

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
WORKSHOP MINUTES
July 13, 2016**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:16PM

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 Gummo

Also Present: Mayor DeStefano, and Engineer Gary Auer

Mayor DeStefano asked Council if they received the project shutdown letter from the Governor. A discussion ensued over the Rt 322 and RT 54 ongoing construction.

Mayor DeStefano reported that he will be attending mediation for the DeYoung Tort Claim on August 15, 2016.

Mayor DeStefano reported that the Borough received a letter back from the NJDOT regarding the Wawa entrance and exits. The NJDOT is looking for a support resolution from the Borough. Our new solicitor will prepare for the next meeting.

Mayor DeStefano reported that the interviews were held for the Public Works Laborer position and the new hire is Brandon Sauerwald.

Mayor DeStefano stated that he knows there was a question regarding Keith's resignation letter and it is on the Agenda.

Mayor DeStefano stated to Councilman Jantz that you should have called me with regards to a fee waiver resolution on the Agenda instead of emails. Councilman Jantz suggested to Mayor and Council they should get rid of the Ordinance. A long discussion ensued. Mayor DeStefano asked the Ordinance Review Committee if Council can have a new one or a revised one for next month's meeting. The Ordinance Review Committee will discuss the revisions with our new solicitor once he is appointed.

Mayor DeStefano stated the Penny Pot Park project is complete.

Mayor DeStefano gave his opinion on the landfill. A discussion ensued and it was decided not to do anything.

Mayor DeStefano stated that since December we have had several embarrassing meetings and he hoped that it changes and as presiding officer it is his job to uphold civility and he is going to do that. At the last meeting the Solicitor stopped me from calling the State Police. Mayor DeStefano stated that he has every right that if anyone causes a disturbance removed from the meeting and I'm not pointing fingers I'm saying this to everyone and that is what I'm going to do without hesitation from now on. It's been an embarrassment ;I've had people that don't live in this town come up to me. Mayor stated that it's a reflection on all of us and our town and we need to remember that.

Councilwoman Veneziani asked to work things out in the workshop prior to the meeting.

Council President Pagano stated that the debacle of that meeting could have been avoided if we had a special meeting like I requested. A discussion ensued with Councilwoman Veneziani over the special meeting.

Mayor DeStefano stated now were getting back to what I was talking about and it's my job to hold a quorum and I will not hesitate and point you out and have you removed from now on. Council President Pagano stated that if you have the merit to remove me than God bless you and please do. Mayor DeStefano stated that I will have you and Councilman Gummo was out of line last meeting and I will have him removed. That's the way it's going to be from now on.

Councilman Smith asked everyone if they received a letter from Sandi Kaiser who is resigning as Alliance Coordinator as of September 1, 2016 and MaryAnn Gillespie will be taking her place and we are very excited about it. Councilman Smith also stated that the Girl Scout walking program is very positive.

Councilwoman Veneziani reported that the school playground will be ready in the next couple of weeks. They are ordering a piece of equipment for the playground and it will be a new climbing fire truck for the kids to play on. The school would also like to place the fireman's statue that was at the Firehouse at the playground. Councilwoman Veneziani reported that Community Day is scheduled for September 24 and asked maybe we can talk and see if the Borough wants to get involved.

Donna Sutts spoke from the audience. (Inaudible)

Mayor DeStefano asked if they were any questions on the Agenda.

Councilman Smith asked when Pat Blisard's last day is. Clerk Gatto stated that Pat's last day of work will be July 29.

Mayor DeStefano started a discussion on the land use attorney. Council decided that they would appoint Brian Lozurke from Mattleman, Weinroth & Miller, PC.

Council President Pagano reported that Mr. John Iulianetti is interested in purchasing two (2) Borough owned properties. Councilman Pagano reported that he and Mr. Iulianetti walked the properties and then handed out property information packets. Council President Pagano asked Council to come up with a starting minimum bid price for these two properties. Mayor suggested Council wait until we appoint the Solicitor to get his advice.

Mayor DeStefano asked Council President Pagano where we stand with the land sale. Council President Pagano stated that he has been busy and he would need help on the committee. Ben also stated that he is not a bona fide committee since he was not voted on. Mayor DeStefano asked Councilman Jantz to assist Council President Pagano with the land sale. Councilman Jantz agreed to help.

Mayor DeStefano asked Council if they had any questions with the Agenda.

Councilman Gummo stated he is confused by resolution #2016-85. Clerk Gatto explained that the Tax Collector is requesting that Council extend the due date on the third quarter taxes because we are waiting for the County.

Councilman Jantz asked about the changes to the new Solicitor's contract. Ken suggested that we discuss the changes now before we vote at the regular council meeting. Councilwoman Veneziani asked if that

would be a closed session. Council asked Kris Facenda if they can go into closed session to discuss. Mr. Facenda said yes you can discuss contract negotiation but he cannot be in there.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Donna Suttles (15 E. Park Avenue) asked what the lot numbers on the properties that are for sale.

MEETING IS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. NO VOTES WILL BE TAKEN

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto
Municipal Clerk