

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
December 10, 2024**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:12 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: Conway, Whittaker, Porretta, Norman, Hoffman and Blazer

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

**APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES, November 12, 2024**

*A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Norman and seconded by Councilman Hoffman*

*There was a roll call vote with ayes all with the exception of Councilman’s Conway and Whittaker’s abstention.*

**APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES November 12, 2024**

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

*There was a roll call vote with ayes all with the exception of Councilman’s Conway and Whittaker’s abstention.*

The Borough would like to thank Jordan Reynolds of Pennsylvania for contacting us regarding the “History of Folsom” Bicentennial Edition Book written by Gertrude Eckhard. Ms. Reynolds found the book in a thrift store and donated back to the Borough.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

***Tom Ballistreri (1310 Memory Lane) wanted to thank Councilman Conway for all his years of service to the Borough of Folsom.***

**CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE:**

Borough Hall Offices will be closed on December 24, December 25, 2024, January 1, 2025 in observance of Christmas and New Year’s Day.

Our next E-Waste Day is scheduled for January 11, 2025

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 # 2024-96**

#### **RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FOLSOM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE RECREATION FIELDS**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of Folsom wish to enter into an agreement with the Folsom Athletic Association for maintenance of the recreation fields; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the residents of the Borough of Folsom to enter into the agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:48-2, a municipality has the authority to pass resolutions and enter into agreements for the health, welfare and safety of its residents.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Borough of Folsom hereby agrees to enter into an agreement with the Folsom Athletic Association for maintenance of the recreation fields and authorizes the Solicitor to prepare the agreement as well as any necessary ordinance and further authorizes the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the Borough

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-97 BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE IMPROVEMENTS AT FALCON'S NEST PARK-CONTRACT NO. 35**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Folsom in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40a:1-1 et seq, previously awarded and entered into a contract for the Improvements at Falcon's Nest Park with Angerman Company, LLC for the Improvements to Falcon's Nest Park-Contract No. 35 in the Borough of Folsom; and

**WHEREAS**, the increase in the contract quantities for the project in the amount of \$13,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the adjustment of the quantities of the project does not substantially change the quality or character of the work to be provided by the Contractor; and

**WHEREAS**, the net increase in the Contract is \$13,500.00 and the execution of a change order will not cause the originally awarded contract price to be exceeded by more than twenty percent (20%); and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom, in the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey that:

A change order is approved for the Improvements to Falcon’s Nest Park project to include an adjustment in quantities of the project with a total increase of \$13,500.00 for a resulting total Contract amount of \$110,000.00; and

The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into and execute on behalf of the Borough and amendatory contract covering the approved changed order, such amendatory contract to be in a form satisfactory to the Borough Attorney.

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM  
RESOLUTION # 2024-98**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2024 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET PER N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-58**

**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:

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| <u>Account Description</u>            | <u>Account Number</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Solid Waste - Other Expenses          | 4-01-26-305-020       |             | 5,500.00  |
| Solid Waste Disposal - Other Expenses | 4-01-26-465-020       | \$ 5,500.00 |           |

*A motion to approve Resolutions #2024-96 thru #2024-98 was made by Councilman Norman and seconded by Councilman Hoffman*

*There was a roll call vote with ayes all with the exception of Councilman Conway’s and Councilman Blazer’s abstention vote on Resolution #2024-96.*

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:** No report but wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Angela thanked Councilman Conway for all his hard work and years of service to the Borough.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:** *Mayor Smith reminded residents that the tree lighting is on Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 7:00PM. Mayor Smith thanked the Folsom School Choir and Collings Lakes Fire Company for attending the tree lighting. Mayor Smith announced that the tree lighting for 2025 will be on December 4, 2025 at 7:00PM back to its original scheduled time. Glenn congratulated Al Norman on his re-election and welcomed back Tom Ballistreri to Council. Glenn thanked Greg Conway and told him he will be missed. Glenn thanked Cindy Norman for all her hard work on the mayor’s pictures in the meeting*

room. Glenn thanked everyone who helped with the Veterans Memorial Service. Glenn read a thank you letter from the Gandolfi family with regards to the Mayor's Dedication Ceremony.

**FIRE REPORT:** *Al read report.*

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** *CJ read report*

### **Borough of Folsom - Engineer's Report**

December 10, 2024

#### **FY 2023 Municipal Aid: Resurfacing of Erie Road, Cherokee Road, Mohawk Drive & Seneca Lane**

We have submitted the final invoice to NJDOT. We expect that all construction, inspection, construction management, and material testing costs will be covered by the grant.

#### **FY 2024 Municipal Aid: Resurfacing of Fenimore Drive, Lenape Terrace & Mohawk Drive**

We have submitted the final invoice to NJDOT. We expect that all construction, inspection, construction management, and material testing costs will be covered by the grant.

#### **FY 2025 Municipal Aid: Resurfacing of Fenimore Drive & Lupin Lane**

The Borough has been awarded a Municipal Aid grant in the amount of \$275,028.00 for the Resurfacing of Fenimore Drive and Lupin Lane. We anticipate preparing the plans and specifications in order to complete construction in Summer 2025.

#### **FY 2023-2024 Local Recreation Improvement Grant: Improvement's at Falcon's Nest Park**

Angerman Company has completed all work for the project. This includes all contract work, as well as extra work including sealcoating, installing little league base mounts, sodding, irrigation, and furnishing two loads of infield mix to the Borough.

The final payment application and change order are on tonight's agenda for approval, and we have recommended issuing payment to Angerman Company in the amount of \$110,000.00; so, the Borough has utilized the entirety of the 2023 and 2024 Local Recreation Improvement Grants.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR - DRIVE SAFELY**

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman Conway:** *Councilman Conway reminded residents of the toy drive on December 14, 2024 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM. Greg thanked everyone for all their kind comments. Greg wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.*

**Councilman Norman:** *Councilman Norman thanked Greg Conway and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.*

**Councilman Porretta:** *Councilman Porretta told Greg to enjoy retirement.*

*Councilman Norman wanted to add that the Collings Lakes Fire Company does an awesome job here in the Borough. Al said go visit the Fire Company and learn about them.*

**Councilman Whittaker:** *Councilman Whittaker read the public safety report. Jim thanked Greg Conway.*

**Councilman Hoffman:** *Councilman Hoffman thanked Greg Conway and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Jim asked all residents to please keep limbs separate from the leaves as it makes it more difficult for PWD to pick up leaves.*

**Councilman Blazer:** *Councilman Blazer thanked Greg Conway and stated that he enjoyed working with him.*

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** *Tom Ballistreri (1310 Memory Lane) wanted to say what a great job Cindy Norman has done with the Historical Society. Tom had a question to Councilman Norman regarding the fire report. Tom also asked Councilman Whittaker if the State Police would consider bringing back Community Policing. Tom wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.*

**PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$327,574.79**

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

*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](http://folsomborough.com) for updated Borough information and the Borough of Folsom Facebook page.

The re-organization meeting of Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2025 starting at 6:00 pm and the next regular Council meeting will be held on January 14, 2025 starting a 6:00pm.

With no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto  
Municipal Clerk



