

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
August 8, 2012**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG LED BY MAYOR TOM BALLISTRERI

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 News and has been posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board showing the time and place of said meeting.

ROLL CALL: Councilpersons, Eckhardt, Gazzara, Esposito, Kemmerer and Olive

Absent: Councilman Schenker

Also present: Attorney Mike Fitzgerald and Engineer Vince Polistina

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP MINUTES July 11, 2012

A motion to approve the workshop minutes was made by Councilman Esposito and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM July 11, 2012

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman Esposito

There was a roll call vote with ayes all with the exception of Councilman Eckhardt and Councilman Olive's abstention

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Mr. Marx Heller, Treasurer and Member of the Board of Trustees for the Collings Lakes Civic Association was here this evening along with Ms. Kathy Besch, President of the Collings Lakes Civic Association to ask Mayor and Council to co-sign a loan under the Dam Restoration Loan Program that would help the Civic Association with rehabilitation of its dam spillway, and improvements to the Cushman and Braddock dams. After a long discussion Mayor & Council agreed to pass Resolution 2012-60- authorizing Co-Application for Dam Restoration. As stated in the Resolution, this Resolution and co-application on the part of the Borough shall in no way be construed as a promise by the Borough to enter into a loan agreement with Collings Lake Civic Association, Inc. and/or NJDEP, and that this Resolution and the co-application may be rescinded by the Borough at any time for any reason.

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

Ms. Gatto reminded residents that Borough Hall Offices will be closed on Monday, September 3, 2012 in observance of Labor Day. Beginning on September 4, 2012 Borough Hall Office hours will be 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

RESOLUTIONS:

2012-59 A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL 2012 PROPERTY TAXES

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Tax Collector that the properties listed below are owned by 100% Disabled Veterans and as such are tax exempt:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Harry & Karen Petry	1001/7	\$3,188.87
Mary & Charles Rambo	2713/451	\$2,463.80
Charles & Theresa Ballin	2616/910	\$2,472.43

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, that the 2012 in the amount of \$8,125.10 taxes be cancelled.

A motion to approve Resolutions 2012-59 was made by Councilman Kemmerer and seconded by Councilman Esposito

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

2012-60 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CO-APPLICATION FOR DAM RESTORATION

WHEREAS, the Collings Lake Civic Association, Inc., desires to apply for a low interest State loan for rehabilitation of its dam spillway; and

WHEREAS, the improvement of the Lake Cushman and Lake Braddock dams will have a public safety benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Dam Safety Section of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”) requires that applications for Dam Restoration and Inland Waters Loans be endorsed by a municipal co-applicant and be accompanied by a written resolution or ordinance authorizing a municipal official to sign the necessary application forms; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP form, which must be signed is known as the “Application for Dam Restoration Loans”, (a copy of which is attached hereto) and said form is reviewed by NJDEP for acceptability of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom believes based upon the information available to date, that public safety would be advanced by the Borough acting as a municipal co-applicant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom, in the

County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey that:

1. The Borough Acting Clerk and Mayor are hereby authorized to sign the necessary papers and forms, including the attached application for Dam Restoration Loans as co-applicant with the Collings Lake Civic Associations, Inc.
2. The Borough Acting Clerk is hereby authorized to submit a copy of this Resolution to the NJDEP with the application.
3. This Resolution and co-application on the part of the Borough shall in no way be construed as a promise by the Borough to enter into a loan agreement with Collings Lake Civic Association, Inc., and/or the NJDEP, and this Resolution and the co-application may be rescinded by the Borough at any time for any reason.

A motion to approve Resolutions 2012-60 was made by Councilman Olive and seconded by Councilman Esposito

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No report.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: No report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Vince Polistina informed Mayor and Council that the American Galvanizing/Fifth Avenue Road Extension Project is underway. Mr. Polistina also stated that the IBEW is finalizing their approvals and hope to start in the fall. Vince updated Mayor and Council that Recreation Sand, Inc. received approvals for a two (2) year Mining Permit with conditions.

MAYOR'S REPORT: No report

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS:

Councilman Ron Esposito thanked everyone involved in bringing the IBEW to Folsom. Ron stated that he has contacted Judge Raso concerning the boat debris on 8th Street since this has become a court issue. Ron also informed Judge Raso that this debris has now become a safety issue. Ron stated they are making progress on the "Welcome to Folsom Sign" project. Ron thanked the Mayor stepping in and helping to get things moving again with regards to the sign project. Ron wished everyone a happy and safe Labor Day.

Councilman Matt Olive wished the Collings Lakes Civic Association good luck.

Councilman Gary Kemmerer asked residents to divide logs and brush for the Public Works Department. Gary also wished everyone and safe and happy Labor Day.

Councilman Greg Schenker: Absent

Councilman Butch Gazzara commended the Collings Civic Association on their presentation and wished them good luck. Reminded disabled residents or residents who need oxygen to visit the Borough's website for Special Needs Registry.

Councilman George Eckhardt stated that he met with another Solar Energy Company this morning and is exploring other options.

Public Comment on the Council Members Reports:

Kathy McGee (210 E. Collings Dr.) informed Mayor and Council about the debris on East Collings Drive. Ms. McGee also asked that the Fire Chief attend the meetings.

PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$387,311.31

A motion to approve payment was made by Councilman Kemmerer and seconded by Councilman Gazzara

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

Mayor Ballistreri reminded the public that all other monthly reports are on file in the minute book.

The next regular meeting of Mayor and Council will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 starting with a 1 hour workshop meeting at 6:30 pm and continuing with the regular meeting at 7:00 pm in Borough Hall, 1700 12th Street, Folsom, NJ

With no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM with ayes all.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto
Acting Municipal Clerk