

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:17 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*

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

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES July 8, 2025

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, July 8, 2025

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, July 28, 2025

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

There was a roll call vote with ayes all with the exception of Councilman Ballistreri and Blazer's abstention

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No comments

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

Next E-Waste Day is scheduled for September 13, 2025 from 8:00Am to 1:00PM at the Borough Garage.

Annual Shred Day is scheduled for October 11, 2025 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM.

ORDINANCES: None

**RESOLUTION 2025-86
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO EXTEND THE THIRD QUARTER 2025 GRACE PERIOD

WHEREAS, there was a delay in receiving the certification of the 2025 tax rate from the Atlantic County Board of Taxation and, therefore, the Borough of Folsom will need to extend the grace period of the third quarter 2025 tax installment; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.4 allows for an extension of the interest-free period for the third quarter installment of taxes, that being twenty -five days after mailing of the last tax bill, after which interest will accrue from August 1, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to extend the grace period for the third quarter, that date being August 29, 2025, due to the delay in the certification of the tax rate.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-87

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE BID THRESHOLD**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3, the State Treasurer increased the minimum bid threshold to Fifty-Three Thousand (\$53,000.00) Dollars for the execution of Contracts without public bid by the Qualified Purchasing Agent ("QPA") when said Contracts do not exceed Fifty-Three Thousand (\$53,000.00) Dollars in the aggregate for the Contract year in those municipalities where Purchasing Agents possess a Qualified Purchasing Agent Certificate awarded by the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, in addition, a new quote threshold has been established for municipalities with the Qualified Purchasing Agent which is now Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty (\$7,950.00) Dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom has an appointed Qualified Purchasing Agent as required under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom finds it is in its best interest for efficiency and economy for it to authorize and approve this increase in the bid threshold and the quote threshold as set forth hereinabove.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey that for the reasons set forth in the Preamble hereinabove and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 it hereby authorizes an increase in the bid threshold to Fifty-Three Thousand (\$53,000.00) Dollars and the quote threshold to Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty (\$7,950.00) Dollars.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such Contracts as may be awarded under this Resolution shall comply with all other applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to Certification of Funds by the Chief Financial Officer as required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this Resolution shall take effective immediately upon

adoption.

***RESOLUTION 2025-88
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM***

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PLACE-TO-PLACE TRANSFER OF RETAIL PLENARY CONSUMPTION LICENSE

#0110-33-007-010 SNEAKERS SPORTS BAR CO., INC. TO LA CASA DEL ASADO, LLC LOCATED AT 301 E. BLACK HORSE PIKE, FOLSOM, NJ 08037

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for Place-to-Place Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 0110-33-007-010, heretofore issued to La Casa Del Asado, LLC.; and

WHEREAS, La Casa Del Asado, LLC has submitted a Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control Application and a New Jersey State Police Background Investigation report; and

WHEREAS, application for the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and a transfer tax clearance has been received; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom, does hereby approve effective August 12, 2025 the Place-to-Place Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0110-33-007-010 heretofore issued to La Casa Del Asado, LLC 610 Melanie Court, Williamstown, New Jersey, 08094 and does hereby direct the Alcoholic Beverage Control Secretary to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership.

RESOLUTION #2025-89

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF AN RFP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM ON A LANDFILL OWNED BY THE BOROUGH

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom wishes to ensure the health, safety and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is the owner of a landfill and it would like to install solar panels at the site; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wants to obtain bids for the project through the RFP fair and open process pursuant to New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law, N.J.S. A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey that the Engineer, Solicitor, and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to publish an RFP for the development of a photovoltaic system on the landfill owned by the Borough.

***RESOLUTION 2025-90
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM***

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS ASSETS AND GRANTING AUTHORITY TO HOLD AN ONLINE AUCTION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom has surplus property that is no longer needed for public use. The surplus property as identified shall be sold in an “as-is” condition without express or implied warranties; and

WHEREAS, the auction of surplus property will be conducted at www.govdeals.com; and

WHEREAS, the sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through GovDeals pursuant to State Contract A-70967-T2581 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals are available online at govdeals.com and also available from the Municipal Clerk at the Borough Municipal Building; and

WHEREAS, the list of surplus property to be sold is as follows:

1. Miscellaneous used equipment. Items in various states of repair: Dell Power Edge T130, Lenovo Think Center
2. Used office furniture. (9) Office chairs
3. 20-inch Echo Chainsaw Model: CS510
4. 1988 Ford 340BV Tractor Loader Model: 340B Vin# C780040

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom that the auction of surplus property at an online auction is authorized and will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Borough reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted

A motion to approve Resolutions #2025-86 through 2025-90 was made by Councilman Porretta and seconded by Councilman Norman

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: *No report*

MAYOR’S REPORT: *No report*

FIRE REPORT: *Councilman Norman read report.*

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

FY 2025 Municipal Aid: Resurfacing of Fenimore Drive

A pre-construction meeting was held today, August 12, with Arawak Paving Co. Arawak is scheduled to begin with drainage work on Tuesday, September 2, which should take approximately one week. They plan to return for final paving and restoration work in late October or November to allow for an ample settlement period.

We will issue a Notice to Proceed on September 2, and the contract completion date will be December 1, 2025.

Request for Proposals: Back Line Road Landfill Solar Conversion

We have finalized and submitted the RFP to the Borough. The Borough’s authorization to publish the RFP is on tonight’s agenda for approval by Council.

COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Ballistreri: *Tom mentioned that the nice weather has really increased park usage, which is fantastic to see. He also expressed his appreciation to Jake Blazer for bringing the Perfect Game tournaments to Folsom.*

Councilman Norman: *Al stated to residents, please ensure your lawns are properly maintained, all trash is promptly removed, and unregistered vehicles are not left on your property.*

Councilman Porretta: *Mike stated that the Borough has received several strong applications for the Public Works position. The interviews, which included the mayor and other members, reportedly went well.*

Councilman Whittaker: *Jim, read the State Police reports. A discussion on a no-knock warrant on Mays Landing Road.*

Councilman Hoffman: *No report*

Councilman Blazer: *No report*

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: *No comment*

PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$324,023.60 and \$779.96

School Portion: N/A

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

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, **September 9, 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 6:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto

