

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
March 9, 2016**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:10PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG LED BY Mayor 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, and Veneziani

Absent: Councilman Gummo

Also present: Mayor Lou DeStefano, Attorney, Fran Ballak and Engineer Gary Auer

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP February 10, 2016

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

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM February 10, 2016

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.

APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE MINUTES FROM February 17, 2016 (JIF)

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.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Mayor DeStefano presented an award to Lawrence Smith for "2016 Citizen of the Year" for his many years of service to the Borough of Folsom and its residents.

Mr. Smith thanked everyone for his award and he also thanked everyone who has served or helped the Fire Company.

Atlantic County Board of Freeholders Chair Frank Formica introduced himself and stated that there have been a lot of accusations and misunderstandings about what South Jersey Gas is planning. Mr. Formica stated that no tax payer money is funding any actions by South Jersey Gas. Mr. Formica stated that South Jersey Gas is planning to fill the Folsom building back up with employees. Mr. Formica stated he is a freeholder at large and represents Folsom and if anyone has any questions or concerns they should contact him.

Mayor DeStefano thanked Mr. Formica for coming and speaking. Councilman Pagano also thanked Mr. Formica and all the Freeholders.

CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk Patti Gatto reminded residents that Borough Hall Offices will be closed on Friday, March 25, 2016 in observance of Good Friday.

There will be an E-Waste day scheduled for Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 8:00am until 1:00pm at the Borough Hall Garage.

Free Rabies Clinic will be held on March 19, 2016 from 9:00AM until 11:00AM at the Borough Hall Garage. We will be renewing dog/cat licenses at the Clinic.

Easter Egg Hunt for Folsom Students (Grades K-2nd) will be held on March 23, 2016 at 11:00 am at Borough Hall.

The Clerk’s office is open until 7:00PM on Monday evenings.

ORDINANCES: (Adoption/Second Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. #02-2016

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
AMENDING SECTION 5-4 OF THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM CODE**

WHEREAS, Section 5-4 (B) of the Borough of Folsom Code provides for the scheduling of regular Council meetings to be on the second Thursday of every month.

WHEREAS, Section 5-4(c) of the Borough of Folsom Code requires, in part, Council at the annual organization meeting to adopt a schedule for setting the regular meetings of Council for the succeeding year.

WHEREAS, the regular meetings for the Borough of Folsom Council have been held on the second Wednesday of each month in accordance with the schedule which has been adopted at the organization meetings at the start of each year; and

WHEREAS, in order to bring consistency to the provisions within section 5-4 of the Borough of Folsom’s code, section 5-4(B) is hereby repealed so that it is no longer mandated that regular meetings of Council be scheduled for the second Thursday of each month but rather

will be scheduled and held in accordance with the schedule which is approved by Council at the annual organization meeting.

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

Section 5-4(B) entitled Council Meetings. Is hereby repealed.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any prior or existing Ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed and/or modified to the extent of such inconsistencies;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication as required 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 February 10, 2016. 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 March 9, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

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

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
ORDINANCE 03-2016**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2016
AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 0.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom in the County of Atlantic finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2016 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 3.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$34,461.00 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized herein above that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom, in the County of Atlantic, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2016 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Folsom shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$1,067,593.52, and that the CY 2016 municipal budget for the Borough of Folsom be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

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 February 10, 2016 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 March 09, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

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

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

BOROUGH OF FOLSOM

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2016

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER FOR THE REGULATION OF ALARM SYSTEMS

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

PURPOSE. An ever increasing number of homeowners and business owners are installing alarm systems in an effort to prevent crime. The installation of these systems should certainly be encouraged, because they tend to make the community safe. A result, however, of having so many properties with alarm systems is that the State Police are called upon to respond to false alarms. It is the purpose of this article to curtail the number of false alarms received by the State Police.

DESIGNATION OF FALSE ALARM. If the State Police receives a call which requires an officer to be dispatched to a residence or dispatched to a business or dispatched to any location in the Borough of Folsom and upon arrival it can be determined that no property or person was in threat of harm or injury and the call or alarm to the State Police was made by mistake, neglect or with the purpose to annoy and there is no justifiable reason to initiate the dispatch, the alarm shall be considered false.

CONSTITUTION OF VIOLATION. An individual shall be considered to have violated this article if he or she initiated the false alarm or negligently allowed the false alarm to be made. It shall be presumed that the owner of any property that has an alarm system is the person who initiates or allows the alarm to be made. The presumption may be rebutted.

VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES. Anyone who is convicted of violating this article in the Borough of Folsom Municipal Court is subject to the following penalties:

- A. First offense and second offense: a warning with no fine or Court appearance required.
- B. Third offense: a fine of \$50 and no Court appearance required.
- C. Fourth offense: A Fine of \$100.00 and no Court appearance required.
- D. Fifth offense: A fine of \$200.00 and a Court appearance required.
- E. Sixth and Subsequent offenses: A fine of \$300.00 and a Court appearance required.

TERMS DEFINED. A “second offense or subsequent offense” shall be defined as any false alarm which occurs within a twelve-month period from January 1 through December 31 annually.

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

A. All security providers who maintain a panel within the Borough of Folsom State Police for security systems for homeowners and businesses are required to notify all such users annually as to the false alarm ordinance by certified mail, return receipt requested, and provide a copy of said letter and proof of service to the office of the Borough of Folsom Clerk/Administrator and State Police.

B. Any failure on the part of a provider to provide notice as contained within this section shall not be considered a defense to the violation of this article.

C. Any provider who fails to comply with the notification requirements contained herein shall forfeit his/her right to maintain a direct connection panel within the Borough of Folsom State Police.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent they are inconsistent to the ordinance herewith and the balance shall remain in full force and effect.

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A motion to approve was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Veneziani

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

RESOLUTIONS:

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-43**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER
FOR A SNOW REMOVAL RESERVE TRUST FUND**

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:4-39 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve expenditures or moneys by dedication by rider: and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, New Jersey as follows:

1. The Borough Council does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-62.1, from a Snow Removal Reserve Trust Fund.
2. The Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this Resolution to the Director of Local Government Services

A motion to approve Resolution #2016-43 was made by Councilman Arena and seconded by Councilwoman Veneziani

There was a roll call vote with ayes all

**Borough of Folsom
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-44**

**RETIREMENT RESOLUTION
Patrick Blisard**

WHEREAS, Patrick Blisard has announced his retirement from the Borough of Folsom of Mullica after twenty three years of service; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Blizzard's retirement will become effective July 1, 2016 and;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Folsom expresses their appreciation to Patrick Blisard. for those years of service to our community.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Council of the Borough of Folsom extends to Patrick Blisard its best wishes for many years of happiness during his retirement.

A motion to approve Resolution #2016-44 was made by Councilwoman Veneziani and seconded by Councilman Smith

There was a roll call vote with ayes all

**RESOLUTION 2016-45
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION INTRODUCING THE 2016 BUDGET
(READ BY TITLE ONLY)**

Public Comment

Open all in favor ___X_ Close all in favor ____

May I hear a motion to move Resolution 2016-45

MOTION___Smith **SECOND**___Veneziani

ROLL CALL:

Smith ____ Jantz ____ Pagano ____ Arena ____ Veneziani ____ Gummoie____DeStefano (tie) ____

This Resolution will be posted, laid over and published according to law. A public hearing, second, and final reading will be held on April 13, 2016

RESOLUTION 2016-46

BOROUGH OF FOLSOM

SELF EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION (as required by DCA)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Borough of Folsom has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2016 budget year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Folsom that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has meet the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
 - c. In itemization, form arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly

advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

A motion to approve Resolution #2016-46 was made by Councilman Arena and seconded by Councilwoman Veneziani

There was a roll call vote with ayes all

**RESOLUTION 2016-47
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION SETTING THE SALARIES OF THE EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS
OF THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Folsom has adopted a salary ordinance setting salary ranges for the various positions in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, each employee and official of the Borough will receive compensation within that range; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Borough to formally approve the salary rate for each employee and official of the Borough.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom that the following employee and official salaries are hereby approved for the year 2016, retro-active to January 1, 2016.

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Salaried Positions</u>	
All Members of Council	Council Member	\$3,000
Destefano, Louis	Mayor	\$3,900
Cappuccio, Bertha	Tax Collector	\$15,928
DeYoung, Catherine	Court Administrator	\$45,400
Gatto, Patricia	Borough Clerk	\$42,024
Ingemi, Joseph	Tax Assessor	\$14,429
LaPollo, John	Zoning Officer	\$4,330
LaPollo, John	Emergency Management Coordinator	\$1,000
Newton, Patrick	Construction Official	\$4,517
Newton, Patrick	Building Sub-Code Official	\$3,902
Newton, Patrick	Plumbing Sub-Code Official	\$3,902
Newton, Patrick	Fire Sub-Code Official	\$3,902

Raso, Frank	Judge	\$10,038
Stollenwerk, Dawn	Chief Financial Officer	\$14,708
Volpe, Jerry	Electrical Inspector	\$4,100

Hourly Rates

Blisard, Patrick	Public Works Laborer	\$18.96
LaPollo, John	Superintendent Public Works	\$25.34
Verderame, Dalton	Public Works Laborer	\$12.00
Carroll, Susan	Clerical Assistant	\$13.40

A motion to approve Resolution #2016-47 was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Arena

There was a roll call vote with ayes all

Resolution 2015-49 and 2016-50 was tabled.

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION 2016-51**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BOROUGH OWNED
LAND**

WHEREAS, the property identified as Block 301, Lots 16, 17 & 18 is owned by the Borough of Folsom and is not needed for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough to sell such land to generate revenue, reduce taxes and reduce liabilities; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough to advertise this land for public sale to the highest bidder in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.

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

1. The Borough Clerk is authorized, subject to the conditions set forth herein, to offer for sale by public auction all of the Borough's right, title and interest in and to the property located at Block 301, Lots 16, 17 & 18 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.
2. The minimum bid for Block 301, Lots 16, 17 & 18 is Two Hundred and Ninety Two Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$292,500.00). No bid less than the minimum amount set forth will be considered.

3. The Borough Clerk is authorized to notify by letter the contiguous owners of record in accordance with the current tax assessments and to advise each such contiguous owner of the lot being offered for sale. The failure, however, to notify any contiguous owner shall not invalidate the sale. The Borough Clerk is further authorized to notify by letter or telephone any other property owners, real estate developers, builders, real estate brokers and agents, and other potentially interested parties and other potentially interested parties as the Borough Clerk may deem appropriate.
4. The property being offered for public sale hereunder is not necessary for public municipal purposes and the best interest of the public shall be served in selling said property by public sale to the highest bidder at or above the minimum price set forth in paragraph 2 above, with the Borough Council reserving the right to accept or reject or otherwise remove the lot from sale. The public sale shall take place at the Folsom Borough Hall, 1700 12th Street (Route 54) Folsom, NJ 08037 on a date and time to be established by the Clerk. Bids shall be received by the Borough Clerk in accordance with procedures to be announced by the Borough Clerk. A deposit by certified check, bank check or money order made payable to the Borough of Folsom in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid must be paid by the successful bidder at the time of the sale. The Clerk may by the announcement made at the time and place scheduled for the public sale adjourn the sale to another date and time and such announcement shall be deemed adequate notice to all interested parties.
5. All bids shall be referred to the Borough Council for review and final approval pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 and the Borough reserves the right to accept the highest bid or to reject any and all bids for any property. The deposits with respect to any unsuccessful bid and any rejected bid shall be returned.
6. The successful bidder shall be responsible for the cost of preparation of the deed of conveyance and any related documents for the transfer of title, not to exceed \$150.00. The balance of the purchase price, together with cost of preparation of the deed of conveyance and related documents for the transfer of title must be paid by certified check, bank check or money order made payable to the Borough of Folsom and provided to the Borough Clerk within ten (10) days of the date of sale. The successful bidder shall be responsible for the recording of the deed and for the cost of such recording.
7. A bargain and sale deed without covenants shall be delivered at the Office of the Borough Clerk on or before 45 days after the sale. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said deeds and other conveyance documents and the Borough Attorney is authorized to prepare such deeds and documents.
8. In addition to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the successful bidders agree to the imposition of the following conditions by the Borough:
 - a. In the event that the successful bidder fails to close title, the bidder agrees to forfeit to the Borough any and all monies deposited with the Borough.

- b. The Borough does not warrant or certify title to the property and in no event shall the Borough be liable for any damages to the successful bidder if title is found defective or unmarketable for any reason, and the bidder waives any and all rights and damages or by way of liens against the Borough, the sole remedy being the right to receive a refund prior to closing a title of the deposit paid and in the event title is found defective or unmarketable. It is the right of the successful bidder to examine title prior to closing. In the event of closing and a later finding of a defect of title, the Borough shall not be required to refund any money or correct any defect in title and shall not be held liable for damages. Acceptance of an offer to purchase shall constitute a binding agreement by the bidder and the successful bidder shall be deemed obligated to comply with the terms and conditions contained herein.
 - c. The deed of conveyance shall be subject to all matters of record which may affect title, what an accurate survey would reveal, the Ordinances of the Borough of Folsom, and the reservation of an easement for all natural or constructed drainage systems, swales, pipes, drains, inlets, waterways and easements, if any, on the land and a continued right of maintenance and flow thereof. The Borough shall be without obligation to provide access, public or private, or to provide any improvements.
 - d. The deed will contain a covenant that neither the purchaser nor any future owner or potential developer of the lot may assert a claim against the Borough of Folsom based upon the inability to develop or use the lot including, but not limited to, a claim for inverse condemnation or damages of any kind.
 - e. The Borough makes no warranties whatsoever regarding said lands and assumes no responsibility for environmental conditions, known or unknown, regarding said lands. The bidder shall be responsible for the exercise of due diligence in determining the condition of the land, including but not limited to, the determination of any title conditions, environmental conditions, zoning and development restrictions and any other condition or restriction that might impact the use of the land.
9. The Borough Clerk, the Mayor and the Borough Attorney are authorized to prepare and execute any and all such documents and to take any and all such actions as may be required to effect the transactions set forth herein.
10. The Borough Clerk shall file with the Director of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs any required affidavits verifying the publications of the advertisements required by N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b).
11. The sale of such lands is subject to applicable New Jersey Law concerning the disposition of municipal real estate and all other applicable laws and ordinances of the State of New Jersey and the Borough of Folsom.

12. All potential sales are subject to final approval by the Borough Council.

13. The Borough reserves the right to waive any and all defects, informalities and irregularities in any bid. The Borough further reserves the right to reject all bids in each instance where the highest bid is not accepted and to, in its discretion, readvertise the property for sale. No bid shall be considered finally accepted until confirmed by the Borough Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Resolution shall be deemed valid and effective; and

APPROVED this 9th day of March, 2016

A motion to approve Resolution #2016-51 was made by Councilwoman Veneziani and seconded by Councilman Arena

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

All in favor of authorizing Clerk and CFO to issue RFP for land use attorney.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: no report

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: (Councilman Smith read report)

The following incidents occurred in your community during the month of February 2016

February 3 rd	Investigation	E. Collings Dr.	12	Members Responding
February 5 th	Alarm System	Willow Ln	22	Members Responding
February 5 th	Wires Arcing	E. Collings Dr.	14	Members Responding
February 23 rd	Vehicle Crash	8 th St./ Rt 561	15	Members Responding

Members that needed to do their annual CPR recertification did so, along with that training there was additional SCBA training.

A meeting was held at Gloucester County Communication Center and a new software program is being implemented, with that the department will be going around block by block so that information on any hazards along with cross streets can be added.

Again we want everyone to know there are smoke detectors available at the firehouse anyone needing one should contact town hall or stop by any Tuesday night, members are in station

starting at 7pm or anyone just interested is certainly welcome to stop by as well. Follow us on Facebook and twitter or check out our website at clfd23.org

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

2014 Community Development Block Grant Funding - ADA Access Project

We are waiting on additional information from the contractor and verification they have received payment so we can complete the request for reimbursement from the Atlantic County Improvement Authority (ACIA). The canceled check is required for the reimbursement request.

FY15 State Aid Project - 8th Street

We are pushing the contractor, Arawak Paving, to complete the remaining punch list items later this month.

NJDOT Route 54 / 322

We have been in contact with the NJDOT Resident Engineer for the Route 54 / 322 project in regards to the completion of the continuing roadway improvements. The temporary concrete barriers separating the West and East Bound lanes will begin to be replaced with a permanent barrier starting around the 21st of this month. They anticipate the work will take approximately 4-6 weeks. The permanent barrier will be shorter than the temporary one.

We are pursuing the installation of a replacement light pole near the exit ramp off of Route 322 onto Route 54. The light pole that was previously there was removed by Atlantic City Electric during the construction of the new Route 54 bridge.

Mayor DeStefano asked why we ended up 50feet short of paving on 8th St.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor DeStefano reported that he is tabling Resolutions 2016-49 and 2016-50. Mayor DeStefano stated that he will meet with the South Jersey Gas president and ask them to come to our next meeting before we take any negative action. Mayor DeStefano read a letter from the JIF awarding the Borough \$1,650.00 and thanked the employees for all their efforts. Mayor DeStefano reported that the Borough will be selling the Firehouse and the starting bid amount is \$292,500.00 . Mayor DeStefano also reported he received two (2) applications for the 2nd Louis Bay Scholarship and he will form a committee to review the applications. Mayor DeStefano thanked Mr. Kyle and Mr. Formica for attending the meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS:

Councilwoman Veneziani: stated she attended her first school meeting as school liaison and reported on the students of the month and teacher of the year. Councilwoman Veneziani reported that the finance committee met last month. Mimi wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Councilman Kyle Smith: asked for prayers for the family of NJ State Trooper Sean Cullen. Councilman congratulated his father on his award and thanked his father for setting a good example.

Councilman Ken Jantz: reminded residents to report any street lights that are out to Borough Hall or follow the link on the Borough website.

Councilman Ben Pagano: thanked Larry Smith for all his years of dedication to the Fire Company and the Borough of Folsom. Councilman Pagano reported that he is working on a feral cat ordinance. Councilman Pagano thanked South Jersey for being a good neighbor and that he does not condone any negative action against South Jersey Gas. Ben wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and a Happy Easter.

Councilman Charlie Arena: reported that he attended the Parks & Rec meeting last night and stated that Parks & Rec would like to redo the sign dedicated to Folsom Children that passed away. Charlie reported that the scheduling of the balls fields is taking place. Charlie reported that the scheduling of fields is taking place and Public Works is working on the girls' softball fields.

Councilman Byron Gummo: absent

PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS ONLY:

NONE

PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$380,686.70

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

RESOLUTION:

**RESOLUTION 2016-48
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT - EXECUTIVE SESSION
(LEGAL)**

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 Ferris & Associates.

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 #2016-48 was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Arena.

There was a roll call vote with ayes all

Councilman Pagano recused himself.

Entered into Executive Session at 8:12PM

Returned from Executive Session at 8:17PM

Councilman Pagano returned

RESOLUTION:

**RESOLUTION 2016-52
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 the status of the RFP for the tax maps.

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 #2016-52 was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Veneziani.

There was a roll call vote with ayes all

Entered into executive session at 8:17PM

Returned from executive session at 8:35PM.

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, April 13, 2016 starting with a half hour workshop meeting at 6:00 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 8:35PM with ayes all.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto
Municipal Clerk