

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
WORKSHOP MINUTES
October 12, 2016**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:05PM

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: Jantz, Pagano, Arena, Veneziani and O'Toole

Also Present: Mayor DeStefano, Attorney Kris Facenda and Engineer Gary Auer

CFO Dawn Stollenwerk opened the meeting with a discussion on the Borough's 93% rating on the Best Practices Questionnaire. A discussion ensued.

Councilman Smith entered at 6:20PM.

Mayor DeStefano reported that the bridge has been paved.

Mayor DeStefano reminded Council to sign their Personnel Handbook receipt and to turn in the USDA questionnaire to the Clerk.

Mayor Destefano stated that there is going to be a special meeting scheduled for October 18, 2016 at 6:00PM with Attorney Brian Lozuke regarding Ferris & Associates. Councilman Jantz and Councilwoman Veneziani stated that they would not be able to attend so Mayor DeStefano cancelled the meeting.

Mayor DeStefano reported that he attended mediation with Court Administrator DeYoung but could not discuss it until the JIF attorney can schedule an executive session with Council.

Mayor DeStefano discussed Resolution 2016-99 and why it is important to our area.

Mayor DeStefano reported that he received literature regarding a Foreclosure Program that is holding a meeting on October 18, 2016 for homeowners that are losing their home. He told residents to contact Borough Hall if they are interested.

Councilwoman Veneziani asked Solicitor Facenda what is the status of the deed for the Folsom School solar project. Solicitor Facenda stated he was waiting for confirmation from the Pinelands. Councilman Pagano suggested that the Borough should look in to purchasing credits for the school instead of giving away possible valuable land. Solicitor Facenda stated that this was approved in 2004 and the paperwork never completed. A discussion ensued.

Councilwoman Veneziani left the meeting briefly.

Councilman Arena stated that the land sale committee has decided to hire a realtor to sell the firehouse. It was decided that CFO Dawn Stollenwerk will issue a RFQ.

Mayor DeStefano asked if Council had any questions on the agenda.

Councilman Arena reported that a resident came to him inquiring about the construction of a campground. Councilman Arena stated that the resident wanted to know how Council felt before moving forward with this project. Solicitor Facenda stated that if you have a proposed land use development that would have to come before the Planning/Zoning Board.

Councilman Arena also stated that Public Works Superintendent John LaPollo received three quotes for a Brine Machine. John felt that a Brine machine would be the best way to salt the roads and save the Borough money.

Councilman Arena read a statement for the record concerning our executive session regarding Collings Lakes Food Market. Councilman will recuse himself from the executive session.

Councilman Jantz updated Council on the street light issue at 105 Fairmount Ave. (Mr. & Mrs. Brown).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Donna Sutts(15 Park Avenue)stated that at the last meeting Mr. Schenker asked our solicitor the difference between a tort claim and a lawsuit and he explained it to everyone. Ms. Sutts asked Council President Pagano why then at the Community Day was he telling everyone the Borough has three open lawsuits and our taxes will be going up and handing out literature stating such. Councilman President Pagano stated that is not true. Ms. Sutts said that all she has been hearing at different community events from third generation residents asking why we are not talking about the good in Folsom only the lawsuits. Ms. Sutts told Council President that when you're walking around town you need to represent our town with integrity.

Greg Schenker(1447A Backline Road) stated that his flyer he is handing out does say lawsuits because that it what the Atlantic City Press article states. Councilwoman Veneziani asked Mr. Schenker if he called the newspaper and Mr. Schenker responded that he did not.

MEETING IS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. NO VOTES WILL BE TAKEN

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto
Municipal Clerk