

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
July 14, 2026**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:31 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG LED BY MAYOR GLENN SMITH

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: Hadulias, Ballistreri, Hoffman, Blazer and Whittaker*

***Absent:** Councilman Norman*

***Also present:** Mayor Glenn Smith, Borough Clerk Patti Gatto, Solicitor Angela Costigan, and CJ Kaenzig, Engineer from Polistina & Assoc.*

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES May 19, 2026

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Ballistreri and seconded by Councilman Hoffman. There was a roll call vote with ayes all with the exception of Councilman Blazer and Hoffman abstaining.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, May 19, 2026

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Ballistreri. There was a roll call vote with ayes all with the exception of Councilman Blazer and Hoffman abstaining.

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES June 9, 2026

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Hadulias and seconded by Councilman Blazer. There was a roll call vote with ayes all with the exception of Councilman Ballistreri and Councilman Whittaker abstaining.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, June 9, 2026

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Balzer. There was a roll call vote with ayes all with the exception of Councilman Ballistreri and Councilman Whittaker abstaining.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: *Orlando Chandler, 110 S River Drive, Williamstown (Folsom Borough) provided his recommendations regarding obtaining a dumpster for the Green Terrace Motel. He discussed options and offered advice on identifying the most cost-effective solution for the Borough*

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE: None

ORDINANCES: (Second Reading/ Final Adoption)

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
ORDINANCE #- 05-2026**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND CREATING A NEW
CHAPTER 91 TITLED CONSTRUCTION, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS TO PROMOTE
CLEAN AND SAFE WORKSITES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom recognizes the importance of maintaining clean and safe worksites to protect the environment, occupational safety, and public health; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that contractors take measures to minimize the release of dust, trash, debris, plastic, and other contaminants from worksites, thereby reducing pollution and preventing harm to the environment and the community; and

WHEREAS, plastics and composite materials do not decompose, and overtime would break down to smaller and smaller particles: microplastics. Microplastic pollution disrupts ecosystems and can cause endocrine, digestive, and respiratory issues in animals including humans, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom seeks to regulate construction practices to ensure compliance with environmentally responsible and safe procedures;

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

Section 1-Chapter 91 Construction, General Requirements, clean and safe worksites shall be created as follows:

Article 1. Control of construction sites and contaminants

§91-1.Definitions

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following definitions apply:

- a. "Contractor" refers to any individual or entity engaged in construction, renovation, or maintenance to commercial or residential properties within the Borough of Folsom.
- b. "Worksites" shall include all outdoor and indoor worksites within the jurisdiction of the Borough of Folsom where construction, renovation, or related activities are taking place.

§ 91-2. Dust, Trash, Debris, and Plastic Control

Contractors operating within the Borough of Folsom shall implement all of the following to control dust, trash, debris, and plastic contaminants at their worksites:

- a. When cutting, drilling or sanding dust-producing materials, including but not limited to plastic, silica, fiberglass, pavers, or wood treated with chemical contaminants, contractors shall use a vacuum attachment on all saws when practical to minimize the release of dust and micro plastic particles
- b. Contractors shall cut, drill, and sand in enclosed spaces to keep dust levels to a minimum and facilitate ease of cleanup and prevent release of debris. These enclosed spaces may include tents to enclose the worksites or hoods made specifically for saws.
- c. Contractors shall cut, drill and sand pavers and tiles with wet saws and in enclosed spaces to keep dust levels to a minimum and facilitate ease of cleanup and prevent release of debris. These confined spaces should include tents to enclose the worksites.
- d. Contractors shall not engage in cutting, drilling, or sanding activities without placing a tarp under power tools to catch debris and contaminants.
- e. Contractors shall tarp their work areas and clean-up all trash and debris generated from work of the day [e.g. dust particles, microplastics, and saw dust] a minimum of once a day to prevent the dispersion of dust, trash, debris, and plastic contaminants.
- f. Contractors shall clean up all contaminants before leaving their worksites, ensuring that no waste is left behind nor can be blown into areas beyond the worksite and/or property.
- g. Contractors must separate waste and recyclable materials, such as cardboard, and dispose of trash and debris in accordance with all ordinances and State laws.

§91-3. Prohibition on Storm Drain Disposal

Contractors are strictly prohibited from blowing or disposing of debris, dust, or plastic contaminants into storm drains. All contractors must dispose of waste materials properly in accordance with existing municipal waste disposal regulations.

§ 91-4. Compliance and Enforcement

- a. Notice of this ordinance shall be given with each new permit issued for construction, renovation, and related activities.
- b. The Borough of Folsom may conduct inspections of worksites to ensure compliance with this ordinance. Any person who violates, fails, or refuses to comply with this chapter or any part or section thereof, shall, upon conviction be fines.
- c. Fines shall be imposed by the Borough of Folsom as follows:
 - 1- First offense- a warning.
 - 2- Second offense -up to \$1,000.
 - 3- Third or subsequent offense-\$2,500
 - 4- Each day is considered a separate offense.
- d. Contractors are responsible for informing their employees and subcontractors of the requirements and obligations set forth in this ordinance.

Section 2. Repealer

Any article, section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or other provision of the Code of the Borough of Folsom inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. Severability

If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 4. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication, and as otherwise provided for by law.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

A motion to approve Ordinance #05-2026 was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Blazer

There was a roll call vote with ayes all. With the abstention of Councilman Norman

ORDINANCES (First Reading-Introduction)

BOROUGH OF FOLSOM COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 9, "CLAIMS PROCEDURE," ARTICLE I, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM TO DESIGNATE A CERTIFYING AND APPROVAL OFFICER AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPAYMENT OF CERTAIN CLAIMS PRIOR TO FORMAL APPROVAL BY THE GOVERNING BODY, SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17, AND TO CORRECT A STATUTORY CITATION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17 authorizes the governing body of a municipality to adopt an ordinance designating a certifying and approval officer, prescribing that officer's duties, and prescribing the procedure for approving, certifying, and paying claims and for drawing checks therefor; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17 further authorizes the governing body to provide by ordinance a method of disbursing moneys and paying approved claims; and

WHEREAS, certain claims must be paid before the next regular meeting of the governing body in order to avoid the accrual of interest, penalties, or late charges, to secure an available discount, or to satisfy a statutory, regulatory, contractual, or court-ordered deadline; and

WHEREAS, the governing body wishes to authorize the Chief Financial Officer, as certifying and approval officer, to approve, certify, and pay such claims in advance of formal approval, subject to ratification by the governing body at its next regular meeting, while continuing to require that all claims be approved or ratified by the governing body as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17; and

WHEREAS, the governing body also wishes to correct a statutory citation appearing in § 9-1 of the Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Correction of citation in § 9-1.

Subsection C of § 9-1 of the Code of the Borough of Folsom is amended so that the introductory clause reads as follows (remaining text of Subsection C unchanged):

“C. As per N.J.S.A. 2A:30A-2(a), the Borough of Folsom operates under the ‘alternative procedure’; therefore the following provisions apply:”

SECTION 2. New § 9-1.1 added.

Chapter 9, Article I, of the Code is supplemented by adding a new § 9-1.1, “Certifying and approval officer,” to read as follows:

§ 9-1.1. Certifying and approval officer.

A. Designation. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Folsom is hereby designated as the certifying and approval officer of the Borough. In the absence or unavailability of the Chief Financial Officer, or during a vacancy in that office, the [Deputy Chief Financial Officer/Borough Treasurer/other officer designated by resolution of the Borough Council] shall serve as the certifying and approval officer.

B. Duties. Before any claim is paid, the certifying and approval officer shall:

(1) Ascertain that the claim has been certified by the claimant, or falls within an exception to the claimant-certification requirement, as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16b and N.J.A.C. 5:30-9A.6, and that the receipt of the goods or the rendering of the services has been certified by the appropriate department head or other officer or employee having knowledge of the facts;

(2) Ascertain the existence of proper and sufficient unexpended and unencumbered appropriations, or other lawful funding, for the payment to be made;

(3) Determine that there is legal authority for the payment, evidenced by proper action of the purchasing agent, officer, board, or department with respect to the goods or services ordered and the incurring of the expense therefor; and

(4) Certify in writing that the requirements of this section have been met.

C. Method of disbursement. All claims approved and certified under this chapter shall be paid by Borough check or by electronic funds transfer in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-9A. All checks and electronic disbursements shall bear the signatures, or authorized facsimile signatures, required by § 9-6 of this chapter and by resolution of the Borough Council.

SECTION 3. New § 9-1.2 added.

Chapter 9, Article I, of the Code is supplemented by adding a new § 9-1.2, "Prepayment of certain claims; ratification by governing body," to read as follows:

§ 9-1.2. Prepayment of certain claims; ratification by governing body.

A. Authorization. Notwithstanding § 9-1 and § 9-5, and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17, the certifying and approval officer is authorized to approve, certify, and pay the following claims before formal approval of the claim by the Borough Council, but only where payment is required before the next regular meeting of the Borough Council to avoid the accrual of interest, penalties, or late charges, to secure an available discount, or to satisfy a statutory, regulatory, contractual, or court-ordered payment deadline:

- (1) Principal of and interest on bonds, notes, loans, and other debt obligations of the Borough;
- (2) Payroll and related payroll taxes, withholdings, pension and retirement contributions, and employee benefit payments;
- (3) Utility charges, including electric, gas, water, sewer, telephone, internet, and similar services;
- (4) Postage and delivery charges;
- (5) Insurance premiums;
- (6) Remittances of taxes and other moneys collected by the Borough on behalf of, or otherwise due to, the State, the County, the school district, the fire district, or any other governmental entity;
- (7) Refunds of taxes, fees, deposits, or other overpayments;
- (8) Rent, lease, and installment payments with fixed due dates;
- (9) Disbursements required under the terms of a grant, loan, or aid agreement;

(10) Payments required by a court order, judgment, or approved settlement;

(11) Bank, credit card, merchant, and other financial-service fees; and

(12) Any other claim that must be paid before the next regular meeting of the Borough Council to avoid interest, a penalty, or a late charge, to secure an available discount, or to meet a statutory, regulatory, contractual, or court-ordered deadline.

B. Conditions. No claim shall be paid under this section unless the certifications and determinations required by § 9-1.1B have been made and sufficient unexpended and unencumbered appropriations or other lawful funding exist for the payment. [Optional dollar cap: No single claim exceeding \$[7500.00] shall be paid under this section without the prior written approval of the [Mayor/Council President/Chair of the Finance Committee], except for debt service, payroll, and governmental remittances under Subsections A(1), A(2), and A(6).]

C. Ratification. All claims paid under this section shall be set forth on a separate schedule of prepaid claims, which shall be included in the bill list presented to the Borough Council at its next regular meeting for ratification and approval. The schedule of prepaid claims, as ratified, shall be recorded in the official minutes of that meeting and kept available for public inspection in the same manner as the bill list under § 9-5.

D. Disapproved claims. If the Borough Council declines to ratify any claim paid under this section, the claim shall be referred to the Chief Financial Officer, who shall report to the Council on the circumstances of the payment and take such lawful action as the Council may direct to recover, adjust, or otherwise resolve the payment.

E. Non-exclusivity. Claims not paid under this section shall continue to be approved and paid in accordance with § 9-1 and § 9-5.

SECTION 4. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, that portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

SECTION 6. Effective date.

This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

A motion to approve Ordinance #06-2026 was made by Councilman Hadulias and seconded by Councilman Whittaker

There was a roll call vote with all in favor.

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:

2026-59 -RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT RENEWING MEMBERSHIP IN THE ATLANTIC COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom (hereinafter the "MUNICIPALITY") is a member of the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (hereinafter the "FUND"); and

WHEREAS, the MUNICIPALITY'S membership terminates as of January 1, 2027 unless earlier renewed by a Contract between the MUNICIPALITY and the FUND; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (m) provides that a Contract which exceeds the bid threshold may be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor, if the subject matter is for the purchase of insurance coverage and consultant services, provided that the award is in accordance with the requirements for extraordinary unspecifiable services; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1(b) provides that the MUNICIPALITY shall make a documented effort to secure competitive quotations; however, a Contract may be awarded upon a determination, in writing, that the solicitation of competitive quotations is impracticable; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.3, a designated official of the MUNICIPALITY, has filed a certification with the governing body describing in detail, as set forth below in this Resolution, why this Contract meets the provisions of the statutes and the regulations and why the solicitation of competitive quotations is impracticable; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the purchase of insurance coverage and insurance consultant services by the MUNICIPALITY requires a unique knowledge and understanding of the municipal exposures and risks associated with the operation of a municipal entity, and many insurance professionals are not qualified to assess these risks and exposures based upon their inherent complexity; and

WHEREAS, insurance coverage for municipal entities can vary greatly in the type, limits, and exceptions to coverage, and therefore particularized expertise in determining and obtaining the appropriate coverage is required to protect the MUNICIPALITY; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the MUNICIPALITY to obtain a single integrated program to provide all types of insurance coverage with a plan to limit the MUNICIPALITIES exposure; and

WHEREAS, the FUND has provided comprehensive insurance coverage to member municipalities since 1987; and

WHEREAS, since 1987, the Fund has continually refined all of the types of coverage that it provides to its members so that it offers comprehensive insurance coverage and limits to all members that is unique and cannot be purchased from a single entity in the commercial insurance market; and

WHEREAS, the FUND has also developed and made available to its members Safety, Risk Management and Litigation Management programs that address the specific exposures and risks associated with municipal entities; and

WHEREAS, the FUND provides the MUNICIPALITY with Fund Administration, Claims Review, Claims Processing, Claims Administration, Actuarial and Legal services; and

WHEREAS, the FUND is one of the most financially sound Municipal Joint Insurance Funds in New Jersey, and the FUND operates with strong fiscal controls, member oversight, and meets all of the requirements promulgated by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the Department of Banking and Insurance; and

WHEREAS, as an existing member of the FUND, the MUNICIPALITY would be renewing its membership in an organization with experienced and dedicated FUND Professionals who provide specialized services to the members; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the FUND includes many neighboring municipalities that have uniquely similar exposures to the MUNICIPALITY, and with whom the MUNICIPALITY has existing inter-local arrangements; and

WHEREAS, all of the aforementioned factors categorize the award of this Contract as an “extraordinary, unspecifiable service” that cannot be duplicated, accounted for, accurately detailed, or described in a manner that truly depicts the value of the MUNICIPALITY’S membership in the FUND; and

WHEREAS, for all of the aforementioned reasons, it is impracticable for the MUNICIPALITY to seek competitive quotations for a Contract to provide the procurement of insurance coverage and consultant services; and

WHEREAS, the FUND has been organized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq., and as such is an agency of the municipalities that created it; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2) also provides that a Contract which exceeds the bid threshold may be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor, if the Contract is entered into with a municipality or any board, body, officer, agency or authority thereof; and

WHEREAS, the FUND meets the definition of an agency as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2); and

WHEREAS, for all of the aforementioned reasons, the MUNICIPALITY desires to enter into a Contract to renew its membership with the FUND for a period of three (3) years, for insurance coverage and consultant services, as an exception to the public bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the governing body of the MUNICIPALITY as follows:

1. The MUNICIPALITY agrees to renew its membership in the FUND and to be subject to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, coverages, and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the FUND.
2. The Mayor and Clerk of the MUNICIPALITY shall be and hereby are authorized to execute the "Contract to Renew Membership" annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the FUND evidencing the MUNICIPALITY'S renewal of its membership.
3. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.3, the certificate of a designated official of the MUNICIPALITY, which details why the solicitation of competitive quotations is impracticable, is attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution.
4. The Clerk of the MUNICIPALITY is authorized and directed to advertise notice of the adoption of this Resolution and the award of this Contract as required by statute.

RESOLUTION 2026-60 BOROUGH OF FOLSOM

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF CANNABIS APPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR AND PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL TERMS

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2020, more than two-thirds of the registered voters in New Jersey voted to approve Public Question No. 1, which amended the New Jersey Constitution to allow for the legalization of a controlled form of marijuana called "cannabis" for adults 21 years of age and older; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2021, c. 16, known as the "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act", N.J.S.A. 24:6I-31, et seq. (the "Act"), which legalized the recreational use of marijuana by adults 21 years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial, recreational (adult use) cannabis operations, and its use and possession; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2021, the Council of the Borough of Folsom adopted Ordinance #09-2021 imposing development regulations on Classes 1 through Class 6 of licensed cannabis establishments; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2022, the Council of the Borough of Folsom adopted Ordinance #10-2022 which amended the previous development regulations; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2022, the Council of the Borough of Folsom adopted Ordinance #05-2022 which further amended Regulations, and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2025, the Council of the Borough of Folsom by way of Ordinance #4-2025 amended the previous regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to impose a temporary moratorium on the approval of all classes of cannabis licenses authorized in the Borough for a period of one (1) year effective upon the adoption of this Resolution, except that it may consider any applications received prior to the passage of this

Resolution and may issue a local license to any entity which has previously received a letter of local support; and

WHEREAS, since the passing of Ordinance 09-2021 the Borough has provided resolutions of support in aid of application to the Cannabis Regulatory Commission; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Borough to impose a temporary stay on further cannabis applications within the Borough to allow time to observe how the previously endorsed cannabis ventures operate within the Borough and the impacts on the Borough of cannabis businesses given the emerging nature of the cannabis industry within the State and the lack of experience in the Borough or elsewhere in the State of this new industry; and

WHEREAS, during this application freeze, the Borough will not continue to accept applications and will not consider issuing resolutions of local support of any class for at least a period of twelve (12) months except that it may consider any applications received prior to the passage of this Resolution and may issue a local license to any entity which has previously received a letter of local support; and

WHEREAS, it is also the intention of the Borough's Council to review the current cannabis ordinance and determine if any amendments are necessary or appropriate in the best interests of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, previously endorsed applicants who require additional or amended endorsement from the Borough Council in connection with their application to the Cannabis Regulatory Commission may request any additional endorsement from the Borough for such review during this moratorium.

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

1. That the aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Council of the Borough of Folsom will not consider any further applications for local support of any class of cannabis license for a period of no less than twelve (12) months so that the Borough may review the impact of those businesses which have already received a cannabis license and determine the best forward course of action for the Borough in this emerging industry, except that it may consider any applications received prior to the passage of this Resolution and may issue a local license to any entity which has previously received a letter of local support.
3. The Clerk of the Borough of Folsom will not continue to accept applications for local letters of support and proposed applicants shall be advised of this Resolution and moratorium.
4. Any applicant who has previously received an endorsement from this Council who requires additional or amended endorsement from the Borough Council in connection with their application to the Cannabis Regulatory Commission during this moratorium may request any additional endorsement from the Borough for such review during the moratorium.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Borough of Folsom Resolution #2026-61

Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body Authorizing the Sustainable Communities Grant Application Funded by Atlantic City Electric

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, Borough of Folsom strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, Borough of Folsom is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they are administering a grant program called the Sustainable Communities Grant Program funded by Atlantic City Electric

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom has determined that the Borough of Folsom should apply for the aforementioned Grant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom, State of New Jersey, authorize the submission of the aforementioned Sustainable Communities Grant funded by Atlantic City Electric.

A motion to approve Resolutions #2026-59 thru #2026- 61 was made by Councilman Blazer and seconded by Councilman Hoffman.

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No report

MAYOR'S REPORT: *The mayor reported the ongoing issues at the Green Terrace Motel on the Black Horse Pike, particularly regarding persistent trash and property maintenance concerns. Efforts to address the situation remain ongoing.*

FIRE REPORT: No Report

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

FY 2025 CDBG: 13th Street Park Improvements

We will issue the Notice to Proceed tomorrow, July 15, and Swift & Son, Inc. anticipates beginning construction the week of July 20. Construction is expected to take a total of two weeks.

FY 2026 Municipal Aid: Resurfacing of Fenimore Drive & Lupin Lane

We issued the Notice to Proceed on July 8, and to this point Arawak has completed the drainage improvements on Fenimore Drive. Concrete work is scheduled for the week of July 20.

FY 2027 NJDOT Municipal Aid Application

We have prepared and submitted a FY 2027 NJDOT Municipal Aid grant application requesting \$480,385.36 for the Resurfacing of 8th Street & 11th Street. Grant recipients are typically announced in November.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Ballistreri: *A lengthy discussion took place regarding the hiring of a third DPW employee. It was noted that a third individual had been hired in June; however, the employment arrangement was not successful. Also, there was a discussion about time management of the public works department.*

Councilman Norman: Absent

Councilman Hadulias: None

Councilman Whittaker: *Discussed the parking lot lighting issue at Liberty Square, including concerns raised and potential options for addressing the matter.*

Councilman Hoffman: None

Councilman Blazer: *Addressed Mayor and Council regarding the possibility of bringing an employee on full-time status and asked if there was consensus among Council members to move forward with making the position full-time.*

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No comment

PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$292,866.94 and \$600.00

School Portion: \$194,425.00

A motion to approve payment was made by Councilman Blazer and seconded by Councilman Ballistreri

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

Mayor Smith 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, **August 11, 2026**, starting with a workshop meeting at 6:00 pm and continuing immediately thereafter with the regular meeting in Borough Hall, 1700 12th Street, Folsom, NJ*

With no other discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto
Municipal Clerk

