

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
January 14, 2015**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:12PM**

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG LED BY Mayor Lou DeStefano**

**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 Gummoe

**Also present:** Mayor Lou DeStefano, Solicitor Keith Bonchi, and Engineer Vince Polistina

Mayor DeStefano asked for a moment of silence for Dorris McKnight who passed away recently. Mayor DeStefano stated that Dorris was the first Councilwoman in the Borough of Folsom.

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:** Mark Bianchini President of Hammonton Little League and Secretary/Player Agent Dave Cappuccio were here this evening representing Hammonton Little League. Mr. Bianchini stated that approximately eight (8) years ago Folsom asked to join the Hammonton Little League program. Mr. Bianchini reminded Council along with this partnership came with use of fields. Folsom fields were supposed to be used for practice and games. Mr. Bianchini stated that recently he received a letter from the Folsom Athletic Association asking why Hammonton Little League does not pay for use of fields. Mr. Bianchini explained that is why he is here this evening to find out if the Hammonton/Folsom partnership will remain the same in the future. Mayor DeStefano stated that this issue was discussed at the Parks & Rec meeting last night and it was agreed that everything will remain the same. Mr. Bianchini offered to give Folsom some bags of athletic lime if needed. Mark and Dave requested to have an open line of communication between the two towns. Mayor DeStefano asked Mark to explain the use of the batting cages. Mark stated that all teams pay for use of cages. The only time teams don't pay are the town little league and softball teams. Mark stated that no one uses the cages for free. Mark suggested that Folsom should add some infield mix to the portable mound.

**MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC**

**APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP MINUTES December 10, 2014**

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

There was a roll call vote with ayes all with the abstention of Councilman Jantz and Councilman Arena.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM December 10, 2014**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilwoman Veneziani and seconded by Ben Pagano

There was a roll call vote with ayes all with the abstention of Councilman Jantz and Councilman Arena

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:** No comments

**MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC**

**CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE:** Ms. Gatto reminded residents that Borough Hall offices will be closed on January 19, 2015 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION 2015-29  
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE RESURFACING OF 14TH STREET PROJECT, FY 2013 STATE AID-CONTRACT NO.16**

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Folsom in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40a:1-1 et seq, previously awarded and entered into a contract for the FY 2013 State Aid - Resurfacing of 14th Street-Contract No. 16, a State Aid Project from the New Jersey Department of Transportation with Arawak Paving Company for the resurfacing of a portion of 14<sup>th</sup> Street in the Borough of Folsom; and

**WHEREAS,** it has subsequently been determined by the Borough that it will be in the best interests of the Borough and the 14<sup>th</sup> Street resurfacing project that the scope of the 14<sup>th</sup> Street resurfacing project be expanded to include the rehabilitation of the a stormwater inlet and that such change order is allowed under N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.3; and

**WHEREAS,** the inclusion of the additional stormwater inlet rehabilitation within the project limits does not substantially change the quality or character of the work to be provided by the Contractor; and

**WHEREAS,** the net increase in the Contract is \$1,677.50 and the execution of a change order will not cause the originally awarded contract price to be exceeded by more than twenty percent (20%); and

**WHEREAS,** the inclusion in the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Resurfacing Project of the stormwater inlet rehabilitation on 14<sup>th</sup> Street will allow the additional portion to be addressed in conjunction with the overall 14<sup>th</sup> Street Resurfacing Project and will allow the Borough to take full advantage of the available state funding.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom, in the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey that:

A change order is approved for the 14<sup>th</sup> Street resurfacing project to include the storm water inlet rehabilitation at a net increase of \$1,677.50 and for a resulting total Contract amount of \$115,526.54; and

The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into an execute on behalf of the Borough and amendatory contract covering the approved changed order, such amendatory contract to be in a form satisfactory to the Borough Attorney.

A motion to approve Resolution 2015-29 was made by Councilman Pagano and seconded by Councilman Smith

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

**RESOLUTION 2015-30**  
**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE -  
CONCRETE WORK, CONTRACT NO.17E**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Folsom in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40a:1-1 et seq, previously awarded project with Johnson Tree Transplanting for the construction of the concrete floor and driveway aprons for the new public works garage in the Borough of Folsom; and

**WHEREAS**, it has subsequently been determined by the Borough that it will be in the best interests of the Borough and the Public Work Garage - Concrete Work project that the scope of the project be expanded to include the enlargement of the three (3) driveway aprons and the installation of compacted DGC (dense graded concrete) and that such change order is allowed under N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.3; and

**WHEREAS**, the inclusion in the Public Works Garage - Concrete Work project of the enlarged driveway aprons and the compacted DGC is to increase the ease of vehicle access and plowability of the area surrounding the new structure; and

**WHEREAS**, the inclusion of the additional items to the project does not substantially change the quality or character of the work to be provided by the Contractor; and

**WHEREAS**, the net increase in the Contract is \$3,810.00 and the execution of a change order will not cause the originally awarded contract price to be exceeded by more than twenty percent (20%); and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom, in the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey that:

A change order is approved for the Public Works Garage - Pole Building to include several upgrades to the structure at a net increase of \$3,810.00 and for a resulting total Contract amount of \$22,875.00; and

The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into an execute on behalf of the Borough

and amendatory contract covering the approved changed order, such amendatory contract to be in a form satisfactory to the Borough Attorney.

A motion to approve Resolution 2015-30 was made by Councilman Gummo and seconded by Councilman Pagano

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:** stated the Borough received final judgement on the foreclosures. Keith also reminded Mayor and Council that a land sale will be January 21, 2015 at 6:30PM. Borough should consider having another land auction. Mr. Bonchi stated that we will be discussing tax appeals at the February executive meeting.

**FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT:** Councilman Smith read the following:

The following incidents occurred in your community during the month of December 2014

December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Fire Alarm	Mays Landing Rd	14 Members Responding
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vehicle Crash	Rt322 & 14 <sup>th</sup> St.	16 Members Responding
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Alarm	Mays Landing Rd	11 Members Responding
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Heater Malfunction	Lakeview Ave	16 Members Responding
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Broken Water Pipe	Black Horse Pike	23 Members Responding
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Vehicle Crash	Rt322 & 8 <sup>th</sup> St.	21 Members Responding
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Vehicle Crash	Rt322 & Cains Mill	20 Members Responding
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	CO Alarm	E. Collings Dr.	19 Members Responding

The Fire Department would like to first start by wishing each and everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. Also we would like to congratulate the new members of the council. During the month of December the Fire Department was busy with end of year reports and just like everyone else preparing for the new year. Santa came to town a few times during the month, once to visit during the tree lighting ceremony and again on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> handing out candy canes. As the new year begins we would just again like to remind everyone that every Tuesday the members are in station starting around 7pm and we encourage anyone wishing to stop by or bring their children by to check out the equipment or meet some of the folks please do so. Also if you get a chance check out our web site [clfd23.org](http://clfd23.org). Again, Happy New Year and much success.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:** Vince Polistina reported to Mayor and Council regarding the request to research the speed limit on 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Vince stated that the speed limits are all over the place on 14<sup>th</sup> Street. There are some limits at 35, 40 and 45. Vince stated there are a couple of ways to do speed limits on local roads, one is statutory and the other is to do a full engineering study. A discussion ensued. Vince suggested that the best thing for the Borough to do if they want to reduce speeds on that stretch of road is to take a look at the areas that we can statutory set a thirty-five mile an hour speed limit. Place signs at both ends that reduce speeds to 35 mph and remove all other signs since there are other areas that are statutory higher speed limits. Vince stated that if that is the direction you want to go in then he will contact Public Works and get the

signs made up. A discussion ensued over the placement of signs. Council agreed to go forward. Vince stated that he will have to do the certification.

Vince updated Mayor and Council on the following:

**FY13 State Aid Project -14<sup>th</sup> Street-** the contractors has completed the rehabilitation of the stormwater inlet on 14<sup>th</sup> st. There is a change order for \$1,677.50

The concrete floor and driveway apron on the Public Works Bldg. has been completed. There is a change order for \$3,810.00 for additional work that included grading in front of the new structure and the enlargement of there (3) driveway aprons.

The work on the IBEW is complete.

The expansion of the Laborer's Hall is continuing. The final site work must still be completed.

Vince stated that his offices are still communicating with the representatives from the NJDOT about providing better signage and access along Rt 322. The state has agreed to the additional signage and has authorized South State to get the signs and install them. They are also continuing to work on the removal/relocation of the concrete barriers that restrict access along the roadway.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor DeStefano wished everyone a Happy & Safe New Year. Mayor DeStefano stated that he was pleased with the turnout for the re-organization meeting and hoped it was a good sign for the future and a positive year for the Borough. Mayor DeStefano thanked all the dignitaries for attending our re-organization meeting. Mayor also thanked resident Sue Chille from St. James Church.

Mayor DeStefano informed that residents that the people who burglarized the local business Krystal Vy have been apprehended. Mayor DeStefano thanked the all law enforcement involved.

Mayor Destefano asked for nominations for the "Citizen of the Year" award. The Borough will be taking nominations until January 30, 2015. It will be announced at the February meeting.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS:**

**Councilman Kyle Smith:** wished everyone a Happy New Year and reported that the Folsom Drug Alliance started this past Saturday at Folsom School. Kyle wished all the volunteers the best of luck with the Drug Alliance Program. Councilman Smith announced that the Folsom School is holding the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Comedy Night on January 24, 2015 at 6:30PM.

**Councilman Ken Jantz:** stated that he and Councilman Gummoie will be inspecting all street lights in the Borough. Councilman Jantz asked residents to report any street lights that are out to Borough Hall or go directly to our website there is a link to report street outages.

**Councilman Ben Pagano:** wished everyone a Happy New Year. Councilman Pagano thanked all the dignitaries that attended the Borough re-org meeting. Councilman Pagano asked for prayers for Court Administrator Catherine DeYoung. Councilman Pagano reported that they had some black ice on Monday and the Public Works applied salt to certain areas. Councilman Pagano informed residents if they have any leaves to place in trash bags and place with trash. Ben also informed residents to remove any basketball nets from the street so the plows can clear the streets in case of snow.

**Councilman Charlie Arena:** thanked Ron Esposito for putting together the Parks & Rec meeting last night. Councilman Arena stated that it was a standing room only crowd. Councilman stated that they had a presentation from David Siegel from Core Elements Gym to discuss outdoor fitness equipment. Councilman Arena stated that it was in the preliminary stages and the primary goal of the Mayor is the senior field dugouts. Councilman Arena reported that there will be an increase in the use of field's fee from \$200.00 to \$250.00. Councilman Arena stated that they also discussed the drainage of the girl's softball field. Councilman Arena also welcomed new member Sandi Kaiser to Parks & Rec.

**Councilwoman Veneziani:** stated that the Finance Committee will be holding a meeting at the end of the month to begin the 2015 budget process.

**Councilman Gummoe:** reported that he and Superintendent John LaPollo attended the Atlantic County Multi-Jurisdictional Disaster Committee meeting. Councilman Gummoe stated that Folsom is currently on track with the requested paperwork. However, the state moved the completion day to August 2015. Councilman Gummoe will be setting up a meeting with the rest of the members so they can begin processing the rest of the paperwork. Councilman also asked for volunteers.

Mayor DeStefano announced his email address is [ldestefano@folsomborough.com](mailto:ldestefano@folsomborough.com)

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS ONLY**

### **NO COMMENTS**

### **PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF: no bills this month**

Mayor DeStefano reminded the public that all other monthly reports are on file in the minute book and to please visit the Borough website with updated information.

The next regular meeting of Mayor and Council will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2015 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 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Folsom, NJ

Mayor DeStefano announced that all future workshop meetings will be held in the courtroom.

With no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM with ayes all.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto  
Municipal Clerk