

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
November 12, 2024**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:28 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: Porretta, Norman, Hoffman and Blazer

**Absent:** Councilman Conway and Councilman Whittaker

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

**APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES, October 8, 2024**

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

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

**APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES October 8, 2024**

*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.*

**APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES October 8, 2024**

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

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

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

**CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:**

*Borough Hall Offices will be closed on November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving*

*Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2024*

**ORDINANCES:**

**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 2024-90**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM PUBLIC WORKS  
LABORER CHRISTOPHER HADULIAS**

**WHEREAS**, after SEVEN (7) years of dedicated service to the Borough of Folsom as a Public Works Department Employee, CHRISTOPHER HADULIAS has submitted his letter of resignation dated October 25, 2024;

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Folsom wishes to record its deep appreciation for the contributions of Christopher Hadulias throughout his tenure and also for the assistance he has given to the Borough of Folsom residents;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey does hereby memorialize the acceptance, with deep regret the letter of resignation from Christopher Hadulias as a Public Works Employee effective October 25, 2024;

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**RESOLUTION # 2024-91**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR SUITABILITY OF A STATE LICENSED CANNABIS BUSINESS  
BY NICE DREAMZ, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, operators of a proposed cannabis business are required by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission to demonstrate local support for the suitability and appropriateness of its business location from a municipality pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-5.1(g) and/or pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 24:6I-7.2(4); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 17:30-5.1(g), the Borough of Folsom has adopted Ordinance #9 of 2021 amending Chapter 200 of the Code of the Borough of Folsom to license and regulate cannabis businesses in designated zoning districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant, NICE DREAMZ, LLC (the “License-Applicant”) has sought local support to apply for a state license to operate a licensed cannabis retail facility at Block 3102, Lot 12, located in the Forest Commercial Receiving Zone in the Borough of Folsom; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has reviewed and considered the request of the License-Applicant to conduct the cannabis business at the location described above; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that it has authorized the type of cannabis business license being sought by the License-Applicant to operate within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS the Borough has determined that the proposed location is suitable and appropriate for the proposed activity related to the operations of the proposed cannabis business to be conducted by the License-Applicant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Council hereby support the operation of a state licensed cannabis retail facility by NICE DREAMZ, LLC within the Borough of Folsom; the intended location is zoned by the municipality for the proposed use.

**RESOLUTION # 2024-92  
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF 2024 TAXES**

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of Mayor and Council that the owner of the property at 3121 W. Pinewood Drive, Block 3402 Lot 9, has been declared to be 100% permanently and totally disabled due to a wartime service-connected disability and as such is exempt from paying property taxes;

WHEREAS, 2024 taxes in the amount of \$1,717.83 shall be cancelled due to this exemption, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey that 2024 taxes are cancelled in the amount of \$1,717.83 on the above-mentioned property.

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM  
RESOLUTION # 2024-93**

**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:

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>From</u>	
Clerk - Other Expenses	01-20-120-020	\$ 2,000.00	
Legal Services & Costs - Other Expenses	01-20-155-020	\$ 2,000.00	
Planning Board - Salaries and Wages	01-20-165-011		\$ 2,000.00
Planning Board - Other Expenses	01-21-180-020		\$ 5,500.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	01-23-215-095	\$ 750.00	
Employee Health Insurance	01-23-220-092	\$ 2,750.00	
Public Works - Salaries & Wages	01-26-290-010	\$ 5,000.00	
Public Works - Other Expenses	01-26-290-020	\$ 3,000.00	
Reserve for Snow Removal	01-26-300-000		\$ 3,000.00
Public Buildings & Grounds - Other Expenses	01-26-310-020	\$ 1,500.00	\$

Animal Control Services	01-27-340-020		\$ 1,000.
Park Commission - Other Expenses	01-28-375-020	\$ 2,500.00	
Electricity & Natural Gas	01-31-435-000		\$ 8,000.
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 19,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,500.</b>

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

RESOLUTION # 2024-94

**Resolution Appointing a Municipal Housing Liaison**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to P.L. 2024, c.2, the Borough of Folsom is required to appoint a Municipal Housing Liaison for the oversight of administration of the Borough of Folsom’s affordable housing program to enforce the requirements of the law and N.J.A.C 5:80-26.1 et seq.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Folsom in the County of Atlantic and the State of New Jersey that Patricia Gatto is hereby appointed by the Governing Body of the Borough of Folsom as the Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of the affordable housing program.

**RESOLUTION #2023-94**

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC**

**A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM’S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS**

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of The Borough of Folsom to treat the public, employees, prospective employees, appointees, volunteers and contractors in a manner consistent with all applicable civil rights laws and regulations including, but not limited to the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 as subsequently amended, the New Jersey Law against Discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Conscientious Employee Protection Act, and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the Borough of Folsom has determined that certain procedures need to be established to accomplish this policy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ADOPTED** by the (Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom) that:

**Section 1:** No official, employee, appointee or volunteer of the Borough of Folsom by whatever title known, or any entity that is in any way a part of the Borough of Folsom shall engage, either directly or indirectly in any act including the failure to act that constitutes discrimination, harassment or a violation of any person's constitutional rights while such official, employee, appointee volunteer, or entity is engaged in or acting on behalf of the Borough of Folsom's business or using the facilities or property of the Borough of Folsom.

**Section 2:** The prohibitions and requirements of this resolution shall extend to any person or entity, including but not limited to any volunteer organization or inter-local organization, whether structured as a governmental entity or a private entity, that receives authorization or support in any way from the Borough of Folsom to provide services that otherwise could be performed by the Borough of Folsom.

**Section 3:** Discrimination, harassment and civil rights shall be defined for purposes of this resolution using the latest definitions contained in the applicable Federal and State laws concerning discrimination, harassment and civil rights.

**Section 4:** The Mayor and Council shall establish written procedures for any person to report alleged discrimination, harassment and violations of civil rights prohibited by this resolution. Such procedures shall include alternate ways to report a complaint so that the person making the complaint need not communicate with the alleged violator in the event the alleged violator would be the normal contact for such complaints.

**Section 5:** No person shall retaliate against any person who reports any alleged discrimination, harassment or violation of civil rights, provided however, that any person who reports alleged violations in bad faith shall be subject to appropriate discipline.

**Section 6:** The Mayor and Council shall establish written procedures that require all officials, employees, appointees and volunteers of the Borough of Folsom as well as all other entities subject to this resolution to periodically complete training concerning their duties, responsibilities and rights pursuant to this resolution.

**Section 7:** The Mayor and Council shall establish a system to monitor compliance and shall report at least annually to the governing body the results of the monitoring.

**Section 8:** At least annually, the Mayor and Council shall cause a summary of this resolution and the procedures established pursuant to this resolution to be communicated within the Borough of Folsom. This communication shall include a statement from the governing body expressing its unequivocal commitment to enforce this resolution. This summary shall also be posted on the Borough of Folsom's web site.

**Section 9:** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Section 10:** A copy of this resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Folsom in order for the public to be made aware of this policy and the Borough of Folsom's commitment to the implementation and enforcement of this policy.

**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 as follows:

*A motion to approve Resolutions #2024-90 thru #2024-95 was made by Councilman Norman and seconded by Councilman Hoffman*

*There was a roll call vote with ayes all*

*Mayor Smith asked for approval for the MC Systems Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement Program. All in favor.*

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** *Ms. Costigan stated that she is reviewing the Cannabis application for Leafy D'Lites, LLC.*

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** *no report*

**FIRE REPORT:** *no report*

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

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

November 12, 2024

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

Preparing the final invoice to NJDOT. We will submit once we have all of the proper closeout documentation.

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

Preparing the final invoice to NJDOT. We will submit once we have all of the proper closeout documentation.

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

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

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

Angerman Company started work for the field improvements this week. They anticipate completing all of the work for the project by Thanksgiving.

Angerman Company provided a quote of \$8,250 to sealcoat the entire HMA walkway and bleacher pads with two coats. The HMA crack sealing and sealcoating work is nearly finished, and they anticipate completing that by Thanksgiving as well.

#### **ACIA CDBG Funding**

The Borough has a balance of \$36,886.62 in CDBG funding that may be used for another eligible project.

#### **Eighth Street Bridge (BV-02) Replacement**

South State began construction for the bridge replacement project in September. Eighth Street will remain closed between Mays Landing Road and Second Road thru April 2025.

## **HAPPY THANKSGIVING - DRIVE SAFELY**

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

**Councilman Conway:** *absent*

**Councilman Norman:** *Al reported that after the Veteran's Service the Borough will be holding a Mayor's Dedication in the Courtroom. Al stated that his wife Cindy is asking for more historical information to be placed in our new cabinet.*

**Councilman Porretta:** *No report.*

**Councilman Whittaker:** *absent*

**Councilman Hoffman:** *Jim welcomed our two new public works to the Borough. Jim also wished for employee Chris Hadulias good luck at his new position on the Expressway.*

**Councilman Blazer:** *Jake reminded residents of the Veterans Memorial Service on November 17, 2024 at 9:00AM at Borough Hall. Jake also reported that the FAA will be holding a bowling fundraiser at DiDonato's at November 25, 2024.*

### **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

**PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF:** \$482,854.22 and \$24,996.97

*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](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, **December 10, 2024** starting with a workshop meeting at 6:00 pm and continuing immediately thereafter with the regular meeting in Borough Hall, 1700 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Folsom, NJ

With no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto  
Municipal Clerk





