

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
January 14, 2025**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:11 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, Hoffman and Blazer

**Absent:** Councilman Porretta and Norman

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

**APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES, December 10, 2024**

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

*There was a roll call vote with ayes all.*

**APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES December 10, 2024**

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

*There was a roll call vote with ayes all.*

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: *No comments***

**Clerks Report:**

Borough Hall will be closed on January 20, 2025 in observance of Martin Luther King Day

Free Rabies Clinic is scheduled for March 8, 2025 from 9:00AM to 11:00AM

**Ordinances:** (Introduction/First Reading)

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM  
ORDINANCE 01-2025**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND FIXING SALARIES FOR VARIOUS OFFICIALS AND  
EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW  
JERSEY**

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

**SECTION 1.** The annual salaries and compensation for the various Borough officials, officers, and employees of the Borough of Folsom, listed below, shall be as follows for calendar year 2025:

<b><u>Salaried Positions</u></b>			
Borough Clerk/Administrator	\$25,000	-	\$ 75,000
Chief Financial Officer	\$4,000	-	\$75,000
Council Member	\$1,700	-	\$3,000
Code Enforcement	\$1,800	-	\$15,000
Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator	\$300	-	\$5,000
Deputy Borough Clerk	\$15,000	-	\$45,000
Emergency Management Coordinator	\$500	-	\$6,000
Mayor	\$2,200	-	\$3,900
Municipal Administrative Assistant	\$15,000	-	\$40,000
Tax Assessor	\$6,500	-	\$35,000
Tax Collector	\$6,500	-	\$35,000
Zoning Official	\$1,800	-	\$15,000
<b><u>Hourly Positions:</u></b>		-	
Conflict Zoning Official	\$15.00	-	\$50.00
Part-time Laborer	\$15.00	-	\$35.00
Public Works Laborer	\$15.00	-	\$35.00
Superintendent of Public Works	\$15.00	-	\$40.00

**SECTION II.** The salaries and wages hereby established shall be on a bi-weekly basis with the exception of Mayor and Council, which shall be quarterly, unless otherwise specified.

**SECTION III.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall be retroactive to January 1, 2025, and shall apply to employees continually employed since January 1, 2025.

**SECTION IV.** Any Ordinance or part of an Ordinance inconsistent with this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION V.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

*A motion to approve Ordinance#01-2025 was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Blazer There was a roll call vote with ayes all.*

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM  
ORDINANCE 02-2025**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2025  
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 2.5% 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 2025 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 \$10,236.98 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 2025 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 \$1,059,527 and that the CY 2025 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.

*A motion to approve Ordinance#02-2025 was made by Councilman Ballistreri and seconded by Councilman Blazer. There was a roll call vote with ayes all.*

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM  
ORDINANCE #03- 2025**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING  
CHAPTER 103- FEES ARTICLE II-USE OF ATHLETIC FIELDS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, the Council of the Borough of Folsom may amend its ordinances in order to preserve the public health, safety and welfare of its residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey that Chapter 103 Fees, Article II Use of Athletic Field is hereby repealed and replaced as follows:

## **SECTION 1.**

### **§ 103-5. Operating hours**

Use of athletic fields by any Organization shall be bound by the time constraints established pursuant to an approved use of facilities agreement.

### **§103.6. Smoking restrictions:**

- A. Medical and scientific evidence indicates that tobacco use is a leading cause of preventable death in the United States.
- B. Numerous studies have found that tobacco smoke is a contributor to air pollution and that breathing secondhand smoke is a cause of disease, including lung cancer, in non-smokers. At special risk are children, elderly people, individuals with cardiovascular disease and individuals with impaired respiratory function, including asthmatics and those with obstructive airway disease.
- C. Health hazards induced by breathing secondhand smoke include lung cancer, heart disease, respiratory infection and decreased respiratory function, including broncho-constriction and bronco-spasm.
- D. The Borough has determined that the public health of the residents and visitors at the Borough fields will be promoted by eliminating the exposure of its citizens to airborne tobacco smoke and smoking-related refuse within the Borough areas which include the athletic field areas.
- E. The State of New Jersey has banned the sale of the sale of cigarettes or tobacco products in any form to minors pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:33-13.1.

### **§103.7 Certain activities prohibited.**

A. No person in public park and/or recreation facility located within the Borough shall do any of the following, unless specifically authorized by the Borough or during the conduct of employment with the Borough which has specifically been authorized by the Borough:

(1) Willfully mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with, displace or remove any buildings, bridges, tables, benches, fireplaces, railings, paving, paving materials, waterlines, water fountains, fields, sporting equipment, public utilities, signs, monuments, stakes, or any other structures, equipment, or facilities located at, in or on a public park or recreation facility in the Borough. However, if any such activity amounts to a violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:17-3, Criminal Mischief, any person so violating said statute shall be charged with so violating said statute and shall be charged with a violation of the same and shall not be charged with a violation of this article.

(2) Damage, cut, carve, transplant or remove any tree or part thereof or injure the bark or pick flowers or seeds of any tree or plant, or dig, mark or otherwise disturb grass areas.

(3) Tie or hitch an animal to any tree, plant, post or other such item.

(4) Hunt, molest, harm, frighten, kill, trap, pursue, chase, tease, shoot, or throw missiles at any animal, wildlife, reptile or bird, nor shall any person remove or have in his/her possession the young of any wild animal or the eggs or nestlings of any reptile or bird.

(5) Throw, discharge, or otherwise place or to be placed in the waters of any fountain, pond, lake, stream or other body of water in or adjacent to any park or any tributary stream, storm sewer, drain, catch basin, retainage pond, or any body of water flowing to any of the same any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which may result in the pollution of said waters.

(6) Bring in, dump, or deposit or leave any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage or refuse, or other trash in any public park and/or recreation facility. No such refuse or trash shall be placed in any waters in or contiguous to any park or left anywhere on the grounds thereof but shall be placed in the proper receptacles. Where receptacles are not provided, all such rubbish or waste shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for its presence and shall be properly disposed of.

If any of the above activity amounts to a violation of N.J.S.A. 13:180-99.3, any person violating said statute shall be charged pursuant to said statute and not with the violation of this article.

(7) Drive any vehicle upon any area except the park roads or parking areas or such areas as may on occasion be specifically designated as temporary driving or parking areas. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, all -terrain vehicles and dirt bikes shall be banned and prohibited from all recreational facilities and fields.

(8) Leave a vehicle standing or parked at night in established parking areas or elsewhere in a park or recreation facility.

(9) Ride a bicycle without reasonable regard to the safety of others.

(10) Leave a bicycle laying on the ground or paving or set against trees or in any place or position where other persons may trip or be injured by coming in contact with the same.

(11) No person should carry or possess firearms of any description or air rifles, spring guns, bows or arrows, slings or any other forms of weapons potentially inimical to wildlife or dangerous to human safety, or any instrument that can be loaded with and is capable of firing blank cartridges. Shooting into a park area from beyond park boundaries is prohibited. Employing or having possession of any kind of trapping device is also prohibited.

(12) Having a picnic or lunch in a place other than those designated for that purpose. Municipal employees shall have the authority to regulate activities in such areas when necessary to prevent

congestion and to secure the maximum use for the comfort and convenience of all. Visitors shall comply with all directions given to achieve this end.

(13) Using any portion of the picnic area or any of the buildings or structures therein for the purposes of holding picnics to the exclusion of other persons, nor shall any person use such areas and facilities for an unreasonable time if the facilities are crowded.

(14) Set up tents, shacks, or any other temporary shelter for the purpose of overnight camping or leave in the park after closing hours any movable structure or special vehicle to be used or that could be used for such purposes, such as but not limited to a house trailer, camp trailer, camp wagon, or the like, except in those areas designated for such purposes.

(15) Take part in or abet the playing of any games involving thrown or otherwise propelled objects such as stones, arrows, javelins, balls, horseshoes, quoits or model airplanes except in those areas designated for the same.

(16) Have in possession, set or otherwise cause to explode, discharge or burn any firecrackers, torpedo rockets, or other fireworks, firecrackers, or explosive or inflammable material, or discharge them or throw them into any such areas from lands or highways adjacent thereto. This prohibition shall include any substance, compound, mixture, or article that, in conjunction with any other substance or compound, would be considered dangerous and could cause injury. Notwithstanding anything contained herein, if anyone violating this subsection is also in violation of N.J.S.A. 21:2-6 and/or N.J.S.A. 21:3-2, said person shall be charged with a violation of said statute and not with a violation of this article.

(17) Permit a dog to run at large. All dogs are required to be restrained at all times on leashes. No dog, even if on a leash, shall be allowed on any playing field for any reason.

(18) Build or attempt to build a fire or bonfire. No person shall drop, throw or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burnt cigarettes or cigars, tobacco, paper or other flammable material within any park or any highways, roads or streets abutting or contiguous thereto.

(19) Gamble or participate in or abet any game of chance except in such areas and under such regulations as may be designated.

(20) Fail to exhibit any permit that is necessary or required for any activity being conducted.

(21) Unreasonably disturb or interfere with any activity that has been permitted pursuant to a validly issued permit.

(22) Expose or offer for sale any article or thing, or place any station, stand, cart or vehicle for the purpose of sale or display for sale of any such article or thing.

(23) Paste, glue, tack or otherwise post any sign, placard, advertisement or inscription whatsoever.

(24) Consume, use, dispense, sell, or have in possession any beer, wine, malt, spirit, or any alcoholic beverage of any other nature without a valid permit issued by the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control of the State of New Jersey for the same.

(25) No alcoholic beverages shall be permitted within the confines of all Borough fields.

(26) No person (s) shall be permitted to bring any dog, cat or other domestic pet into the confines of any lands within the Borough fields.

(27) No person (s) shall be permitted to deposit, leave or abandon any domesticated or non-domesticated animal or other living creature within the confines of Borough fields. This restriction and prohibition are intended to be all inclusive.

(28) No person shall park or stand a vehicle in or upon the Borough fields or any of attendant and/or adjacent public parking areas between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a. m.

### **§ 103.8 Maintenance.**

Maintenance of the recreational facilities shall be performed by the Folsom Athletic Association Inc. pursuant to its agreement with the Borough.

### **§103.9. Violations and penalties**

Any person violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this article shall upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$1000.00 and may be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed 30 days, or both. Each such violation constitutes a separate offense and shall be punishable as such.

### **SECTION 2. Repealer.**

Any and all other ordinances inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

### **SECTION 3. Severability.**

In the event that any section, paragraph, clause, phrase, term, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such judgment shall not effect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the section, paragraph, clause, term, provision or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in such judgment shall be rendered.

### **SECTION 4. Effective Date**

This ordinance shall take effect upon proper publication and in accordance with law.

*A motion to approve Ordinance#03-2025 was made by Councilman Ballistreri and seconded by Councilman Hoffman. There was a roll call vote with ayes all.*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:**

**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 # 2025-30**

**PARTICIPANT'S RESOLUTION**  
**LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT**

**WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$6 million for Shared Services and School District Consolidation Study and Implementation Grants to assist local units with the study, development, and implementation of new shared and regional services; and**

**WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) is tasked with administering these grant funds through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP); and**

**WHEREAS, LEAP Implementation Grants exist to support costs associated with shared service implementation to ensure that meaningful, efficiency generating initiatives are not hindered by short term transitional expenses; and**

**WHEREAS, the Atlantic County Government and City of Absecon, City of Atlantic City, City of Brigantine, Buena Borough, Buena Vista Township, City of Corbin City, Egg Harbor City, Egg Harbor Township, Estell Manor, Borough of Folsom, Galloway Township, City of Hammonton, Hamilton Township, City of Linwood, Borough of Longport, City of Margate, City of Northfield, City of Port Republic, City of Somers Point, City of Ventnor, and Atlantic Cape Community College propose to enter into a shared services agreement, but face certain expenses associated with implementation that present a burden to the local units; and**

**WHEREAS, the purpose of this shared services agreement is for the county to purchase three highway digital message boards and make them available to the participating units on an as needed basis at no cost, which will benefit the residents of all participating local units; and**

**WHEREAS, Atlantic County Government has agreed to be the lead agency in this program and will submit the application to DLGS on behalf of all participating units; and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Folsom, that the Borough of Folsom does hereby join with Atlantic County Government in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$57,375.00 to support implementation of this shared service.**



**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**  
**RESOLUTION #2025-31**

**PARTICIPANT'S RESOLUTION**  
**LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT**

**WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$6 million for Shared Services and School District Consolidation Study and Implementation Grants to assist local units with the study, development, and implementation of new shared and regional services; and**

**WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) is tasked with administering these grant funds through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP); and**

**WHEREAS, LEAP Implementation Grants exist to support costs associated with shared service implementation to ensure that meaningful, efficiency generating initiatives are not hindered by short term transitional expenses; and**

**WHEREAS, the Atlantic County Government and City of Absecon, City of Atlantic City, City of Brigantine, Buena Borough, Buena Vista Township, City of Corbin City, Egg Harbor City, Egg Harbor Township, Estell Manor, Borough of Folsom, Galloway Township, City of Hammonton, Hamilton Township, City of Linwood, Borough of Longport, City of Margate, City of Northfield, City of Port Republic, City of Somers Point, City of Ventnor, and Atlantic Cape Community College propose to enter into a shared services agreement, but face certain expenses associated with implementation that present a burden to the local units; and**

**WHEREAS, the purpose of this shared services agreement is for the county to purchase three speed feedback signs and make them available to the participating units on an as needed basis at no cost, which will benefit the residents of all participating local units; and**

**WHEREAS, Atlantic County Government has agreed to be the lead agency in this program and will submit the application to DLGS on behalf of all participating units; and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Folsom, that the Borough of Folsom does hereby join with Atlantic County Government in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$28,125.00 to support implementation of this shared service.**

**BOROUGH OF FOLOM**  
**RESOLUTION 2025-32**

**PARTICIPANT'S RESOLUTION**  
**- LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT -**

**WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$6 million for Shared Services and School District Consolidation Study and Implementation Grants to assist local units with the study, development, and implementation of new shared and regional services; and**

**WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) is tasked with administering these grant funds through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) to support costs associated with shared**

service implementation to ensure that meaningful, efficiency generating initiatives are not hindered by short term transitional expenses; and  
WHEREAS, Atlantic County government, acting as the lead entity, and Buena Borough, Borough of Folsom, City of Linwood, City of Northfield, City of Pleasantville, City of Somers Point and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority, as participating local units, propose to enter into a shared services agreement for web hosting and design based in a Content Management System, but face certain expenses associated with implementation that present a burden to the local units; and  
WHEREAS, this shared services agreement will allow the participating units to utilize elements of Atlantic County government's existing Content Management System platform to manage content, enhance cybersecurity, meet ADA-compliance requirements, and promote greater citizen engagement for the benefit of residents and customers of each participating local unit; and  
WHEREAS, the participants named above will continue to have their own independent website domain names, site search and SSL security certificates with a choice of design and development options in a Content Management System that will allow multiple contributors to create, edit and publish content; and  
WHEREAS, as the lead agency in this effort, Atlantic County government has agreed to submit the application to DLGS on behalf of all participating units; and  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of Borough of Folsom, that Borough of Folsom does hereby join with Atlantic County government and the participating units named above in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$86,207 over a 5-year term to support implementation of this shared service.

**RESOLUTION 2025-33  
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE ENGINEER'S PROPOSAL FOR DESIGN  
SERVICES FOR THE FY2025 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, a proposal for design services for the Resurfacing of Fenimore Drive and Lupin Lane has been submitted by Polistina & Associates, LLC for approval of the council.

**WHEREAS**, the professional services are as follows:

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|---|-------------|
| ○ Total Tasks 1-6 Design Services       | \$19,000.00 |
| ○ Total Tasks 7-8 Construction Services | \$26,000.00 |
| ○ Total Tasks (not to exceed)           | \$45,000.00 |

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that the proposal for design services submitted by Polistina & Associates LLC is accepted and authorization is given for the resurfacing of Fenimore Dr. & Lupin Lane

**RESOLUTION 2025-34**

## **BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

### **2025 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 40A; 4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2024 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

**WHEREAS**, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty days of January, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the total appropriations in the 2024 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, and capital improvement fund in the sum of \$1,752,541.13; and

**WHEREAS**, the twenty-six and one quarter percent the total appropriations in the 2024 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund in said 2024 budget is the sum of \$351,004.84.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Borough "Chief Financial Officer" for her records.

#### **Clerk**

Salaries & Wages	40,000.00
Other Expenses	3,000.00

#### **Council**

Salaries & Wages	4,575.00
Other Expenses	400.00

#### **Financial Administration**

Salaries & Wages	6,000.00
Other Expenses	3,000.00

Audit Services	10,000.00
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#### **Assessment of Taxes**

Salaries & Wages	5,000.00
Other Expenses	1,000.00

#### **Collection of Taxes**

Salaries & Wages	5,000.00
Other Expenses	3,000.00

Legal Services	10,000.00
Engineering Services	2,000.00
Public Buildings & Grounds	
Other Expenses	4,000.00
Planning Board	
Salaries & Wages	2,000.00
Other Expenses	500.00
Insurance	
Worker's Compensation	10000.00
Liability Insurance	10000.00
Group Insurance	20,000.00
Health Benefits Waiver	2,000.00
Emergency Management	
Salaries & Wages	500.00
Public Works	
Salaries & Wages	45,000.00
Other Expenses	3,500.00
Vehicle Maintenance	5,500.00
Solid Waste Collection	40,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal	35,000.00
Parks & Recreation	
Other Expenses	500.00
Dog Regulation	1,200.00
Utilities	
Electricity & Natural Gas	15,000.00

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**RESOLUTION 2025-35**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM  
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
TO REFUND 2024 TAXES**

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

**WHEREAS**, 2024 taxes were paid on this property by the mortgage company (Corelogic) and, due to the exemption, the taxes must be refunded, and;

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

BLOCK//LOT	PROPERTY LOCATION	REFUND TO MORTGAGE CO.
3402/9	3121 W. Pinewood Drive	\$ 1,717.83

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

**RESOLUTION 2025-36  
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**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 and the appropriation reserve balances be canceled:

	<u>Grant Receivable</u>	<u>Appropriation Reserve</u>	<u>Cash Match</u>
2023 NJDOT Grant	\$26,206.99	\$26,206.99	
2024 NJDOT Grant	\$27,311.92	\$27,311.92	

## RESOLUTION #2025-37

**Whereas**, the BOROUGH OF FOLSOM

(formal name of organization)

desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

for approximately \$ 100,000 to carry out a project to

(dollar amount of request)

CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS AT FALCON'S NEST PARK & 13TH STREET PARK

(briefly describe the project)

**Be it therefore RESOLVED**,

1) that the BOROUGH OF FOLSOM

(formal name of organization)

does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,

1. recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the

BOROUGH OF FOLSOM

(formal name of organization)

and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

**Be it further RESOLVED**, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**Resolution # 2025-38**

**A Resolution of the Borough of Folsom,**

**County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey Accepting the**

**New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Affordable**

## **Housing Obligations for the Fourth Round**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Legislature passed into law amendments to the Affordable Housing Act N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant thereto the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs ("DCA") was to adopt the fourth-round affordable housing fair share obligations for all municipalities within the State of New Jersey in October of 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the regulations require that municipalities must decide whether to accept its affordable housing fair share obligations promulgated by DCA by resolution adopted on or before January 31, 2025 or risk losing its immunity from exclusionary zoning litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Folsom has received its DCA fair share housing obligation for the fourth round which indicates the Borough has a present need of 0 affordable housing units and a prospective need of 11 affordable housing units; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous to accept the DCAs fourth round fair

share methodology numbers.

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

1. The Borough hereby adopts the fourth-round methodology for fair share housing obligations determined by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

which sets forth the Borough's present need is 0 units, and its prospective need is 11 units.

2. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Borough Clerk to the Department of Community Affairs.

*A motion to approve Resolutions #2025-30 through #2025-38 was made by Councilman Whittaker and seconded by Councilman Blazer*

*There was a roll call vote with ayes all.*

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** *No report for regular meeting*

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** *Mayor Smith reported that he has been in contact with Atlantic City Electric about changing over the street lights to LED.*

**FIRE REPORT:** *Councilman Whittaker read report.*

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

**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, which are the last roads in need of resurfacing in the Fenimore and Penny Pot communities. We will be completing the surveying work this month.

**FY 2025 Local Recreation Improvement Grant**

Grant applications for the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' FY 2025 Local Recreation Improvement Grant are due by January 31, 2025. The Borough's Resolution to authorize the submission of an application is on tonight's agenda in order to be submitted with the application. We will be applying for \$100,000 for improvements to Falcon's Nest Park and 13th Street Park.

**ACIA CDBG Funding**

As a reminder, the Borough has \$36,886.62 in CDBG funding that may be utilized for any eligible project.

Mayor Smith announced that resident Matt Canata owner of the Folsom Inn and former Councilman Mike Ferry passed away.

**COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Councilman Ballistreri:** *Tom gave his condolences to Debbie Ferry on the passing of Mike.*

**Councilman Norman:** *absent*

**Councilman Porretta:** *absent*



**Councilman Whittaker:** *Jim read the safety report.*

**Councilman Hoffman:** *Jim asked who gives John the go ahead to either brine or salt? Jim stated that we purchased all this brine equipment but were not using it. Jim also asked what do we do with the extra salt that is purchased. A discussion ensued.*

**Councilman Blazer:** *Jake informed Council that the work performed by Angerman on the Falcon's Nest baseball field has some drainage issues that is being monitored.*

*Jake asked residents when walking at night to please wear bright reflective clothing.*

*Jim Hoffman asked if anyone new the schedule for the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Construction. A discussion ensued at most felt that the bridge should be completed by June or July.*

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** *No comments*

**PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF:** \$48,343.98

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

*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 next regular meeting of Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 starting with the workshop meeting at 6:00 pm and continuing immediately thereafter with the regular meeting at Borough Hall, 1700 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Folsom, NJ.

With no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto  
Municipal Clerk



