

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
December 8, 2020**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:15 PM**

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG LED BY Mayor Greg Schenker**

**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 has been posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board showing the time and place of said meeting.

**ROLL CALL:** Councilpersons: Conway (Zoom), Porretta, Hoffman and Blazer

**Also present:** Mayor Greg Schenker, Attorney Kris Facenda and Jen Heller (Vince Poistina & Assoc.)

**Absent:** Councilman Arena and Councilman Jantz

Mayor Schenker asked for a moment of silence for Folsom residents Marie Anastasia and Ben Bevin who passed away recently.

**APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES from November 10, 2020**

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

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

**APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES from November 10, 2020**

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 PUBLIC: No Comments**

Rick Dovey from the ACUA gave a budget presentation

**CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE:**

Borough Hall Offices will be closed on December 24, December 25, 2020 and January 1, 2021 in observance of Christmas and New Year’s Day.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM  
Resolution# 2020-95**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS IN THE  
2020 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET PER N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-58**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 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, and State of New Jersey that the following transfers be made:

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Clerk - Salaries & Wages	01-20-120-011	5000	
Legal Services & Costs - Other Expenses	01-20-155-020		2,000.00
Engineering Services - Other Expenses	01-20-165-020	4,000.00	
Employee Health Insurance	01-23-220-092	7,000.00	
Public Works - Other Expenses	01-26-290-020	5,000.00	
Reserve for Snow Removal	01-26-300-000		10,000.00
Public Buildings & Grounds - Other Expenses	01-26-310-020		8,400.00
Animal Control Services	01-43-490-020		600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>21,000.00</b>	<b>21,000.00</b>
	Proof	0.00	

A motion to approve Resolution #2020-95 was made by Councilman Porretta and seconded by Councilman Blazer

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

**RESOLUTION 2020-96  
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ROOF REPAIRS ON BOROUGH OWNED SHEDS AT  
THE FALCON'S NEST BASEBALL FIELDS**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of the Mayor and Council that the sheds roofs located on the baseball fields at Falcon's Nest Park are in need of repairs;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM DO HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDIATURES FOR ROOF REPAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,303.14.**

A motion to approve Resolution #2020-96 was made by Councilman Porretta and seconded by Councilman Hoffman

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

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT: NO REPORT.** Kris wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked Council for bringing him on board.

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT: no fire report**

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Jen Heller read report

**NJDOT FY2021 Municipal Aid**

The DOT recently announced the Municipal Aid grant recipients. The Borough of Folsom was selected to receive \$285,000 in funding for the resurfacing of Park Avenue. We will provide a proposal for approval by Council at the next Council meeting to begin the survey and design for the project.

**Penny Pot Park Senior Exercise Equipment:**

The contractor has completed the project and the donated exercise equipment has been installed at Penny Pot Park. The contractor applied topsoil, seed and fertilizer and a straw mat to the disturbed areas on the site.

**NJDOT FY2020 - Resurfacing of Lake Drive:**

Per the DOT's recommendation, we propose removing the existing speed bumps, installing the solar speed signs and adding striping for crosswalks to help deter speeding along Lake Drive in front of Penny Pot Park. In addition to resurfacing Lake Drive and N. Pinewood Drive, the project will include the cleaning of inlets at the request of Public Works, replacing non-compliant castings per the DOT, replacing two crossings at Laurel Lane and N. Pinewood Drive and widening the cartway on the curve on N. Pinewood Drive. Plans and specifications will be sent to the DOT this week for their review and approval. We anticipate having the project out for bid in January, with awarding a contract in February or March. Construction would begin in the spring, beginning with the drainage

work, and paving to begin as soon as the weather is favorable, at least 30 days later.

Jen thanked everyone for another year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**MAYORS REPORT:** Mayor Schenker reported on the award for the next road construction project. Greg also reported on Folsom's COVID cases. Greg updated Council on the next step with regards to the 13<sup>th</sup> Bike Path project. There is a teleconference meeting scheduled on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> with the NJDOT to address the residents' concerns. Greg reported on the completion of the new Penny Pot Park exercise equipment project which was funded by the ACIA. Greg thanked Charlie Arena and Ken Jantz for all their years of service to the Borough. Greg thanked Kris Facenda for stepping in after our Solicitor resigned. Greg congratulated Jim Whittaker and Al Norman on their election. Greg also congratulated Clerk Patti Gatto, her husband Joe and their son Joe on his signing an MLB contract with the Texas Rangers. Greg wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Healthy, Happy New Year! Greg reminded residents that if you don't have to come to town hall, please don't we have a very small staff and want to keep contact minimal so we don't have to close down.

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

**Councilman Conway: (inaudible)** Greg wished everyone a Merry Christmas to the staff and residents. Greg reported on the toy drive and thanked the members of the Environmental Commission and the school for all their help. Greg also thanked Councilman Porretta.

**Councilman Jantz:** Jake thanked Council for approval of the roof repair. Jake reported that the playground set for Falcon's Nest was delivered and site is being cleared for installation. Jake also reported that the Penny Pot Park adult exercise equipment project is completed and looks great.

**Councilman Porretta:** NO REPORT

**Councilman Arena:** NO REPORT

**Councilman Hoffman:** (inaudible) Jim reported that one of the heaters at Borough Hall had to be replaced. Jim also reported on the ACUA teleconference meeting that he participated in with Superintendent John LaPollo.

Mayor Schenker thanked all the businesses that contributed to our Borough Newsletter.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Al Norman (**28 E. Park Avenue**) gave his opinion on the purchase of trash cans by the Borough. Al also reminded residents not to put leaves in the catch basins.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF:** \$199,879.98 and \$26,951.00

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

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

There was a long discussion on speed humps and stop signs.

Mayor Greg Schenker reminded the public that all other monthly reports are on file in the minute book.

The re-organization of Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 starting at 6:00 pm in Borough Hall, 1700 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Folsom, NJ and the next regular Council Meeting will be January 12, 2021 starting at 6:00PM.

With no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:29PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto  
Municipal Clerk



