

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
September 9, 2015**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:05PM

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 Fran Ballak, and Engineer Gary Auer

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP MINUTES August 12, 2015

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM August 12, 2015

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE MINUTES FROM August 12, 2015

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

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

Councilman Pagano recused himself.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Kevin Dixon from Dixon & Associates was here this evening on behalf of Ben Pagano to request a zoning change for Block 902 Lot 11 from F-20 to Village Residential. (Inaudible).

Dr. Evelyn Brown Superintendent from Folsom School gave the annual school report and reminded residents about Community Day. Dr. Brown handed out the school calendar. Dr. Brown stated the school has 408 students and 208 are choice students.

NJ State Trooper Mark Capanna was the next guest speaker and commended Dr. Brown on Folsom school. Trooper Capanna gave the incident reports for July and August. Trooper Capanna also discussed the possible false alarm fee ordinance. (Inaudible). Councilman Pagano asked Trooper Capanna to elaborate on the plan to stop the ATV complaints.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: (Including any workshop questions) (No comments)

CLERKS CORRESPONDENCE:

Borough Hall Offices will be returning to our regular office hours on Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

The clerk's office is open until 7:00PM on Monday evenings.

Community Day will be September 26, 2015 from 10:00AM until 2:00PM at Folsom School.

We will be holding our annual Shred Day during Community Day for residents only. (Until 1:00PM only)

ORDINANCES: (SECOND READING/FINAL ADOPTION)

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
ORDINANCE #06-2015**

**SPECIAL EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION FOR PREPARATION OF
AN APPROVED TAX MAP**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(a) TO FUND THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
PREPARATION OF AN APPROVED, DIGITAL TAX MAP FOR THE BOROUGH OF
FOLSOM, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Whereas, the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, New Jersey ("Borough") has determined that it is necessary to prepare an approved, digital tax map for use by the Borough Tax Assessor and the Atlantic County Board of Taxation; and

Whereas, the amount to be appropriated by the Borough for the purpose described above is \$75,000, which amount shall be deemed a special emergency appropriation as defined and provided for in the Local Budget Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:40-1 et. seq.*; and

Whereas, it is the desire of the Borough Council to adopt an ordinance to create said special emergency appropriation.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, New Jersey, pursuant to Local Budget Law as follows:

SECTION 1: There is hereby appropriated, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:4-53(a) the sum of \$75,000 appropriated for the preparation of an approved tax map, as further described in the preamble of this ordinance.

SECTION 2: Said emergency appropriation shall be financed from surplus funds currently available or from borrowed funds, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55; provided, however at least one-fifth (1/5th) of said amount shall be included in each succeeding annual budget until the appropriation has been fully provided for.

SECTION 3: That a certified copy of this Ordinance as finally adopted, shall be filed by the Borough Clerk with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall be effective after final passage and publication as provided by 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 August 12, 2015 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 September 9, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Public Comment

A motion to approve Ordinance #06-2015 was made by Councilman Pagano and seconded by Councilwoman Veneziani.

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION 2015-77
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION RENEWING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES WITHIN THE
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

WHEREAS, the following Alcoholic Beverage Licensees have made their application for the renewal of their respective licenses for the year 2015-2016;

0110-44-005-003	Bell Liquor Store, Inc. 1002 Black Horse Pike Folsom, NJ 08037	\$360.00
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0110-33-001-002	Folsom Inn, Inc. 40 East Black Horse Pike Folsom, NJ 08037	\$420.00
0110-33-006-005	Collings Lakes Food Market, Inc. T/A Rest A While Bar & Grill 10 East Black Horse Pike Folsom, NJ 08037	\$420.00
0110-33-003-006	Smashed Hat Tavern, Inc. 1409 Black Horse Pike Folsom, NJ 08037	\$420.00
0110-33-002-011	Stern Light Inn, Inc. 40 E. Black Horse Pike Folsom, NJ 08037	\$420.00

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom Council have no objection to the 2015-2016 renewal of said license and is not aware of any circumstances or provisions of law or local Ordinance which would prohibit the issuance of said license.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom, that the Borough Clerk be hereby authorized to issue and deliver said licenses, all of which to become effective July 1, 2015

A motion to approve Resolution #2015-77 was made by Councilman Pagano and seconded by Councilman Smith

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

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION #2015-78**

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE UPDATE AND MAINTENANCE OF TAX MAPS

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent of the Borough of Folsom did advertise for the receipt of proposals for the update and maintenance of tax maps in accordance with the RFP on file in the Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer/QPA did receive proposals on August 5, 2015 until 11:00 a.m. in the Mullica Borough Municipal Building, and

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by Civil Solutions, 850 South White Horse Pike, Hammonton, NJ 08037 was deemed the most advantageous to the Borough, price and other factors considered; an

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer/QPA did review the proposal to determine that all documentation and calculations are complete, correct, and in compliance with RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk has received a certification of funds from the Finance Officer that funds will be available in the amount of \$72,250.00 for the award of this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom that the proposal submitted by Civil Solutions is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval by the Borough Council certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer for submission to Civil Solutions Corporation together with all proper contractual documentation.

A motion to approve Resolution #2015-78 was made by Councilman Pagano and seconded by Councilman Smith

There was a roll call vote with ayes all

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION 2015-81**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CORRECTIVE DEED AND RATIFYING SALE OF
PUBLIC LANDS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a) The Borough of Folsom conducted a public land sale for property located at 1226 11th Street; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that in Resolution 2015-39 and the Deed dated April 17, 2015 which approved and conveyed the interest in the property to Booper, LLC there was a clerical error which misidentified the property being sold as being located in Block 15.20 when it should have been identified as being located in Block 1520; and

WHEREAS, Council hereby seeks to correctly identify the property sold and ratify such sale as was originally intended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey that Resolution 2015-39 shall be amended to reflect the correct Block identification of 1520 instead of 15.20 and further authorizes the Borough Solicitor to file a corrective Deed to reflect the proper Block designation for the property located at 1226 11th Street, Borough of Folsom which was sold to Booper, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect following adoption and approval in the time and manner prescribed by law.

A motion to approve Resolution #2015-81 was made by Councilman Gummoie and seconded by Councilman Pagano

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

**RESOLUTION 2015-82
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION RENEWING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE WITHIN THE
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

WHEREAS, the following licensee has received a Special Ruling from the Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.18 relief for license term 2015-2016

0110-33-004-006	Namah Shivay, Inc. 3125 Vine Road Vineland, NJ 08360	\$420.00
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WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom Council have no objection to the 2015-2016 renewal of said license and is not aware of any circumstances or provisions of law or local Ordinance which would prohibit the issuance of said license.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom, that the Borough Clerk be hereby authorized to issue and deliver said licenses, all of which to become effective July 1, 2015.

A motion to approve Resolution #2015-82 was made by Councilman Pagano and seconded by Councilman Jantz

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No report

FIRE'S CHIEF REPORT: No report

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

2014 Community Development Block Grant Funding

Our office has finalized the design plans and specifications for the provision of the ADA compliant walkways and parking areas at the 13th Street Athletic Fields, the Public Works Garage and South River Drive Playground. We will be submitting the documents to the ACIA for final approval within the next week. Once the ACIA has approved the documents we will put the project out for public bid.

FY15 State Aid Project - 8th Street

We are currently working on the design plans for the resurfacing of the portion of 8th Street within the project limits. We anticipate having the project ready for public bid by late summer / early fall.

11th Street Stormwater Problems - South Jersey Gas

We have been in contact with Adams Rehman & Heggan over the past month and they have forwarded a plan to remediate the stormwater basin located adjacent to 11th Street earlier today. Once we have reviewed the plan, South Jersey Gas will proceed with obtaining a contractor to complete the proposed work.

Councilman Gummoe asked a question regarding the ADA compliant walkways (inaudible) Engineer Gary Auer explained to Councilman Gummoe what type of grant and which areas were affected.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor DeStefano reminded residents to check the Borough website and Facebook page for property tax relief information and the Atlantic Electric Assistance Program. Mayor DeStefano congratulated CJ Conway for being chosen for the New York Giant Practice Squad. Mayor also reminded residents that tomorrow is September 11. Mayor DeStefano thanked the police and all the first responders for everything they do.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS:

Councilwoman Veneziani: stated the Ordinance Committee will be meeting next week to discuss the false alarm fee ordinance.

Councilman Kyle Smith: no report

Councilman Ken Jantz: reminded residents to use caution when school starts. Councilman Jantz directed residents to report street outages to the link on the Borough website.

Councilman Ben Pagano: thanked police officers for all they do. Councilman Pagano reported that trimming will begin next in Pennypot. Councilman Pagano reported that Public Works have a short crew and have been experiencing truck problems but hope to get back on schedule soon.

Councilman Charlie Arena: reported that he attended the FAA meeting with the Mayor, Clerk and FAA Board Members. Councilman Arena reported FAA is hoping to bring the boys baseball back to Folsom. Councilman Arena stated if the boys stay in Hammonton we will have to ask Hammonton to return some registration fees back to Folsom. Councilman Arena suggested that the Borough would like to raise the fees for outside teams to use the fields. Councilman Arena reported that the Folsom softball field is in need of a drainage and would like the field use fee to go towards the repairs if possible. Councilman Pagano asked Councilman Arena how many Folsom kids are in the program. FAA stated that they will be holding some fundraisers in the future to help with costs to repair the fields.

(Inaudible)

Councilman Arena and Mayor DeStefano agreed that there should be an agreement between the Borough, FAA and Hammonton Little League if the boys should return to Hammonton.

Councilman Byron Gummoe: thanked Rich Lucera for sending a bill to the Borough for fixing the lighting at the Welcome to Folsom sign with a no charge written on it. Councilman Gummoe reported that the Borough E-Waste Program has collected approximately 1400 pounds of electronics. Councilman Gummoe thanked residents for taking part in the program. Councilman Gummoe also reported that he received a phone call last week about bees in the ball field. Councilman Gummoe stated that the bees are harmless and the fields have been treated by True Green to rid the bugs that the bees feed on.

PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS ONLY:

None

PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$367,975.94 and \$487.86

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

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

RESOLUTION:

**RESOLUTION 2015-79
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 litigation involving the tax appeal filed by South Jersey Gas.

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 #2015-79 was made by Councilwoman Veneziani and seconded by Councilman Smith

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

Council entered into Executive Session at 8:25PM.

Council returned from Executive Session at 9:00PM

**RESOLUTION 2015-80
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:

6. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the subject matter set forth herein; and
7. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is Ferris & Associates
8. 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
9. Upon the conclusion of the closed session Council will return to the public session and action may be taken at such time; and
10. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion to approve Resolution #2015-80 was made by Councilwoman Veneziani and seconded by Councilman Jantz.

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

Councilman Pagano recused himself from the Executive Session.

Council entered into Executive Session at 9:03PM

Council re-entered from Executive Session at 9:55PM

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 along with the Folsom Borough Facebook Page.

The next regular meeting of Mayor and Council will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 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

With no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 PM with ayes all.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto
Municipal Clerk