

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
March 11, 2025**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:54 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG LED BY MAYOR GLENN SMITH

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 Gazette and Atlantic City Press and has been posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board showing the time and place of said meeting.*

ROLL CALL: Councilpersons: Ballistreri, Whittaker, Porretta, Norman, Hoffman and Blazer

Also present: Mayor Glenn Smith, Clerk Patti Gatto, Solicitor Angela Costigan, and CJ Kaenzig from Polistina & Assoc.

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES January 14, 2025

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Blazer with the exception of Councilman Porretta and Councilman Norman's abstention.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, January 14, 2025

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Blazer with the exception of Councilman Porretta and Councilman Norman's abstention.

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES February 11, 2025

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Porretta and seconded by Councilman Norman with the exception of Councilman Ballistreri and Councilman Blazer's abstention.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, February 11, 2025

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Norman and seconded by Councilman Porretta with the exception of Councilman Ballistreri and Councilman Blazer's abstention.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: None

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

ORDINANCES:

(Adoption/Second Reading)

BOROUGH OF FOLSOM

ORDINANCE NO.: 04- 2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 200, ARTICLE XI OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM

WHEREAS, in 2020 New Jersey voters approved Public Question No. 1, which amended the New Jersey Constitution to allow for the legalization of a controlled form of marijuana called “cannabis” for adults at least 21 years of age; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2021, c. 16, known as the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act” (the “Act”), which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana by adults 21 years of age or older, and establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial, recreational (adult use) cannabis operations, use and possession; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Folsom adopted a cannabis ordinance # 09-2021 prohibiting Class 5 cannabis retailer businesses in RD (Rural Development) zones within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Council wish to amend the ordinance to now permit Class 5 retail businesses to operate on Block 2511, lots 13, 14 and 14.01 located in the RD (Rural Development) zone; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2. A municipality may amend an ordinance as it deems necessary and proper for good government, order and protection of persons and property and for the presentation of the public health, safety and welfare of its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the Council further wish to expand the revenue base for the residents of the Borough of Folsom.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Borough of Folsom, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 200, Article XI titled Cannabis Regulation is hereby amended as follows:

A. All Class 5 cannabis retail businesses shall be a permitted use on Block 2511 Lots 13, 14 and 14.01 in the RD (Rural Development) zone.

Section 2. Repealer

Any article, section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or other provision of the Code of the Borough of Folsom inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. Severability

If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 4. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication and filing with the County of Atlantic Planning Board, and as otherwise provided for by law.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

A motion to approve Ordinance#04-2025 was made by Councilman Norman and seconded by Councilman Blazer. There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

RESOLUTIONS:

Consent Agenda: All matters listed under Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by this Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

BOROUGH OF FOLSOM **RESOLUTION # 2025-43**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO CANCEL AND REFUND 2025 TAXES

WHEREAS, a Totally Disabled Veteran Exemption was granted by the Tax Assessor on the property listed below and;

WHEREAS, 2025 taxes were assessed on this property and, due to the exemption, the taxes must be cancelled and payment made by the mortgage company, Corelogic must be refunded, and;

WHEREAS, the amount that must be cancelled and refunded is as stated below.

BLOCK//LOT	PROPERTY LOCATION	CANCEL	REFUND
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2704/727

245 E Collings Drive

\$ 1,559.93

\$ 623.98

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION #2025-44**

A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$6 million for Shared Services and School District Consolidation Study and Implementation Grants to assist local units with the study, development, and implementation of new shared and regional services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) is tasked with administering these grant funds through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP); and

WHEREAS, LEAP Implementation Grants exist to support costs associated with shared service implementation to ensure that meaningful, efficiency generating initiatives are not hindered by short term transitional expenses; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic County Government and its twenty-three municipalities (which includes: Absecon City, Atlantic City, City of Brigantine, Buena Borough, Buena Vista Township, Corbin City, Egg Harbor City, Egg Harbor Township, Estell Manor, Folsom Borough, Galloway Township, Hamilton Township, Town of Hammonton, Linwood City, Longport Borough, Margate City, Township of Mullica, City of Northfield, City of Pleasantville, City of Port Republic, City of Somers Point, Ventnor City, and Weymouth Township) propose to enter into a shared services agreement, but face certain expenses associated with implementation that present a burden to the local units; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this shared services agreement is to acquire and implement a geospatial data solution offering crucial support with current and clear aerial imagery views of Atlantic County land and improvements for each participating agency for purposes including but not limited to: tax assessment valuation, civil planning, emergency management & public safety which will benefit the residents of all participating local units; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic County Government has agreed to be the lead agency in this program and will submit the application to DLGS on behalf of all participating units; and NOW, **THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Folsom, that the Borough of Folsom does hereby join with Atlantic County Government in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$300,000.00 to support implementation of this shared service.

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION #2025-45**

DEER CARCASS REMOVAL SERVICES CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Atlantic County Director of Budget & Purchasing received bids on November 14, 2024 for deer carcass removal services for Atlantic County and its participating cooperative members (Bid #202466.1); and

WHEREAS, DCRS, LLC was the apparent low bidder at a cost of \$80.00 per pickup; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic County Freeholders have awarded this contract to DCRS, LLC; and

WHEREAS, participating members of the Cooperative must notify DCRS, LLC of their intent to participate in the Cooperative Contract;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Folsom that a contract for deer carcass removal services is awarded to DCRS, LLC, PO Box 328, Cream Ridge, NJ 08514-0328 at a price of \$80.00 per pickup. The terms of the contract will parallel those adopted by the Atlantic County Freeholders. The term of the contract shall be for a two- year period commencing December 1, 2024, through November 30, 2026, both dates inclusive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to, DCRS LLC, and that the Township Clerk and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to execute and sign any necessary agreements with DCRS, LLC.

**RESOLUTION 2025-47
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND READ THE BUDGET BY TITLE
ONLY**

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2025 was approved on the 11th day of March, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the it is the desire of the Borough of Folsom governing body to read the budget by title only, and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been set for April 08, 2025 and will be advertised as such; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this Resolution was approved by the Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, at 1700 12th St., Folsom, NJ on the 11th day of March, 2025 at 6:00pm.

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION #48-2025**

**RESOLUTION TO WITHDRAW FROM A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC FOR LEAD INSPECTIONS WITHIN THE BOROUGH**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom wishes to ensure the health, safety and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has a large number of rental properties that need to be inspected for lead; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.16 lead inspections must be conducted on rental properties as defined in the statute and by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Borough entered into a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Atlantic for lead inspections within the Borough on or about June 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Borough now wishes to enter into a contract with LEW Environmental Services to conduct lead inspections on rental properties within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough needs to withdraw from the Shared Services Agreement with the County of Atlantic for lead inspections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey that the Borough hereby withdraws from any Shared Services Agreement with the County of Atlantic for lead inspections and the Mayor and Clerk of the Borough of Folsom are hereby authorized to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the withdrawal.

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION #49-2025**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BY AND
BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM AND LEW ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
FOR LEAD INSPECTIONS WITHIN THE BOROUGH**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom wishes to ensure the health, safety and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has a large number of rental properties that need to be inspected for lead; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.16 lead inspections must be conducted on rental properties as defined in the statute and by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, LEW Environmental Services wish to enter into a contract with the Borough to provide services authorized pursuant to state statute and ordinance, to conduct lead inspections on rental properties within the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Clerk of the Borough of Folsom are hereby authorized to execute a contract with LEW Environmental Services to provide services pursuant to state statute and ordinance to conduct lead inspections on rental properties located within the Borough.

**RESOLUTION 2025-50
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING A RAFFLE LICENSE TO FOLSOM ATHLETIC
ASSOCIATION TO BENEFIT THE SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the Folsom Athletic Association has applied for a license to conduct an on premise (50/50) raffle to be held on April 6, 2025 and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Folsom, that

1. The following facts are hereby found and determined:
 - a) The Applicant is qualified.
 - b) The members designed to conduct the games are active members.
 - c) The members designated to conduct the games are of good moral character and have never been convicted of a crime.
 - d) The raffle will be conducted according to the Raffle Licensing Law and the Rules of Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission.
 - e) The entire proceeds are to be disposed of for a purpose permitted by the Raffles Licensing Law.
 - f) There is satisfactory proof that no payment will be made for conducting the raffle or assisting therein except to the extent allowed by the law.
 - g) There is satisfactory proof that the prizes are of the nature and amount allowed by the Raffles Licensing Law.
 - h) The rental to be paid for equipment does conform to the schedule of authorized rental prescribed by the Rules of the Control Commission.
2. The Council is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the proper certificates of the aforesaid Findings and Determinations in the Form prescribed and specified by the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission.

A motion to approve Resolutions #2025-43 through #2025-50 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF RESOLUTION 2025-46 WHICH WAS VOTED ON SEPARATELY was made by Councilman Whittaker and seconded by Councilman Norman

Resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2025-46
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT - EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Folsom has determined that such circumstances presently exist and that Council is authorized to enter into an executive session from which the public will be excluded;

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

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the subject matter set forth herein; and
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is a possible litigation.
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above matter will only be made public upon a specific request to the Folsom Council and a determination by the Council that matter no longer need remain confidential; and
4. Upon the conclusion of the closed session Council will return to the public session and action may be taken at such time; and
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion to approve resolution #2025-46 was made by Councilman Whittaker and seconded by Councilman Norman

There was a roll call vote with ayes all with the exception of Councilman Ballistreri's abstention.

A motion was made by Councilman Norman and seconded by Councilman Whittaker to enter into a closed session at 7:15PM.

A motion was made by Councilman Norman and seconded by Councilman Whittaker to close the executive session and enter in regular session at 7:30PM.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: *No report.*

MAYOR'S REPORT: *Mayor Smith reported that he hopes to have a meeting with the State Police and the Sheriff's Dept within the next few weeks.*

FIRE REPORT: *No report*

ENGINEER'S REPORT: *CJ read report*

FY 2023 Municipal Aid: Resurfacing of Erie Road, Cherokee Road, Mohawk Drive & Seneca Lane

The Borough has received final reimbursement from the State in the full amount of the final invoice.

FY 2024 Municipal Aid: Resurfacing of Fenimore Drive, Lenape Terrace & Mohawk Drive

The Borough has received final reimbursement from the State in the full amount of the final invoice.

FY 2025 Municipal Aid: Resurfacing of Fenimore Drive & Lupin Lane

We are in the design process for Fenimore Drive and Lupin Lane, and anticipate submitting the plans and specs to the Borough for approval in April.

FY 2025 Local Recreational Improvement Grant

Nothing to report. We expect the grant awards to be announced by May 2025.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Ballistreri: *Tom stated he felt the Borough had a good budget for 2025 but would still like to see a third full time laborer added to the Public Works Dept.*

Councilman Norman: *Al gave an update on the Pinelands Golf water issue. Al will let Council know when the next meeting is scheduled.*

Councilman Porretta: *No report*

Councilman Whittaker: *Jim read the safety report. A discussion on speeding.*

Councilman Hoffman: *Jim stated that he noticed that several dumpsters were placed at the house on 14th St. that the Borough has been trying to get cleaned up.*

Councilman Blazer: *No report*

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: *Michele Hetzel (1503 Mays Landing Rd.) came before Mayor and Council to express her concerns over speeding on Mays Landing Rd.*

PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$221,376.35

A motion to approve payment was made by Councilman Norman and seconded by Councilman Porretta

There was a roll call vote with ayes all

Mayor Smith reminded the public that all other monthly reports are on file in the minute book.

Please visit the Borough of Folsom website at folsomborough.com for updated Borough information and the Borough of Folsom Facebook page.

The next regular meeting of Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 starting with the workshop meeting at 6:00 pm and continuing immediately thereafter with the regular meeting at Borough Hall, 1700 12th Street, Folsom, NJ.

With no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto
Municipal Clerk

