

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
March 22, 2017**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:10 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG LED BY Mayor DeStefano

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 has been posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board showing the time and place of said meeting.

ROLL CALL: Councilpersons: Jantz, Pagano, Arena, Hoffman and Schenker

Absent: Councilman Smith

Also present: Mayor Lou DeStefano, Attorney Brian Lozuke, and Engineer Gary Auer

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP MINUTES February 14, 2017

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Pagano and seconded by Councilman Schenker

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM February 14, 2017

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Arena and seconded by Councilman Pagano

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES FROM February 14, 2017

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Pagano and seconded by Councilman Schenker.

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

George DeAngelo from Vital Communications, Inc. gave an overview of the tax revaluation process.

Sandi Kaiser introduced Jake Blazer (3211 Oakwood Drive) from the FAA who was present this evening to voice their concern over not being able to schedule practices and games on the senior field.

Ron Esposito (2102 Laurel Lane) spoke on this issue on behalf of the Parks and Rec commission.

Parks and Rec Commission, Borough, FAA and the travel teams will have a meeting to work the scheduling out. All were in agreement.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: NO COMMENTS

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

Easter Egg Hunt for Folsom Students (Grades K-2nd) will be held on April 13, 2017 at 11:00 am at Borough Hall.

There will be an E-Waste day scheduled for Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 8:00am until 1:00pm at the Borough Hall Garage.

Reminder : The Clerk's office is opened until 7:00PM on Monday evenings.

Councilman Schenker asked for a moment of silence for Ex-Councilwoman MaryJane Kaiser.

RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION 2017-53

**RESOLUTION EXCLUDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITHIN A
PORTION OF A MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12**

WHEREAS, meetings of the Mayor and Borough Council are subject to the provisions of a Statute entitled the "Open Public Meetings Act" codified within N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, et. seq.;

WHEREAS, the said Act provides for public participation within all meetings, except those meetings or business which involve certain enumerated activities of a public body as further set forth in the said Statute; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council desires to discuss and act upon matters subject to the exclusions of said Act under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10-4-12, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Act hereinabove recited provides that a public body may exclude public participation within any meeting wherein such matters may be discussed or acted upon provided that a Resolution be adopted at a meeting to which the public is admitted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom, as follows:

A. The public shall and will be excluded from that portion of a meeting conducted by the Borough Council on Tuesday, March 22, 2017, matters contemplated in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 et seq., and to specifically include anticipated litigation and contract negotiations under N.J.S.A.10:4-12(b)(7).

B. Directing the Clerk to separately record the minutes of that portion of the aforesaid meeting dealing with such matters and retain same within a confidential file until such time that those matters have been fully acted upon by the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom.

A motion to approve Resolution #2017-53 was made by Councilman Arena and seconded by Councilman Hoffman.

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

Council entered in Executive Session at 8:15PM

Council returned from Executive Session at 9:16PM

ORDINANCES: (Second Reading/Adoption)

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
ORDINANCE 02-2017**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND FIXING SALARIES FOR VARIOUS OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The annual salaries and compensation for the various Borough officials, officers, and employees of the Borough of Folsom, listed below, shall be as follows for calendar year 2017:

Salaried Positions

Borough Clerk	\$25,000	-	\$50,000
Building Sub-Code Official	\$1,000	-	\$4,500
Chief Financial Officer	\$4,000	-	\$16,000
Construction Official	\$2,500	-	\$10,000
Council Member	\$1,700	-	\$3,000
Court Administrator	\$20,000	-	\$50,000
Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator	\$500	-	\$1,500
Electrical Sub-Code Official	\$1,000	-	\$5,000
Emergency Management Coordinator	\$500	-	\$1,500
Fire Safety Officer	\$1,000	-	\$2,000
Fire Sub-Code Official	\$1,000	-	\$5,000
Judge (based on 24 sessions annually)	\$1.00	-	\$12,000
Additional sessions (maximum 4)	\$350 per		Session
Mayor	\$2,200	-	\$4,000
Plumbing Sub-Code Official	\$1,000	-	\$5,000
Tax Assessor	\$6,500	-	\$15,000

Tax Collector	\$6,500	-	\$17,000
Zoning Officer	\$1,800	-	\$4,500
<u>Hourly Positions:</u>			
Administrative Assistant	\$8.38	-	\$14.50
Deputy Clerk	\$10.00	-	\$14.50
Deputy Court Administrator	\$8.50	-	\$14.50
Municipal Administrative Asst	\$25.00	-	\$75.00 per session
Part-time Laborer	\$9.00	-	\$12.50
Public Works Laborer	\$9.00	-	\$20.00
Supervisor Public Works	\$10.00	-	\$26.00
UCC Technical Asst/Planning & Zoning	\$10.00	-	\$14.50
Secretary			
Interpreter	\$25.00	-	\$50.00 per session

SECTION II. The salaries and wages hereby established shall be on a bi-weekly basis with the exception of Mayor and Council, which shall be quarterly, unless otherwise specified.

SECTION III. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be retroactive to January 1, 2017, and shall apply to employees continually employed since January 1, 2017.

SECTION IV. Any Ordinance or part of an Ordinance inconsistent with this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION V. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on the first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council in the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, held on February 14, 2017. Said Ordinance was approved for final adoption at a public hearing held in the Borough of Folsom Municipal Building, 1700 12th St., Folsom, NJ on March 14, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Arena and seconded by Councilman Jantz

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
ORDINANCE 03-2017**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2017
AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 0.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom in the County of Atlantic finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2017 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 3.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$34,461.00 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized herein above that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom, in the County of Atlantic, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2017 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Folsom shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$1,109,351 and that the CY 2017 municipal budget for the Borough of Folsom be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on the first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council in the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, held on February 14, 2017 and said Ordinance was approved for final adoption at a public hearing held in the Borough of Folsom Municipal Building, 1700 12th St., Folsom, NJ on March 14, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Pagano and seconded by Councilman Schenker

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION 2017-48
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION SETTING THE SALARIES OF THE EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS
OF THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Folsom has adopted a salary ordinance setting salary ranges for the various positions in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, each employee and official of the Borough will receive compensation within that range; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Borough to formally approve the salary rate for each employee and official of the Borough.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom that the following employee and official salaries are hereby approved for the year 2017, retroactive to January 1, 2017 for all employees continually employed by the Borough.

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Salaried Positions</u>	
All Members of Council	Council Member	\$3,000
Destefano, Louis	Mayor	\$3,900
Cappuccio, Bertha	Tax Collector	\$16,246
DeYoung, Catherine	Court Administrator	\$46,308
Gatto, Patricia	Borough Clerk	\$42,865
Ingemi, Joseph	Tax Assessor	\$14,718
LaPollo, John	Zoning Officer	\$4,330
LaPollo, John	Emergency Management Coordinator	\$1,000
Newton, Patrick	Construction Official	\$4,841
Newton, Patrick	Building Sub-Code Official	\$3,902
Newton, Patrick	Plumbing Sub-Code Official	\$3,902
Newton, Patrick	Fire Sub-Code Official	\$3,902
Raso, Frank	Judge	\$10,239
Stollenwerk, Dawn	Chief Financial Officer	\$15,209
Volpe, Jerry	Electrical Sub-Code Official	\$4,182
 <u>Hourly Rates</u>		
LaPollo, John	Superintendent Public Works	\$25.85
Stadtmueller, Kevin	Public Works Laborer	\$17.00
Verderame, Dalton	Public Works Laborer	\$17.00
Carroll, Susan	Clerical Assistant	\$13.74

A motion to approve Resolution #2017-48 was made by Councilman Arena and there was no second therefore motion failed.

Councilman Hoffman then seconded the motion.

Councilman Schenker asked for a motion to table this resolution in order to RICE notice our employees to be able to discuss the salaries of the employees. No second motion failed.

Smith-A Jantz-Y Pagano-N Arena-Y Hoffman-N Schenker-N- Resolution failed.

After a discussion it was determined that Council needs to schedule another meeting next Tuesday.

RESOLUTION 2017-49

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM AUTHORIZING VERIZON WIRELESS TO UTILIZE POLES ERECTED WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

WHEREAS, Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless, (“Verizon Wireless”), is a provider of commercial mobile service subject to regulation by the Federal Communications Commission; and

WHEREAS, Verizon Wireless has entered into agreements with parties that have the lawful right to maintain poles in the public right of way pursuant to which Verizon Wireless may use such poles erected within the public right of way in Folsom; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey law permits such use provided that there is the consent of the relevant municipality.

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

1. Permission and authority are hereby granted to Verizon Wireless and its successors and assigns, to use poles erected by parties and have the lawful right to maintain poles within the public right of way in Folsom, subject to the following:
 - A. Verizon Wireless, and its successors and assigns, shall adhere to all applicable federal, state and local laws regarding safety requirements related to the use of the public right of way.

- B. Verizon Wireless, and its successors and assigns, shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws requiring permits prior to beginning construction, and shall obtain any applicable permits that may be required by Folsom.
- C. Such permission be and is hereby given upon the condition and provision that Verizon Wireless, and its successors and assigns, shall to the fullest extent permitted by law, defend, pay on behalf of, indemnify, and hold harmless the Borough of Folsom, its elected and appointed officers, officials, agents and servants, employees and volunteers and others working on behalf of Folsom from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, or loss, including all costs connected therewith, and for any damages which may be asserted, claimed or recovered against or from the Borough of Folsom, its elected and appointed officials, officers, its agents, employees, volunteers, or others working on behalf of Folsom, by reason of personal injury, including bodily injury or death and/or property damage, including loss of use thereof, which arises out of or is in any way connected or associated with this contract and/or project.
- D. Verizon Wireless shall, at its own cost and expense, maintain commercial general liability insurance in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 combined single limit per occurrence and automobile insurance with combined single limits of \$2,000,000.00 for bodily injury (including death) and property damage each occurrence. Workers compensation insurance in compliance with the statutory requirements of the State in which work is performed. Verizon Wireless shall include Folsom as an additional insured as their interests may appear under this agreement on all general liability policies. Nothing in this section shall limit Verizon Wireless's liability in any way.
- E. Verizon Wireless shall be responsible for the repair of any damage to paving, existing utility lines or any surface or subsurface installations, arising from its construction, installation or maintenance of its facilities.
- F. Notwithstanding any provision contained herein, neither Folsom nor Verizon Wireless shall be liable to the other for consequential, incidental, exemplary or punitive damages on account of any activity pursuant to this Resolution.

- G. This instrument shall be adopted on behalf of Folsom by the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom and attested to by the Folsom Clerk who shall affix the Borough of Folsom seal thereto.
- H. The permission and authority hereby granted shall continue for the same period of time as the grant to parties whose poles Verizon Wireless is using.

A motion to approve Resolution #2017-49 was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Schenker.

Smith-A Jantz-Y Pagano-N Arena-Y Hoffman-Y Schenker-Y

RESOLUTION 2017-50

BOROUGH OF FOLSOM

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

(Read by title only)

The Municipal Budget Notice

A motion to approve Resolution #2017-50 was made by Councilman Jantz and seconded by Councilman Arena.

Smith-A Jantz-Y Pagano-N Arena-Y Hoffman-N Schenker-N resolution failed.

RESOLUTION 2017-51

BOROUGH OF FOLSOM

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE RECORDS CUSTODIAN/BOROUGH CLERK AS THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY FOR THE BOROUGH VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk, Patricia M. Gatto, currently serves as the Records Custodian on behalf of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the “Employee Handbook”, as well the “Personnel Policies & Procedures Manual” adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council require the Borough to appoint a designee on behalf of the Borough to ensure the proper maintenance and administration of the Borough video surveillance system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom that the Borough Clerk/Records Custodian, Patricia M. Gatto, is hereby appointed as the Borough designee concerning the maintenance and administration of the Borough video surveillance system, which shall include maintaining the proper user access logs required by the Borough.

This is to certify that this a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough of Folsom Council at the regular meeting held on March 22, 2017.

A motion to approve Resolution #2017-51 was made by Councilman Pagano and seconded by Councilman Hoffman.

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

**RESOLUTION 2017-52
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUSAN CARROLL TO FULL TIME
EMPLOYMENT**

WHEREAS, Susan Carroll was heretofore appointed to part-time employment with the Borough in the construction office and for the combined planning/zoning board of adjustment memorialized by Resolution R-2014-30; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council desire to make such appointment full-time with the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Susan Carroll is hereby appointed to full-time employment effective April 1, 2017 at an annual salary of \$25,000.00 or as such compensation shall be set forth by the Borough Salary Ordinance from time to time.

A motion to approve Resolution #2017-52 was made by Councilman Pagano and seconded by Councilman Hoffman.

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION 2017-54**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE ATLANTIC COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom have opted to participate in the Atlantic County Community Development Grant (CDBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, as a participant, the Borough of Folsom expects to be allocated \$15,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2017; and

WHEREAS, in order to be allocated CDBG funds, the Borough of Folsom must enter into an interlocal service agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority, which is the Administrator of the Atlantic County CDBG Entitlement Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Agreement by and between the Atlantic County Improvement Authority and the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom, which is attached hereto, is hereby approved and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said agreement.

A motion to approve Resolution #2017-54 was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Schenker.

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

**RESOLUTION 2017-55
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM TAX ASSESSOR IN
CONJUNCTION WITH COUNSEL TO SETTLE AND COMPROMISE CERTAIN
REAL PROPERTY TAX APPEALS PENDING BEFORE THE NEW JERSEY TAX
COURT**

WHEREAS, there is now pending before the Tax Court of New Jersey direct appeals challenging the real property tax assessments for certain real property owned by Kerr Concrete Pipe Company/Oldcastle Precast, Inc. located at 1920 12th Street, which is further identified as Lot 1 of Block 2902 on the Tax Map of the Borough of Folsom for the years 2013-2016; and

WHEREAS, from time to time the Tax Assessor is presented with an opportunity to compromise, settle or otherwise dispose of certain tax appeals which are pending before the Tax Court; and

WHEREAS, after a review of the appraisals exchanged between the parties and an analysis and opinion by the appraiser retained on behalf of the Borough of Folsom with regards to the property which is the subject of the tax appeals and after careful consideration of these facts, it is in the opinion of the Tax Assessor and the Borough Solicitor for the Borough of Folsom that it is in the best interest of the Borough of Folsom to authorize a settlement of the pending tax appeals as set forth herein and to authorize the Tax Assessor in conjunction with Counsel for the Borough of Folsom to enter into and consummate such settlement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Counsel of the Borough of Folsom, Atlantic County, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Solicitor for the Solicitor of Folsom in conjunction with the Tax Assessor for the Borough of Folsom be and is hereby authorized to execute the attached Stipulation of Settlement with regards to the pending tax appeals before the New Jersey Tax Court, which have been filed by Kerr Concrete Pipe Company/Oldcastle Precast, Inc. for calendar years 2013-2016.
2. The terms of the settlement are such that the annual assessments for property will be reduced for calendar years 2013-2016 as reflected on the Stipulation of Settlement attached hereto and made a part hereof, which terms have been agreed to by the parties, as follows:

2013-Original Assessment-\$1,157,000.00/Proposed Assessment-\$900,000.00

2014-Original Assessment-\$1,157,000.00/Proposed Assessment-\$875,000.00

2015-Original Assessment-\$1,157,000.00/Proposed Assessment-\$850,000.00

2016-Original Assessment-\$657,000.00/Proposed Assessment-\$657,000.00

A motion to approve Resolution #2017-55 was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Pagano.

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Mr. Lozuke updated Mayor and Council on the sale of the firehouse and that the new owners have given the fire department more time in removing the siren. Mr. Lozuke stated that we are coming up on the anniversary of when the Master Plan re-examination needs to take place. Along with that re-examination Mr. Lozuke suggested to Council that they need to take a look at their ordinances. Mr. Lozuke stated that the Borough needs to boost up their ordinances specifically the site plan ordinances, change of use ordinances, commercial business changes (site plan required) and zoning ordinances. We will need to go out for an RFP at least by the end of this year.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Mayor DeStefano read report.

The following incidents occurred in your community during the month of February 2017

February 19 th	Pedestrian MVA	Black Horse Pike	24 Members Responding
February 24 th	Alarm System	Mays Landing Rd	12 Members Responding

February has been a busy month, members are in the process of refurbishing our new/used brush truck so that it will be in service and ready to go before the spring forest fire season arrives. All members also were required to recertify in our annual SCBA fit testing refresher along with continuing other necessary training. We would just again like to remind everyone that every Tuesday the members are in station starting around 7pm. We encourage everyone to stop by and 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. you can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

2017 Community Development Block Grant Funding - Grant Application

The Atlantic County Improvement Authority (ACIA) will be receiving applications for proposed projects to be funded for the coming year. We are looking for projects the Mayor and Council are interested in having completed. The application deadline is April 7th. There is a resolution on tonight's agenda authorizing the Borough to participate in the program. We would anticipate the Borough receiving the typical annual amount of \$15,000.00.

FY16 State Aid Project - 14th Street

A meeting was held on March 2nd, with representatives from the NJDOT, Conrail, the Public Works Superintendent, the School Superintendent and our office to discuss the impact of the railroad crossing with the proposed resurfacing of 14th Street. Due to the condition of the existing crossing, Conrail will be required to upgrade the track bed with concrete and replace the signalization lighting with larger equipment. It was noted that additional advance warning signs and roadway markings would be provided by the Borough to bring the crossing up to date with current MUTCD standards. The NJDOT will be issuing a formal Memorandum of Record outlining all of the work items discussed at the meeting within the next month.

To complete their work, Conrail stated that 14th Street will need to be closed for several days to prevent any inconvenience to the Folsom School so timeframe for Conrail to begin work will be pushed to the end of June. We anticipate the resurfacing project will be completed afterwards during the month of July.

FY15 State Aid Project - 8th Street

I met with the County Supervisor Engineer of Bridges earlier this week to review the status of the repair work on the second bridge located along 8th Street. He informed me the County anticipates receiving bids within the next few months with construction slated to begin this fall. The work will involve the reconstruction of structural portions of the bridge and a complete re-decking.

The County Public Works Department will replace a damaged section of guardrail in the vicinity of the bridge. It was indicated the work will be completed in the next few weeks. Once the guardrail has been repaired the final reimbursement request should be finalized

2016 Community Development Block Grant Funding - Borough Hall Automatic Door Operators

The Borough received confirmation of the \$15,000 grant for the 2016 project. With the funds remaining from the previous year the Borough has \$24,362.63 available. We will begin preparing the plans for public bid.

Mays Landing Road - County Route

Our office received notification this week that the County is currently taking bids for the resurfacing of Mays Landing Road. Bids will be received on April 6th.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor DeStefano reported that Mike Earling resigned from the Park Commission and the FAA and thanked him for all his years of service and welcomed Jake Blazer to the Parks Commission.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS:

Councilman Kyle Smith: absent

Councilman Ken Jantz: reported the land sale committee is waiting to hear from the person that is interested in putting a cell tower on Borough owned property. Councilman Jantz reported that the land sale committee is gathering information for the next land sale.

Council President Pagano: Congratulated Sue on becoming full time. Councilman Pagano apologized because he misplaced the public works report. Councilman Pagano reported that the dugout roofs were replaced and the crew was busy repairing pot holes throughout the Borough. Council Pagano thanked everyone for the overwhelming support his family has received in the loss of this son Nathan. Councilman Pagano asked for a moment of silence for his son Nathan.

Councilman Charlie Arena: reported on the Atlantic County Mayors Association meeting that he attended this past month. Councilman Arena thanked Mayor Brown of Mullica for welcoming him to the meeting.

Councilman Hoffman: reported since construction official Pat Newton is retiring he reached out to the state to see if they could take over the construction office. They can take over the construction department for a zero fee and they get all permits fees and will come to the Borough one day a week. A discussion ensued over the savings to the Borough. Jim reported that the state would require a resolution.

Councilman Schenker: asked about the fire siren at the firehouse. Greg also asked about the boxes in the hallway. Greg asked the Clerk to reach out to Councilman Smith and see what is going on with the boxes. Councilman Schenker thanked Mike Earling for all he has done in our community. Greg reported that there hasn't been a National Night Out meeting yet but he reached out to Al Valentino to do a helicopter water drop at the National Night Out event. Councilman Schenker reminded residents to get their taxes done.

PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS ONLY:

NO COMMENTS: John Lapollo (Public Works Superintendent) asked that since the budget failed resolution and the salary resolution failed will the employees still receive paychecks.

Susan Carroll (construction secretary) asked Councilman Hoffman where the dollar amount in savings from the state taking over the construction office generated from. Councilman Hoffman reported that he got his numbers from Dawn. A discussion ensued.

PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$228,947.05

A motion to approve payment was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Arena.

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

Council scheduled a meeting for next Tuesday March 28, 2017 starting at 6:00PM. Mayor and Council asked Clerk Gatto to RICE Notices all employees.

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 along with the Folsom Borough Facebook Page.

There will be a Special Meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 starting at 6:00PM. The next regular meeting of Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday , April 11, 2017 starting with an workshop meeting at 6:00 pm and continuing with the regular meeting in Borough Hall, 1700 12th Street, Folsom, NJ.

With no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 PM with ayes all.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto
Municipal Clerk