

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
WORKSHOP MINUTES(Revised)
April 13, 2016**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:17

OPENING STATEMENT: Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the open public meeting act, pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said 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: Pagano, Arena, Veneziani and Gummo

Absent: Councilman Smith and Councilman Jantz

Also Present: Mayor DeStefano, Attorney Fran Ballak, Attorney Keith Bonchi and Engineer Gary Auer

Mayor DeStefano reported that Folsom was approved for \$190,000.00 in Municipal Aid to pave 14th Street.

Mayor DeStefano asked Keith Bonchi to review a letter he received from NJ Bankers offering free assistance on property maintenance issues on foreclosed properties. Keith advised to forward to John LaPollo.

Mayor DeStefano read a letter he received from the NJDOT in reference to the left turn at Wawa. A discussion ensued and it was stated that maybe Folsom could contact an assemblyman.

Mayor DeStefano forwarded a SJ Gas tax appeal final judgment letter to Frank Ballak.

Mayor DeStefano reported that he received a letter for the SRTS Program (Safe Routes to School) DOT administered grant program that promotes walkways, sidewalks and access for bicycles for neighboring children to get to school. Mayor DeStefano stated that Folsom School has a bus only policy and therefore Folsom would not qualify.

Councilwoman Veneziani wanted to inform Council that the Personnel Committee is for employees only and not for elected officials.

Councilwoman Veneziani reported that after researching the Court consolidation that it would not be in the best interest of Folsom to consolidate at this time and the Court will be moving forward to make the necessary mandated upgrades.

Councilman Arena apologized for resigning from the Planning/Zoning board abruptly.

A long discussion ensued over the replacement of Councilman Arena to the Planning/Zoning Board. Resolution 2016-57 was to approve Councilman Jantz as the replacement. Councilman Pagano had some questions as to the procedures of this appointment and it was determined it would be best to table this resolution and discuss at next Council meeting when Councilman Jantz would be available to answer any questions.

Mayor DeStefano reported that he met with South Jersey Gas and South Jersey Industries and they assured him that South Jersey Industries will be staying here in Folsom and they will be renovating some

portions of the building.

Councilman Pagano asked Mayor DeStefano if he could enlighten Council regarding the 11th drainage issue. A discussion ensued and Engineer Gary Auer stated that the tenant that was farming that area is moving.

Councilman Pagano reported that the Ordinance Review Committee should have the Feral Cat Ordinance for next meeting.

Attorney Fran Ballak stated that the False Alarm Ordinance needed some changes and they will be revising and should have the amended Ordinance for next month.

Councilman Pagano asked Attorney Keith Bonchi if he heard from anyone regarding Mediation.

Mayor DeStefano asked if Council had any questions for Dawn regarding the 2016 Budget that was being adopted this evening.

Councilman Pagano asked about the status of the 5th Road Street Light. A discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MEETING IS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. NO VOTES WILL BE TAKEN

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto
Municipal Clerk