better place to live.*

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: *Councilman Norman read the fire report for Chief Donnelly.*

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

NJDOT FY 2021 - Resurfacing of Park Avenue

We have submitted the final closeout documents to NJDOT, and we now await final reimbursement.

NJDOT FY 2022 - Resurfacing of South Pinewood Drive, Evergreen Drive, Lake Drive, & Laurel Lane

We have submitted the plans, specs and estimate package to NJDOT for review. Once we receive authorization to advertise from NJDOT, the project can go out to bid, which we anticipate will be within the next few weeks. If the bids received are favorable and within the project budget, construction could begin later this summer.

NJDOT FY 2023 - State Aid Program

Grant applications for the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Fiscal Year 2023 State Aid programs are due by July 1, 2022. There are two resolutions on the agenda for the submission of the grant applications. The Municipal Aid application will include the resurfacing of Cherokee Road, Erie Road, Seneca Lane, Mohawk Drive and Lenape Terrace. The Bikeway application will include a proposed bike path along 14th Street from South River Drive to Back Line Road.

Radar Feedback Signs

The Borough currently has access to the Traffic Logix Cloud system, which is used to view the radar feedback sign data, through a free first-year trial. This free trial will come to an end in July 2022 for the signs on Lake Drive and in May 2023 for the signs on Park Avenue. We have contacted Traffic Logix to inquire about Cloud subscription prices, and they provided the following package deals:

- 1 year renewal - \$450 per sign per year (one time charge of \$450/sign)
- 2 year renewal - \$425 per sign per year (one time charge of \$850/sign)
- 3 year renewal - \$350 per sign per year (one time charge of \$1,050/sign)
- 7 year renewal - \$307 per sign per year (one time charge of \$2,150/sign)

To clarify, the subscription prices are per sign, and the Borough currently owns four signs. Based on these prices, and considering we will have one year's worth of data for each location, we would recommend not renewing Cloud access for the time being. However, we can always renew at any time in the future for any number of signs if it is deemed necessary.

After a long discussion regarding the speed signs membership it was agreed by Council to wait one year to renew one sign.

Council President Conway reported that he spoke with Commissioner Jim Bertino regarding the 8th Bridge temporary repair and the County is on schedule for the repair. The County is still experiencing difficulty getting materials.

Council President Conway review the Zoning report.

Mayor's Report: *Absent*

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Conway: *Greg reported on the new Newsletter. Greg also reported on the Memorial Day Service, and thanked everyone who attended. Greg thanked the Knights of Columbus in Galloway for the placement of the 660 Flags that represent the suicide of Veterans each month. Greg wished everyone a Happy and Safe Fourth of July. Greg thanked Councilmen for working through a good workshop, thanked Clerk Gatto for her help preparing the meeting, thanked CJ for his advice on issues, and thanked Angela for her help. Greg thanked the PWD for the great job they do.*

Councilman Norman: *No report*

Councilman Porretta: *Dave reported on the neighborhood clean-up.*

Councilman Whittaker: *absent*

Councilman Hoffman: *No report*

Councilman Blazer: *absent*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: *None*

PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$244,083.51

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

There was a roll call vote with ayes all

Council President Conway reminded the public that all other monthly reports are on file in the minute book.

Please visit the Borough of Folsom website at folsomborough.com for updated Borough information and the Borough of Folsom Facebook page.

The next regular meeting of Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 starting at 6:00 pm in Borough Hall, 1700 12th Street, Folsom, NJ

With no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:16PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto
Municipal Clerk

