

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
February 12, 2014**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:15PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG LED BY Council President Byron Gummo

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 Smith, DeStefano, Kemmerer, Veneziani, and Gummo

Also present: Solicitor Keith Bonchi and Engineer Vince Polistina

Absent: Mayor Ballistreri and Councilman Butch Gazzara

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM RE-ORGANIZATION January 8, 2014

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman DeStefano.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM January 8, 2014

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilwoman Veneziani and seconded by Councilman Kemmerer.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Dave Cappuccio (1414 Backline Road) questioned whether the 2% retainage that is withheld on Projects can be changed.

MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

Borough Hall offices will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2014 in observance of Presidents' Day

Free Rabies Clinic will be held on March 8, 2014 from 9:00AM until 11:00AM at the Public Works Garage. Anyone interested in renewing their pet licenses may do so at the Clinic.

The NJDOT will hold a Public Information Meeting on February 18, 2014 from 4:00PM until 7:00 PM at Borough Hall. This meeting is an opportunity for residents to review exhibits of the proposed project, ask questions and discuss any concerns with the NJDOT representatives regarding the Route 54 Route 322 over Cape May Point Brach, Contract a Proposed Roadway and Bridge Improvements.

PROCLAMATIONS:

**Borough of Folsom
Proclamation**

**PROMOTING READING AND FAMILY LITERACY THROUGH
READ ACROSS AMERICA**

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Borough of Folsom stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principal that educational investment is key to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, "NEA's Read Across America," a national celebration of Dr. Seuss's 107th birthday on March 1, 2014, promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students;

WHEREAS, **Read Across America – NJ** is being conducted statewide by the New Jersey Education Association, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Library Association, Saturn-UAW, and their local affiliates across the state to promote reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom calls on the citizens of Folsom to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 1, 2014;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body enthusiastically endorses **NEA's Read Across America** and **Read Across America-NJ**, and recommits our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2014-28

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CREDIT OF AN OVERPAYMENT OF
PROPERTY TAXES**

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Borough Council that payment has been made in excess in 2013 to the below listed property; and

WHEREAS, said payments have resulted in overpayment for 2013 property taxes in the amounts listed below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom that the following overpayments be credited to 2013 property taxes;

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3102	10	\$321.82

A motion to approve Resolution 2014-28 was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman DeStefano

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

ORDINANCES:

(Second Reading/Final Adoption)

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
ORDINANCE 01-2014**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND FIXING SALARIES FOR VARIOUS
OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM, COUNTY OF
ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The annual salaries of the officials, officers, and employees of the Borough of Folsom listed below shall be as follows:

Salaried Positions

Borough Clerk	\$25,000 -	\$45,000
Building Sub-Code Official	\$1,000 -	\$4,000
Chief Financial Officer	\$4,000 -	\$14,000
Construction Official	\$2,500 -	\$5,000
Council Member	\$1,700 -	\$2,500
Court Administrator	\$20,000 -	\$45,000
Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator	\$500 -	\$1,500
Electrical Sub-Code Official	\$1,000 -	\$4,000
Emergency Management Coordinator	\$500 -	\$1,500
Fire Safety Officer	\$1,000 -	\$1,800
Fire Sub-Code Official	\$1,000 -	\$4,000
Judge (based on 24 sessions annually)	\$1.00 -	\$10,000
Additional sessions (maximum 4)	\$350 per	Session
Mayor	\$2,200 -	\$3,300
Plumbing Sub-Code Official	\$1,000 -	\$4,000

Tax Assessor	\$6,500	-	\$14,000
Tax Collector	\$6,500	-	\$15,500
Zoning Officer	\$1,800	-	\$4,500

Hourly Positions:

Administrative Assistant	\$ 7.00	-	\$14.50
Deputy Clerk	\$10.00	-	\$14.50
Deputy Court Administrator	\$8.50	-	\$14.50
Municipal Administrative Asst	\$25.00	-	\$75.00 per session
Part-time Laborer	\$7.00	-	\$10.50
Public Works Laborer	\$7.50	-	\$20.00
Supervisor Public Works	\$10.00	-	\$24.12
UCC Technical Asst/Planning & Zoning	\$10.00	-	\$14.50
Secretary			
Interpreter	\$25.00	-	\$50.00 per session

Section 2. The salaries and wages hereby established shall be on a bi-weekly basis with the exception of Mayor and Council, and Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, which shall be quarterly.

Section 3. The provision of this Ordinance shall be retroactive to January 1, 2013.

Section 4. Any Ordinance or part of Ordinance inconsistent with this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on the first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council in the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, held on January 8, 2014. Said Ordinance was approved for final adoption at a public hearing held in the Borough of Folsom Municipal Building, 1700 12th St., Folsom, NJ on February 12, 2014, at 7:00 P.M.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Kemmerer and seconded by Councilwoman Veneziani

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

(First Reading/Introduction)

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
ORDINANCE 02-2014**

CALENDAR YEAR 2014

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to .5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom in the County of Atlantic finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2014 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 3.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$27,566.00 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized herein above that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom, in the County of Atlantic, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2014 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Folsom shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$1,002,155.00, and that the CY 2014 municipal budget for the Borough of Folsom be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

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NO PUBLIC COMMENT

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Veneziani

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Keith Bonchi reported that he spoke with former Solicitor Mike Fitzgerald and the only current litigation is Kerr Concrete.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Councilman Smith read report for Chief Donnelly. They were only two (2) calls that members responded to for the month of January. A CPR class was held for members that needed recertification. They also reviewed Surface and Ice Rescue and how to prepare for cold weather. All ladders were tested.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Polistina reported that on February 18, 2014 the New Jersey Department of Transportation will be holding a public information center at Folsom Borough Hall between the hours of 4:00PM until 7:00PM for the Route 54 and Route 322 Proposed Roadway and Bridge Improvements. Vince also reported that the Rt 54 paving project will begin on February 18, 2014.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Absent no report

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS:

Councilman Kyle Smith: reported that there has been vandalism in Folsom and he requested that residents report any suspicious activity.

Councilman Butch Gazzara: absent no report

Councilman Lou DeStefano: reported that the Parks and Rec met last night and was asking for more volunteers'. Councilman DeStefano asked that if anyone is interested in helping out to please call Borough Hall. Lou reported that the Parks and Rec are still looking to put roofs on the dugouts' and CPR classes for Coaches. Lou also stated that a Rototiller donation is needed. Councilman DeStefano also asked that the "No Pets Allowed Signs" in the Parks be removed and that maybe the Borough can purchase pet disposal stations.

Councilman Gary Kemmerer: reported that the new truck has been delivered and in use. Councilman Kemmerer also informed residents that the salt supply is low and drivers should be cautious. Gary also reported the 8th Street Replacement Bridge Project will be starting soon and should be complete in a couple of months.

Councilwoman Veneziani: reported that four members of Council attended the JIF workshop meeting which was held at Kerri Brooke Caterers.

Councilman Gummo: reported that fifteen (15) E-Waste tickets have been issued since Ordinance 06-2013 has been passed and one (1) Scrapper has been shut down.

Public Comment on the Council Members Reports: No comment

PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600,353.32

Council President Byron Gummoie 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, March 12, 2014 starting with a half 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 7:48 PM with ayes all.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto, RMC/CMR