

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM  
COUNCIL MEETING  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
October 8, 2024**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:02 BY MAYOR GLENN SMITH**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Councilpersons: Conway, Whittaker, Porretta, Norman, Hoffman and Blazer

**Also Present:** Mayor Glenn Smith, Clerk Patti Gatto, Attorney Angela Costigan and Engineer CJ Kaenzig

Mayor reviewed Agenda with Council.

Clerk Gatto needed to add a second bill list to the agenda for approval.

Councilman Conway reminded residents that the Veterans Memorial Service is scheduled for November 17, 2024 at 9:00AM.

Councilman Norman stated that after the Veterans Service the Historical Society will be honoring past Mayors in the Courtroom with portraits.

CJ reported that he had a field meeting with Angerman and they anticipate starting the field work around October 28, 2024. CJ also reported that he confirmed the surplus with the (CDBG) ACIA and it is \$37,000.00.

CFO Dawn Stollenwerk discussed with Mayor and Council the results from the Best Practices Questionnaire. The Borough scored 44.5 out of 50 points.

Solicitor Angela Costigan gave a statement to the residents that were at the meeting to keep each speech to 5 minutes and not be repetitive. Angela gave the residents updated corrected information regarding the leasing of the fields.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Matt Roncone (**1314 13<sup>th</sup> St.**) voiced his concern over the leasing of the fields. Also stated how important the fields are to his children and the community.

FAA Director Michelle Morris (**1438 Backline Rd.**) came before Council to introduce herself and the FAA to Mayor and Council. Michelle gave insight to the FAA program and its coaches and volunteers.

Joan Somogy (**3213 Oakwood Dr.**) voiced her concern over the leasing of the field. Joan spoke about when her children played and how valuable the fields are to the community.

John Thomas School Board President (**1428 Mays Landing Rd.**) asked Council to work with the FAA and come to an agreement that is acceptable to both parties. Mr. Thomas donated \$1,000.00 to the FAA.

Lauren Veneziani (**5 Eagle Court, Winslow**) voiced her concern over leasing the fields. Lauren also stated that the fields are important to her son and that he has made friends with the Choice students. Lauren stated that as an outsider she feels a great sense of Community here in Folsom.

Thomas Haley (**313 Colins Ave**) stated that he is a coach for the FAA and expressed his concerns over leasing the fields and he explained how difficult it is to get field time. Tom also expressed his concerns over the cost of travel ball.

Victoria DeLaurentis (**1305 Mays Landing Rd.**) expressed her concerns over the leasing of the fields. She also voiced her disappointment over the exclusion of Choice Students Ms. DeLaurentis suggested that Mayor and Council of mismanaging funds and that's why the need to lease the fields. Victoria also stated that it's difficult now to get field time.

Brandi Blazer (**3211 Oakwood Dr.**) Treasurer for the FAA asked for a resolution to this matter as quickly as possible because work for the Spring season starts soon.

Matt Roncone (**1314 13<sup>th</sup> St.**) asked Councilman Conway why he asked how many kids in the program are from Folsom. Matt voice his concern over leasing to a travel team. Matt introduced 6- year Connor Gilmore who hit the winning run in.

Mike Earling (**1317 Memory Lane**) encouraged Council come to an agreement soon with the FAA. Mike asked Council to find out what we need so we can fix it. Mike stated that the sooner is better so there is no miscommunication. Mike asked Council to set a date to discuss.

Scott Magann (**216 Lakeview Dr. Hammonton**) former T-Ball Commissioner and Coach for the FAA when his children were younger. Scott asked why the Borough wants to lease the fields. He asked if they just wanted to get a new revenue stream. He stated that his son lives in Folsom.

Samatha Newman (**145 Baker Ave. Atco**) expressed her concerns over leasing the fields and she asked to reach out to Michelle and ask what we can do. (fundraising, etc.)

Helen D'Agostino (**226 Price St. Hammonton**) shared her family experience with playing baseball in Folsom. Helen stated that it's nice to see school staff attend the baseball games and that's something that you don't see everywhere.

Shawna Schneewan (**245 E. Collings Dr.**) stated that she found it bold that we don't have any numbers regarding costs. She stated that has a parent she would like some reassurance that they will be some kind of resolution.

Kim Mccollum (**133 Evetts Dr. Winslow**) stated that he has a son that plays for Folsom and he broke his arm yesterday. He told his son that his season is over and his son asked if he could play in the Spring. He stated that he has limited means. He offered to do whatever is needed to help out. He expresses how important baseball is for his son.

Sherrie Scarpelli (**7 Willow Lane**) stated that the only thing that Folsom offers is the FAA to children and to please keep that in mind.

**MEETING IS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. NO VOTES WILL BE TAKEN**

With no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM with ayes all.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto  
Municipal Clerk