

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
September 12, 2012**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:07 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG LED BY MAYOR TOM BALLISTRERI

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

ROLL CALL: Councilpersons, Eckhardt, Gazzara, Esposito, Schenker and Olive

Absent: Councilman Kemmerer

Also present: Attorney Mike Fitzgerald, Engineer Vince Polistina and Fire Chief Donnelly

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM August 8, 2012

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Olive and seconded by Councilman Esposito.

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

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: No Comment

MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC

GUEST SPEAKERS: Folsom School Principal Robert Garguilo and Dr. Evelyn Browne were present this evening to update Mayor, Council and residents on new events and programs at Folsom School. Mr. Garguilo also informed everyone that Folsom Community Day will be held on September 22, 2012 at the Folsom School beginning at 9:00AM.

Councilman Eckhardt asked Mr. Garguilo for some information regarding the ongoing energy consumption review and a discussion ensued.

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE: Ms. Gatto reminded everyone that Borough Hall Offices will be closed on Monday, October 8, 2012 in observance of Columbus Day.

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.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 2012-61 A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION & EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NJDOT FOR THE FOLSOM PEDESTRIAN & BIKE PATH PROJECT (Bikeways)**
- 2012-62 A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION & EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NJDOT FOR THE FOLSOM PEDESTRIAN & BIKE PATH PROJECT (Safe Streets to Transit)**
- 2012-63 A RESOLUTION FOR APROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION & EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NJDOT FOR THE RESURFACING OF EIGHTH STREET & FOURTEENTH STREET PROJECT**

A motion to approve Resolutions 2012-61 through 2012-63 was made by Councilman Gazzara and seconded by Councilman Esposito.

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: No report.

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT: Fire Chief Bill Donnelly stated there were two (2) calls for assistance in the month of August. Chief Donnelly also stated that 12 sets of turnout gear were ordered and should arrive in early November. Chief Donnelly invited everyone to the open house on Friday, October 5, 2012 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

ENGINEER’S REPORT: Vince Polistina reported that the 5th Avenue Road Extension project is almost complete. Vince also stated that he is going to meet with the County regarding the 8th and 11th Street bridge situation. Vince informed Mayor and Council that the IBEW is scheduled start construction soon.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Ballistreri thanked everyone who volunteered their time, donated money or services for the Gateway Project.

COUNCIL MEMBER’S REPORTS:

Councilman Ron Esposito thanked everyone involved in the ‘Welcome to Folsom’ sign project and stated they are going to have a dedication ceremony when fully completed.

Councilman Matt Olive: No report

Councilman Gary Kemmerer: Absent

Councilman Greg Schenker asked residents to use caution when driving because kids are back to school. Greg informed everyone that the Borough Hall Roof Repairs will be going out to bid. Greg invited residents to stop by and visit the new basketball court.

Councilman Butch Gazzara congratulated the Folsom Borough School Staff on being the number one Choice School. Butch reminded residents to take precautions against the West Nile Virus.

Councilman George Eckhardt: No report

Public Comment on the Council Members Reports:

Larry Smith (121 Fenimore Drive) advised Mayor and Council on some of the disadvantages of Solar Energy.

PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$196,066.20

A motion to approve payment was made by Councilman Kemmerer and seconded by Councilman Gazzara

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

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

The next regular meeting of Mayor and Council will be held on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 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

With no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM with ayes all.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto
Acting Municipal Clerk