

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
November 12, 2025**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:15 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG LED 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 and has been posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board showing the time and place of said meeting.*

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

Absent: *Councilman Whittaker, Councilman Hoffman*

Also present: *Mayor Glenn Smith, Clerk Patti Gatto, Solicitor Angela Costigan, and CJ Kaenzig from Polistina & Assoc.*

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES October 14, 2025

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Ballistreri and seconded by Councilman Blazer

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

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, October 14, 2025

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Porretta and seconded by Councilman Blazer

There was a roll call vote with ayes all with the exception of Councilman Norman abstention.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: *No comments*

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

Borough Hall will be closed on November 27th & 28th for Thanksgiving

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Thursday, December 4th, 2025, at 7:00 PM

The Clerk also thanked Greg Conway, Diane Eby, and the Councilman who showed up to support the Annual Veterans Day Ceremony.

Email received from Joe & Sue Chile to the DPW: *Many Thanks to you (John) and Paul for doing such a fantastic job for the residents of Folsom! We appreciate all that you do and make us proud to be part of such a great community...*

ORDINANCES: (First Reading/ Re-Introduction) (Revised)

ORDINANCE NO.: 07-2025

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES #9- 2021, #5-2022, #10-2022
AND #4- 2025 AND CHAPTER 200, ZONING, ARTICLE X1- CANNABIS
REGULATION**

WHEREAS, in 2020 New Jersey voters approved Public Question No. 1, which amended the New Jersey Constitution to allow for the legalization of a controlled form of marijuana called “cannabis” for adults at least 21 years of age; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2021, c. 16, known as the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act” (the “Act”), which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana by adults 21 years of age or older, and establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial, recreational (adult use) cannabis operations, use and possession; and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes six marketplace classes of licensed businesses, including:

- Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator license, for facilities involved in growing and cultivating cannabis;**
- Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer license, for facilities involved in the manufacturing, preparation, and packaging of cannabis items;**
- Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler license, for facilities involved in obtaining and selling cannabis items for later resale by other licensees;**
- Class 4 Cannabis Distributer license, for businesses involved in transporting cannabis plants in bulk from one licensed cultivator to another licensed cultivator, or cannabis items in bulk from any type of licensed cannabis business to another;**
- Class 5 Cannabis Retailer license for locations at which cannabis items and related supplies are sold to consumers; and**
- Class 6 Cannabis Delivery license, for businesses providing courier services for consumer purchases that are fulfilled by a licensed cannabis retailer in order to make deliveries of the purchased items to a consumer, and which service would include the ability of a consumer to make a purchase directly through the cannabis delivery service which would be presented by the delivery service for fulfillment by a retailer and then delivered to a consumer; and**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Folsom adopted cannabis ordinances # 09-2021, #5-2022, #10-2022 and #4-2025 permitting Classes 1-6 of cannabis businesses as uses within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Council now wishes to amend the ordinances to classify all Classes 1-6 of cannabis businesses as conditional uses within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, a municipality may amend an ordinance as it deems necessary and proper for good government, order and protection of persons and property and for the presentation of the public health, safety and welfare of its inhabitants.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Borough of Folsom, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 200 Zoning, Article XI titled Cannabis Regulation is hereby amended as follows:

A. Class 1, Cannabis Cultivation establishments shall be permitted as a conditional use in the following zoning districts in accordance with the standards of

Subsection D, below:

- (1) FCR Forest Commercial Receiving**
- (2) FCS Forest Commercial Sending**
- (3) RDC Rural Development Commercial**
- (4) VI Village Industrial**

B. Class 2, Cannabis Manufacturing, Class 3, Cannabis Wholesale and Class 4, Cannabis Distribution, establishments shall be permitted as a conditional use in the following zoning districts in accordance with the standards of Subsection D, below:

- (1) RDC Rural Development Commercial except for:**
 - a. Block 3401 Lots 50,51, 52 and 53:**
 - b. Block 3407 Lot 12 ;**
 - c. Block 3408 Lots 1,2,3,4,5;**
 - d. Block 3302 Lots 1 and 6;**
 - e. Block 3301 Lot 5**
- (2) VI Village Industrial**
- (3) FCS Forest Commercial Sending**
- (4) FCR Forest Commercial Receiving**

C. Class 5, Cannabis Retail and Class 6 Cannabis Delivery establishments shall be permitted as a conditional use in the following zoning districts in accordance with the standards of Subsection D, below:

- 1. RDC Rural Development Commercial except for;**
 - a. Block 3401, Lots 50, 51 and 52 and 53 and**
 - b. Block 3407 Lot 12**

D. A Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, Class 4, Class 5 or Class 6 cannabis business is subject to the following conditions:

(1) It is located no closer than Two Hundred Fifty (250) feet from any behavioral care facility or residential medical detoxification center;

(2) It is located no closer than Five Hundred (500) feet of the property line of any existing church, private school, college, child -care center, or any existing public park or any public or parochial school not protected as a Drug Free School zone;

(3) The measurement of distances shall be conducted in a straight line from the nearest property line to the nearest portion of the store, area, or facility where the cannabis business is located;

(4) No permitted cannabis business shall be located within One Thousand Five Hundred (1,500) feet of another permitted cannabis business which shall be measured in a straight line from the nearest portion of the building in which the center is proposed to be located to the nearest portion of the building in which the other center is to be located;

(5) Bulk area requirements:

[a] The minimum lot area for a Class 5 Retail cannabis business, Class 6, delivery cannabis business, Class 1 cannabis cultivator business a Class 2, cannabis manufacturing business, Class 3 cannabis wholesale business and Class 4 cannabis distributor business shall be determined by the Land Use Board based on the zoning district of the property and scale of operation.

[b] The minimum setbacks for Classes 1,2,3,4,5,6 shall be determined by the Land Use Board based on the zoning districts of the property and scale of operation.

(6) Hours of operation for a Class 5 and Class 6 Cannabis Business are 9:00 am to 9:00 pm Monday through Sunday. Time limit of operation for a Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, and Class 4 Cannabis Business shall be determined by the Land Use Board.

(7) A Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 Cannabis Business shall be required to operate within a fully enclosed, rigid structure. Greenhouses and hoop houses are not permitted.

(8) The Borough Land Use Board shall determine if a Class 4 or a Class 6 facility should be enclosed.

(9) Satisfactory measures and means shall be taken to prevent smoke, odors, debris, dust, and other substances from exiting the business premises at all times. These businesses shall properly dispose of any and all materials and other substances in a safe and sanitary manner.

(10) All wastewater generated by a Class 1 or Class 2 cannabis operation must be managed in accordance with the applicable standards of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. This shall include but not be limited to pre-treatment of wastewater where required, separation, recycling and offsite disposal of solvents and oils where required and employing water conservation measures.

(11) Notwithstanding the minimum lot area set forth above, no such minimum lot area for a cannabis business within the AG, F-30, F-20, FC, RD or RDC Districts shall be less than that needed to meet the water quality standards of §200-47B (4), whether or not the lot may be served by a centralized sewer treatment or collection system.

(12) Noise pollution beyond the statutorily permitted decibel level is prohibited.

(13) All indoor facilities must be equipped with ventilation systems with carbon filters sufficient in type and capacity to eliminate marijuana odors emanating from the interior or exterior of the premises discernable by reasonable persons. The ventilation system shall be inspected and approved by the Borough or State of New Jersey Construction Official.

(14) All security measures shall be identified and maintained at each facility.

(15) For all Cannabis related businesses, signage may contain the name of the business entity only and no signage reflecting a Cannabis leaf or leaves or other symbol will be permitted. The word Cannabis may be used but not “marijuana” or “pot” or any other term for Cannabis. No advertising signs shall be permitted. No display of pricing shall be permitted. Façade signs are limited to point of entry to a facility and shall not be more than six (6) feet square.

(16) Within the FC District, Class 1 Cannabis businesses shall be limited to activities that are consistent with the definition of “Farm, Principles Uses” as defined in Section 200-6 of this Chapter.

(17) Within the RDC District, Class 1, 2,3 and 4, cannabis businesses shall be permitted except for Block 3401, lots 50,51 52 and 53, Block 3407 lot 12, Block 3408 lots 1,2,3,4 and 5 and Block 3302 lots 1 and 6 and Block 3301 lot 5.

(18) Within the RDC District, Class 5 and Class 6 cannabis businesses are permitted on Block 2511, Lots 13, 14 and 14.01. but are prohibited on Block 3401, lots 50,51, 52 and 53 and Block 3407 lot 12.

(19) No licensee or employee of a licensee shall sell, dispense or deliver directly or indirectly any cannabis, usable cannabis or cannabis products to any person under the influence, intoxicated person, or any person under the legal age to purchase cannabis, useable cannabis or cannabis products as a consumer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6-33, nor permit such categories of persons to congregate in or about the licensed premises.

(20) On-site Consumption is Prohibited. No licensee shall be permitted to operate or maintain a cannabis consumption area as further described in N.J.S.A. 24:6-31 on licensed premises or otherwise allow any person to consume usable cannabis or cannabis products on or within any licensed premises within the Township.

Section 2. Repealer

Any article, section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or other provision of the Code of the Borough of Folsom inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. Severability

If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 4. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication and filing with the County of Atlantic Planning Board, and as otherwise provided for by law.

A motion to approve Ordinance#07-2025 was made by Councilman Blazer and seconded by Councilman Porretta. There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

RESOLUTIONS:

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.

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION #2025-99**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
TO CANCEL AND REFUND 2025 TAXES**

WHEREAS, a Totally Disabled Veteran Exemption was granted by the Tax Assessor on the property listed below and;

WHEREAS, 2025 taxes were assessed and paid on this property and, due to the exemption, the taxes must be cancelled and refunded, and;

WHEREAS, the amount that must be cancelled and refunded is as stated below.

BLOCK//LOT	PROP LOCATION	CANCEL	REFUND
2704/727	245 E. Collings Drive	\$ 2,157.97	\$ 1,078.99 to Mort. Co.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom State of New Jersey, that taxes are cancelled and refunded in the amounts stated above.

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION #2025-100**

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-58 provides that appropriation transfers may be made during the last two months of the year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Folsom,
County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey that the following transfers be made:**

Account Description	Account Number	From	To
Clerk - Other Expenses	01-20-120-020		\$ 2,000.00

Tax Collector - Other Expenses	01-20-145-020	\$ 500.00
Legal Services & Costs - Other Expenses	01-20-155-020	\$ 3,000.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	01-23-215-095	\$ 1,055.00
Health Benefit Waiver	01-23-221-000	\$ 1,470.00
Public Works - Salaries & Wages	01-26-290-010	\$ 20,000.00
Public Buildings & Grounds - Other Expenses	01-26-310-020	\$ 2,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	01-26-315-000	\$ 8,000.00
Park Commission - Other Expenses	01-28-375-020	\$ 3,500.00
Telecommunications	01-31-440-076	\$ 2,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal Costs	01-32-465-020	\$ 8,000.00
Defined Contribution Retirement Plan	01-36-476-000	\$ 500.00
PERS Pension Contribution	01-36-471-000	\$ 25.00
		\$ 26,025.00
TOTAL		\$ 26,025.00

**RESOLUTION 2025-101
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$36,886.62, which is now available from the CDBG Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$36,886.62 is hereby appropriated under the caption Clean Communities Grant

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION #2025-102**

A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL CERTAIN GRANT RECEIVABLE BALANCES

WHEREAS, certain Grant Receivable Balances remain on the Balance Sheet; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel the receivable balance and its' offsetting appropriation reserve balance from the balance sheet; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Folsom, that the following grant receivable, appropriation reserve balances and appropriation reserve balances matching portion be canceled:

	Grant Receivable	Appropriation Reserve	Cash Match
2024-2025 Alliance	\$1,910.82	\$2,028.83	\$118.01

**RESOLUTION 2025-103
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERSON-TO-PERSON
TRANSFER OF A RETAIL PLENARY DISTRIBUTION LICENSE**

#0110-33-001-002 Folsom Inn 1012 LLC

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License Number 0110-33-001-002, heretofore issued to Folsom Inn 1012 LLC, with a mailing address of 1012 East Black Horse Pike, Folsom, NJ 08037; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term;

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33;

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the license business;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom, do hereby approve on November 12, 2025

the Person-To-Person Transfer of Plenary retail Distribution License No 0110-33-001-002, to Folsom Inn 1012 LLC, 1012 Black Horse Pike, Folsom, NJ 08037, and does hereby direct the alcoholic Beverage Control Secretary to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership.

**RESOLUTION 2025-104
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A SHARED SERVICES
AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM AND THE COUNTY
OF ATLANTIC
FOR THE USE OF HIGHWAY DIGITAL MESSAGE BOARDS
AND ELETRONIC SPEED FEEDBACK SIGNS**

WHEREAS, the County received a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$57,375.00, from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the purchase of three (3) highway digital message boards; and

WHEREAS, the County provided a cash match in the amount of \$19,125.00 for the purchase of these digital message boards, costing a total amount of \$76,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the County also received a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$28,125.00 from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the purchase of three (3) electronic speed feedback signs; and

WHEREAS, the County provided a cash match in the amount of \$9,375.00 for the purchase of these electronic speed feedback signs, costing a total amount of \$37,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Shared Services Agreement is to allow the Municipality to borrow, on an as needed basis, at no cost to the Municipality, the highway digital message boards and electronic speed feedback signs; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq., authorizes and encourages local government units to enter into agreements for the pooling of resources and sharing of services, with an aim of reducing property taxes through the reduction of local expenses; and

WHEREAS, the County and the BOROUGH OF FOLSOM desire to enter into this Shared Services Agreement for the term commencing from January 1, 2026, and terminating December 31, 2030; and

WHEREAS, entering into this Shared Services Agreement in advance of the actual need will enable the County to facilitate the prompt availability of the highway digital message boards and electronic speed feedback signs; and

WHEREAS, the parties acknowledge that this Agreement is contingent upon the adoption of all related Resolutions by the respective parties. The County is entering into this Agreement as authorized by Resolution #52 and #53, dated February 4, 2025. The Borough of Folsom is entering into this Agreement as authorized by this Resolution #2025-104, dated November 12, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Folsom that the Mayor of the Borough hereby is authorized to enter into a contract with Atlantic County for the shared services mentioned above, at no cost to the municipality, for the 4-year period commencing January 1, 2026, and terminating December 31, 2030.

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION # 2025-105**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL
PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom owns a parcel of real property on Park Avenue, known as Block 2509 lot 163 on the tax map of the Borough of Folsom ; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Folsom has determined that the real property is not needed for public use and that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Borough of Folsom that the real property be sold; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 b (5) authorizes the sale by municipalities of any real property, capital improvements or personal property, or interests therein, not needed for public use by sale in the manner provided by law; and

WHEREAS, there is an offer to purchase the real property located on Block 2509 Lot 163 for \$1,000.00 by Brooke Habina; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Habina is a contiguous property owner to Block 2509 Lot,163 and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 12-13 b (5), since the parcel has no capital improvement thereupon and is a non-conforming lot. the Borough may sell the real property to Ms. Habina; and

WHEREAS, furthermore, the public property was placed for public sale by the Borough of Folsom on July 21, 2021 with a minimum bid of \$1,000.00 for Block 2509 lot 163 and no bids were made on the real property.

WHEREAS, the property is sold “as is” . No representation of any kind is made by the Borough as to the conditions of the property, and the descriptions of the property are intended as a general guide only and may not be accurate. The property is being sold in the present “as is” where is”, with all faults.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom that it authorizes the Borough Clerk and Borough Attorney to prepare and execute all documents necessary to close the sale of

the real property located at Park Avenue, Block 2509 Lots 163 to Brooke Habina for \$1,000.00.

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION # 2025-106**

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND LAND USE BOARD APPLICATION AND
ESCROW FEES**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Folsom wishes to increase land use board fees, applications and escrow fees in order to compensate for the rising costs of labor and operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:48-2 et seq., the Council of the Borough of Folsom may enact resolutions for the health, welfare and safety of the residents of the Borough; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Folsom that the following fees are established:

APPLICATION AND ESCROW FEES

CATEGORY:	APPLICATION FEE:	ESCROW FEE:
MINOR SUBDIVISION	\$150 PLUS \$20 PER LOT	\$1,500
MAJOR SUBDIVISION		
PRELIMINARY	\$400 PLUS \$25 PER LOT	\$4,000
FINAL	\$400 PLUS \$25 PER LOT	\$1,000

**SITE PLANS NON-
RESIDENTIAL**

PRELIMINARY SQUARE FEET OF BUILDING UNDER 5,000	\$500	\$2000	From 5,001-
10,000	\$600	\$2500	
From 10,001-50,000	\$800	\$3000	
From 50,001-100,000	\$900	\$4000	
Greater than 100,000	\$1000	\$5000	

SITE PLAN RESIDENTIAL

UP TO 25 UNITS	\$400 PLUS \$25 PER UNIT	\$2500
25 OR MORE UNITS	\$600 PLUS \$25 PERUNIT	\$3500
FINAL	\$500	\$1000

**INFORMAL MEETING/
REVIEW**

A. "C" VARIANCES	\$200	\$1000
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B. “D” VARIANCES \$500 \$1000

APPEAL ZONING \$200 \$500
OFFICER’S DECISION

INTERPERTATION OF \$200 \$500
ORDINANCE

TAX MAP UPDATE

For all applications which would result in change \$50 per lot
to the Borough Tax Map.

ESTIMATES COST OF CONSTRUCTION MAXIMUM INSPECTION FEE

\$0+\$10,000	7%
\$10,000+ TO \$20,000	6%
\$20,000+ TO \$50,000	5%
\$50,000+ TO \$100,000	4.5%
\$100,000+ TO \$300,000	4%
\$300,00 +	3.5%

BOROUGH OF Folsom
RESOLUTION # 107- 2025

A RESOLUTION TO AWARD THE OPTION 2-COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT TO HESP

WHEREAS ,the Borough of Folsom advertised a Request for Proposal for a Developer of a Photovoltaic System on Land Owned by the Borough in August 2025; and

WHEREAS, one proposal was received and publicly opened on September 23, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Review Committee has evaluated the proposal based on the cost and other factors as per the criteria as defined in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Review Committee has determined that the proposal received from HESP Solar is responsible to the requirements of the RFP.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey hereby awards the Request for Proposal, Option 2-Community Solar to HESP Solar at the lease price of \$150,000 to the Borough per year and lease term of 20 years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Attorney is authorized to negotiate a lease agreement with HESP Solar.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action be advertised in the official newspaper of the Borough of Folsom.

A motion to approve Resolutions #2025-99 through 2025-107 was made by Councilman Norman and seconded by Councilman Porretta

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: *No report*

MAYOR'S REPORT: *Mayor Smith said the street lights are in rough shape. He's already contacted Atlantic City Electric to see what they can do and whether there are any grants that might help. He also talked with Jerry Delrosso from Atlantic County about putting up digital signs on Mays Landing Road to help with speeding.*

FIRE REPORT: *Councilman Norman read report.*

ENGINEER'S REPORT: *CJ Kaenzig read report*

FY 2025 Municipal Aid: Resurfacing of Fenimore Drive

Arawak Paving Co. has completed all contract work for the project. They will be returning to improve the condition of a drainage swale, and once that is complete, we will proceed with closeout.

FY 2026 Municipal Aid: Resurfacing of Fenimore Drive & Lupin Lane

Nothing to report. Grant recipients are expected to be announced this month.

Request for Proposals: Back Line Road Landfill Solar Conversion

We have completed our administrative and technical review of HESP Solar's proposal. An interview was conducted between the Borough, HESP Solar, Costigan & Costigan, and our office on November 6, 2025. Based on our review of the proposal and the subsequent interview, we have recommended awarding the proposal for Option 2 to HESP Solar, LLC of Montebello, NY.

FY 2025 Community Development Block Grant Applications

The Borough was awarded \$107,493.00 for 13th Street Park ADA Improvements in the 2025 Atlantic County CDBG Annual Action Plan, and the Borough's current available CDBG funding is \$144,379.62.

We will prepare and submit a proposal to undertake the necessary surveying and design work, and would anticipate going to bid for the project in Spring 2026.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Ballistreri: *Tom wrapped up the last parks and rec meeting of the year last week. There won't be another meeting until February 2026. If anything comes up before then, just reach out to Councilman Ballistreri.*

The DPW finished trimming the trees at the parks—Tom thought they did a great job. They also fixed a section of the walking trail on 13th Street that had buckled and turned into a tripping hazard. On top of that, the electrical box on 13th Street had wood that rotted out, but Electri-tech handled the repairs. They're also planning to replace the outlet box by the dugout.

The DPW took down the Community Garden and moved all the materials over to the Borough Hall garage. Tom's happy about the grant for 13th Street and looks forward to seeing what's possible with those funds. He also met with the contractor to talk about how to maintain the pickleball courts.

For the 2025 FAA review, Tom felt the team did a great job with the fields and kept up with maintenance quickly whenever something came up. He'd like to set up a meeting with the FAA before next year to review the contract and resign with them.

Councilman Norman: *No comment*

Councilman Porretta: *No comment*

Councilman Whittaker: *Absent*

Councilman Hoffman: *Absent*

Councilman Blazer: *Thanked the Collings Lake Fire Department for always showing up when the Borough and Folsom residents need them. He also appreciated his fellow Council members for working with him every month. And Clerk Patti Gatto—she's always there for the Council and the people of Folsom. He addressed his concern for a small trash can to be placed at 13th Street park.*

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: *No Comments*

PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$219,704.33

A motion to approve payment was made by Councilman Porretta and seconded by Councilman Blazer

There was a roll call vote with ayes all

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

Please visit the Borough of Folsom website at folsomborough.com for updated Borough information and the Borough of Folsom Facebook page.

The next regular meeting of Mayor and Council will be held on **Tuesday, December 9th, 2025**, starting with a workshop meeting at 6:00 pm and continuing immediately thereafter with the regular meeting in Borough Hall, 1700 12th Street, Folsom, NJ

With no other discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto

