

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
WORKSHOP MINUTES
February 10, 2016**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:38PM

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: Smith, Jantz, Pagano, Arena, Veneziani and Gummoie

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

Mayor DeStefano reported that Chris Brown's office contacted him to say they would not be able to make tonight's meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

Mayor DeStefano reported to Council that the NJDOT has informed the Borough that they can no longer provide road salt for no charge. They will be charging us \$77.18 per ton. As of April 2016 that state will no longer be providing us with salt. Superintendent John LaPollo has contacted Mullica Township and made arrangements to buy salt from them. Mayor DeStefano stated that he contacted Chris Brown's office to provide assistance in reaching out to the state to discuss this issue. Mayor DeStefano stated he would like to have the Borough property surveyed on the side that borders the State's Maintenance Yard to see if any of their equipment or buildings is on our property. A discussion ensued.

Mayor DeStefano reported that Engineer Vince Polistina drafted a letter for his signature to the NJDOT regarding the left hand turns on Rt 322 in front of Wawa.

Mayor DeStefano informed Council that the Atlantic City Press called him regarding the South Jersey Tax Appeal and there will be an article coming out shortly.

Mayor DeStefano asked Council if they read their letter from the Donio residents. The Ordinance Review Committee will research this issue and provide an Ordinance. A discussion ensued.

Councilwoman Veneziani reported that the Finance and Budget Committee's had a meeting this month to review the 2016 Budget and also discuss a request from Susan Carroll of the Construction Office to have her position to go to full time. Councilwoman Veneziani acknowledged that she did receive letters of recommendation from several people regarding Susan's position. Councilwoman Veneziani reported in order to make that position full time it would cost the Borough a four (4) cent tax increase which Personnel felt that the Borough could not afford at this time. A long discussion ensued involving Council and Borough employee Susan Carroll. Councilwoman Veneziani provided dollar amounts for Susan's health and pension benefits should her position go full time. Some Council members felt these dollar amounts were not accurate and Councilwoman Veneziani stated that they can confirm them with CFO Dawn Stollenwerk.

Councilman Kyle Smith made a motion to extend the workshop meeting and Councilman Arena seconded that motion.

A discussion on the sale of the Firehouse ensued and it was decided that the Borough does not need a Realtor at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MEETING IS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. NO VOTES WILL BE TAKEN

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto
Municipal Clerk