

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
May 13, 2015**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:14PM

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, Attorney Keith Bonchi, and Engineer Gary Auer.

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP MINUTES April 8, 2015

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

There was a roll call vote with ayes all with the abstention of Councilman Smith

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM April 8, 2015

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

There was a roll call vote with ayes all with the abstention of Councilman Smith

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: Arlene DeCicco (1314 Memory Lane) wanted to address her driveway complaint with Mayor and Council. Mrs. DeCicco claims the roadway salt damaged her driveway of two (2) years. Mrs. DeCicco asked Mayor and Council if the Borough began using a different rock salt this year when plowing her road. Mayor DeStefano responded that the Borough gets their salt from the state. Mayor DeStefano stated that the Borough has always gotten their salt from the state and he is not aware of any new chemicals in the state's rock salt. Mrs. Decicco stated that she received a letter of denial from the Borough and she would like her claim to be reconsidered. Keith Bonchi stated that Council will be going into a closed session at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss this issue.

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

Ms. Gatto reminded residents that Borough Hall offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2015 in observance of Memorial Day and the new summer hours will begin on Tuesday, May 26, 2015.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION 2015-56
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION #2015-54 REDUCING THE SPEED
LIMIT ON 14TH STREET**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council, of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, that Resolution #2015-54 reducing the speed limit on 14th Street be rescinded.

WHEREAS, state statutes calls for this to be done by Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic hereby authorizes Resolution #2015-54 rescinded.

A motion to approve Resolution #2015-56 was made by Councilwoman Veneziani and seconded by Councilman Arena.

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

**RESOLUTION 2015-57
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION #2015-55 AUTHORIZING
POLISTINA & ASSOCIATES, LLC TO APPLY FOR GRANT FOR
RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council, of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, that Resolution #2015-55 authorizing Polistina & Associates, LLC to apply for a grant form recreational trails program be rescinded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic hereby authorizes Resolution #2015-55 rescinded.

A motion to approve Resolution #2015-57 was made by Councilman Arena and seconded by Councilman Smith

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

Resolution#2015-58 was tabled

RESOLUTION 2015-59(Revised)
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM

A RESOLUTION AMENDING WORK HOURS OF THE BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has previously adopted the 2014 Borough of Folsom Employee Handbook which includes work hours from Monday – Friday: 8:30am-4:00pm with summers hours from Monday – Friday: 8:00am - 3:30pm; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council finds that it is the best interests of the Borough and its Citizens to amend the hours of the Borough Clerk's Office on Mondays from 11:30AM to 7:00PM to take effect on Monday, June 1, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Folsom, in the County of Atlantic and the State of New Jersey, approve the amended Borough Clerk's office hours.

A motion to approve Resolution #2015-59 was made by Councilman Pagano and seconded by Councilwoman Veneziani

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: reported the he is not handling any active litigation at this time, just tax appeals.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Councilman Smith reported on the following:

The Collings Lakes Fire Company responded to five (5) calls in March and four (4) calls in April.

The Fire Company held their annual Hoagie Sale with the proceeds going toward their scholarship fund.

On May 26, 2015 there will be a county wide Tender Task Force Drill to be held at the Folsom Elementary School around 7:00PM. Anyone interested in stopping by is certainly welcome.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Gary Auer updated Mayor and Council on the following:

FY13 State Aid Project – 14th Street

The final payment voucher in the amount of \$58,081.54 has been approved and the project has been closed out.

2014 Community Development Block Grant Funding

Our office is currently completing the engineering for the project and have begun to prepare the bid documents. We anticipate having the project ready for public bid by the summer.

2015 Recreational Trails Program

As directed by the Borough we ceased the application submission process last month.

2015 Community Development Block Grant Funding

As requested by Mayor and Council our office submitted an application for funding from the Atlantic County Improvement Authority (ACIA) to convert the former Folsom Fire Hall into a Senior Center. The ACIA will inform the Borough whether the funding has been approved later this year.

FY15 State Aid Project - 8th Street

The Borough received formal acknowledgement that the requested funding has been approved last month. The project involves the reconstruction of 8th Street from the end of Phase I up to 3rd Road at the municipal border. Our office has begun the initial survey work of the roadway.

2015 Local Aid Infrastructure Fund (LAIF)

With the formal acknowledgement of the funding for 8th Street we will submit the required application materials for discretionary funding to complete improvements along Braddock Avenue if acceptable to the Mayor and Council. The project would include paving the existing hardpan dirt road with possible stormwater improvements.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor DeStefano reported that the Local 172 Laborers Building is near completion and the National Laborers Convention is to be held in Folsom next year. Mayor congratulated Folsom resident Connor O'Toole on becoming a state finalist in the Louis Bay League of Municipalities Essay Competition. Mayor DeStefano would like to congratulate CJ Conway in his invitation to the New York Giants mini-camp. Mayor DeStefano also congratulated his son on his graduation from Rowan College with a degree in Biology. Mayor DeStefano thanked Council and employees for donating to the GI Joe Fund (Jeans for Troops). Mayor DeStefano thanked Public Works Superintendent John LaPollo, Joel Spiegel, Councilman Ben Pagano, Councilwoman Veneziani and himself for putting in numerous hours updating our Hazardous Management Plan. Mayor reported with the help from the Parks Commission and Ron Esposito the dugouts are complete. Mayor DeStefano read a letter from the County Board of Taxation granting an extension to update the tax maps.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS:

Councilwoman Veneziani: reported that there were 70 EMS calls between January 1 and March 31, 2015. 42 of the patients were transported to local hospitals, 38 of these calls were medical and 25 were trauma, 3 were standby and 4 were public assist. Responses varied, most calls around 12 minutes. Councilwoman Veneziani reported that she and Councilman Arena met to review the sign ordinance. Mimi also congratulated CJ Conway on this NFL Camp invite.

Councilman Kyle Smith: reminded residents to please pay attention when driving around the Borough with all the new traffic patterns. Councilman Smith wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day and enjoyable summer.

Councilman Ken Jantz: reported that he and Councilman Pagano attended the League of Municipalities meeting last month. There was a video presentation on the Community Video Showcase Program and Ken forwarded that information to Mayor DeStefano. Councilman Jantz felt that Council should look into the program because it's free and a good opportunity to showcase the Borough. Councilman Jantz reported that he attended his first school board meeting and they let him sit in on a Solar Presentation. Councilman Jantz reported that Ron Esposito and the Parks Commission would like to research Solar for the ball fields and Ken also suggested turning it over to the Council Building and Grounds Committee for further research for the Borough.

Councilman Ben Pagano: reported that he attended the Atlantic County Township officials meeting last week. This group includes all communities in the western end of Atlantic County. This group has an agenda to stand up and be heard. They do not want to get lost in the shuffle of bigger municipalities. Councilman Pagano informed residents that tomorrow is the the last day for leaf pickup. Councilman Pagano reported that there was a leak in the bathroom and Dennis LaSasso was called for the repair. Ben stated that Dennis used a camera in the wall to pinpoint the leak which was repaired with very little wall disturbance. Councilman Pagano also reported that lights were out at the ball field and the electrician was called.

Councilman Charlie Arena: reported that Ron Esposito will be meeting with the Parks Commission this Saturday morning at 9:00AM for a picture. All Council members are invited to join us for the picture. Councilman Arena reported that he attended the Parks meeting last night at 13th St. fields. The Commission inspected the bollards which are falling apart and will need to be replaced sometime in the future.. The Commission also inspected the wooded area for dead trees and limbs. They also inspected the Ballfield which they felt was in pretty good shape except for the small rut near the left field foul line. Charlie also reported that the left outfield fence was turned upward. Councilman Arena congratulated CJ Conway on his NFL Camp invite.

Councilman Byron Gummoe: No report

PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS ONLY

Ron Esposito (**2102 Laurel Lane**) thanked Mayor and Council for their help with the dugouts. Ron Esposito stated he felt the Video Program recommended by Councilman Jantz would be a good idea for the town. Mr. Esposito stated he had some concerns about the old Firehouse which the Borough is considering acquiring and with grant money renovating to a senior center, with regards to taxes, maintenance, insurance and financial burden on the Borough. Councilwoman Veneziani responded that Council is in the very early stages of researching this project and that the Firehouse still belongs to the Fire Company at this time.

PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$416,292.25

A motion to approve payment was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Pagano.

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

Folsom is participating in a **Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan**. A HMP is a living document that communities use to reduce their vulnerability to hazards. To inform and engage the public and other local and regional stakeholders in the planning process, a hazard mitigation planning website has been developed and can be visited at: www.aclink.org/PDM/.

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, June 10, 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 12th Street, Folsom, NJ

**RESOLUTION 2015-60
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 driveway damage complaint by Frank & Arlene DeCicco.
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 #2015-60 was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Pagano.

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

Council entered into an Executive Session at 7:58PM

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:11PM

With no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM with ayes all.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto
Municipal Clerk