

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM  
COUNCIL MEETING  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
February 14, 2017**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:18 PM**

**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 News 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, and Hoffman

Councilman Schenker entered at 6:23PM

**Also Present:** Mayor DeStefano, Attorney Brian Lozuke and Engineer Gary Auer

Mayor DeStefano reported that the Borough received a letter from the NJDOT requesting to encroach on Borough of Folsom property to survey. Mayor DeStefano felt that we should not let them on our property since they cut the Borough off abruptly from salt last winter and asked Council for their opinions. Councilman Pagano felt that we should not be negative against the state. A discussion ensued. Councilman Smith suggested that maybe it would benefit the Borough by letting them on our property since our prior discussions over their salt shed.

Mayor DeStefano stressed again to Council to work within your committees.

Councilman Hoffman also stated that he feels all Council members should work within their committees.

Attorney Brian Lozuke reported that he is in contact with the Collings Lakes Fire District's attorney regarding the contract and he expects a proposal by the next meeting. Mr. Lozuke assured Mayor and Council that they will be no disruptions in service.

Mayor DeStefano reported that Finance and Streets & Roads have approved the Brine Sprayer for purchase this year.

Mayor DeStefano asked Engineer Gary Auer what is the status of 8<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge repairs. Gary stated that the County is in the process of receiving quotes for the second bridge repair.

Mayor DeStefano reported that there is a concern regarding our e-waste program with regards to overtime for Borough employees. It was suggested by Councilman Schenker that we get more information from our CFO.

Councilman Hoffman mentioned that the Borough should enforce dumpsters for construction debris when residents and businesses are doing extensive remodeling. A discussion ensued.

Councilman Schenker stated that maybe some of our codes and enforcement need to be reviewed for changes.

Mayor DeStefano reported that he is going to Mediation next week for the Campellone lawsuit.

Mayor DeStefano reported that he received several emails regarding the Sun Initiative. Mayor stated he asked our Solicitor to look into this. Mr. Lozuke stated he is waiting to get information from the Sheriff.

Mr. Lozuke stated that it is his understanding this program (SUN) is an acronym for Statewide Urban Neighborhoods. The Sun Initiative concerns properties that are in pre foreclosure or in foreclosure. It's an opportunity for this investment bank to purchase the loan that's in default directly from the homeowner and remortgage the property back to the owner. The theory being that this program is better than a foreclosed or abandoned property. Mr. Lozuke stated that he is waiting for more information. Mr. Lozuke stated that he is not sure what if any Municipal action can or should there be.

Councilman Pagano stated that he has information on the Sun Initiative that he can forward to Mr. Lozuke.

Mayor DeStefano asked Gary Auer if any information regarding the Master Plan Post Sandy.

Mayor DeStefano stated that we have three executive sessions this evening and asked if anyone had any questions.

Councilman Schenker asked if Gary Auer spoke to CFO Dawn Stollenwerk regarding the landfill capping concerns. Gary responded that he reached out to Dawn about the initial concern which was the cost of monitoring the wells. In order to reduce the testing requirements the next concern would be are we opening up the landfill to further investigation by the DEP for them to approve the reduction of testing. By doing so it could potentially open up the Borough to remedial action that's not been done. Councilman Pagano stated that we really need to move on with a capping plan so we know what's involved when that time comes. Councilman Pagano stated that he suggested this last year and he contacted Vince Polistina and for \$200.00 to give us a breakdown of just what it would cost. Ben stated that Council did not want to spend the money last year to find out what were obligated to do. Councilman Schenker stated that if the cost is still \$200.00 then that is something we should look into. Councilman Hoffman asked if there was a timeline for capping the landfill. Gary stated that there is no timeline. A discussion ensued.

Councilman Schenker questioned the monthly permit report regarding the permit fees. Construction Secretary Sue Carroll stated that the difference was the school solar project and fees are waived for the school.

Councilman Schenker questioned the salary ordinance Solicitor Lozuke explained the process the Borough uses for salary ordinance and the resolution that sets the salaries.

Councilman Schenker had a question about the Cap Bank Ordinance. Solicitor Lozuke explained the ordinance.

Councilman Schenker asked if there was an actual agreement of sale between the Borough and the buyers of the firehouse. Mr. Lozuke stated that he is received a title commitment today. Mr. Lozuke stated that he hopes to have the title closing sometime next week.

Councilman Pagano wanted to make a statement before the Mayors Citizen of the Year nominee came in that although he thinks that Joel Spiegel is an excellent choice, however, he feels that since he's on the Affirmative Action Committee that a woman should have been nominated. Councilman Pagano suggested that Council take over this award as Affirmative Action Chair.

Councilman Schenker asked about the share service resolution 2017-37 with Atlantic County on abandoned properties. Councilman Schenker asked if we are sharing the fees. Mr. Lozuke stated he believes the County receives \$100.00 and the Community Champions receives \$100.00 and the Borough receives the balance. Mr. Lozuke explained the Community Champion process. A discussion ensued.

Councilman Schenker asked on resolution 2017-38 if the \$76,800.00 is what the reval company is charging the Borough to do the reval.

Councilman Schenker asked some questions about the bill list. Councilman Schenker asked about the payment for the Mayors Association meetings. Greg asked if the Mayors attends these meetings and if not should we continue to pay for them or send someone in his place. A long discussion ensued.

Councilman Schenker inquired about the equipment repairs.

Councilman Pagano asked Council for a consensus on the Mayor's Award. Councilman Smith stated that if anyone wants to give a nomination then present it.

Councilman Pagano asked Council's opinion on sending someone to the Mayor's Meetings or maybe we should not pay the bill. Councilman Schenker agreed. Another discussion ensued over someone attending the meeting. Mayor DeStefano offered to send the minutes of the meetings to Council. (inaudible)

Councilman Jantz stated that he may not be able to attend the JIF meeting this Thursday. Clerk Gatto reminded Council that they need to attend this meeting.

Councilman Smith stated he wanted to start a National Night Out and asked to form a committee. A discussion ensued. Councilman Smith asked Council for suggestions. Mayor suggested that the ad hoc committee would be Councilman Smith, Schenker and Hoffman.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: No comment**

**MEETING IS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. NO VOTES WILL BE TAKEN**

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto  
Municipal Clerk