

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
June 17, 2025**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:10 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG LED BY MAYOR GLENN SMITH

OPENING STATEMENT: *Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the directives of the "Open Public Meetings Act", pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice of this meeting has been advertised in the Hammonton Gazette and Atlantic City Press and has been posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board showing the time and place of said meeting.*

ROLL CALL: *Councilpersons: Ballistreri, Whittaker, Porretta, Norman and Hoffman*

Absent: Councilman Blazer

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

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES May 13, 2025

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, May 13, 2025

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

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

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No comments

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

Next E-Waste Day is scheduled for July 12, 2025 from 8:00Am to 1:00PM at the Borough Garage.

Borough Hall will be closed on Thursday, June 19th, 2025 in observance of Juneteenth Day and on Friday, July 4, 2025 in observance of Independence Day.

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

ORDINANCES: (TABLED)

Mayor Smith asked for a motion to table Ordinance #05-2025. A motion was made by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Whittaker.

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

RESOLUTIONS:

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.

**RESOLUTION 2025-68
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION RENEWING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES WITHIN THE
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

WHEREAS, the following Alcoholic Beverage Licensees have made their application for the renewal of their respective licenses for the year 2025-2026;

0110-44-005-006	Ruphas, LLC 10 E. Black Horse Pike Folsom, NJ 08094	\$360.00
0110-33-001-002	Folsom Inn, Inc. 1012 East Black Horse Pike Folsom, NJ 08037	\$420.00
0110-33-003-007	Harley Dawn Inc. 1402 Black Horse Pike Folsom, NJ 08037	\$420.00
0110-33-007-010	Sneakers Sports Bar 301 E. Black Horse Pike Folsom, NJ 08037	\$420.00
0110-33-006-006	Route 322 Liquors, LLC 10 east Black Horse Pike Folsom, NJ 08094	\$420.00
0110-33-004-007	Namah Shivay, Inc. 3125 Vine Rd. Vineland, NJ 08360	\$420.00

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom Council have no objection to the 2025-2026 renewal of said license and is not aware of any circumstances or provisions of law or local Ordinance which would prohibit the issuance of said license.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of

Folsom, that the Borough Clerk be hereby authorized to issue and deliver said license, which will become effective July 1, 2025.

**RESOLUTION 2025-69
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$8,234.37, which is now available from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection Clean Communities Grant Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$8,234.37 is hereby appropriated under the caption Clean Communities Grant

**RESOLUTION 2025-70
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN
CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE & INSTALLATION OF A TINK CLAW**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom has a desire to purchase a “Tink 520 Claw” as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer/Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and,

WHEREAS, Cherry Valley Tractor Sales has submitted the most competitive proposals dated January 16, 2025, indicating they will provide a Tink 520 Claw, related accessories & installation for the total price of \$21728.75; and

WHEREAS, Cherry Valley Tractor Sales has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Cherry Valley Tractor Sales has not made any reportable contributions to a political party or candidate for Council in the Borough of Folsom in the previous

one year, and that the contract will prohibit Cherry Valley Tractor Sales from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds against the CY 2025 Budget account 5-01-44-904-000.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom authorizes the Borough Clerk to enter into a contract with Cherry Valley Tractor Sales as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

Borough of Folsom Resolution No. 2025-71

Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the FY 2026 Resurfacing of Fenimore Drive & Lupin Lane project. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of Folsom Borough formally approves the grant application for the above stated project. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2026-Folsom Borough Resurfacing of Fenimore Dr. & Lupin Lane -0039 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Folsom Borough. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Folsom Borough and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

RESOLUTION 2025-72 BOROUGH OF FOLSOM

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$2,652.03, which is now available from the 2025 Recycling Tonnage Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$2,652.03 is hereby appropriated under the caption Recycling Tonnage Grant.

**Borough of Folsom
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-73**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH
OF FOLSOM FOR MUNICIPAL CLERK, DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK AND
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS TRAINING**

WHEREAS, the Township of Mullica and the Borough of Folsom have determined to enter into an Interlocal Services Agreement to authorize the implementation and administration of the Borough of Folsom providing training services for the Municipal Clerk's Office to the Township of Mullica; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. permits local units to enter into contracts for their mutual public purposes and best interest

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Folsom, Folsom Borough, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey that for the reasons set forth in the Preamble hereinabove, it hereby approves the attached Interlocal Service Agreement with the Borough of Folsom

Adopted: June 17, 2025

RESOLUTION 2025-74

BOROUGH OF FOLSOM

**A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE
ACCEPTANCE OF CANNABIS APPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL LETTERS OF
SUPPORT FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR AND PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL
TERMS**

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2020, more than two-thirds of the registered voters in New Jersey voted to approve Public Question No. 1, which amended the New Jersey Constitution to allow for the legalization of a controlled form of marijuana called "cannabis" for adults 21 years of age and older; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2021, c. 16, known as the "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act", N.J.S.A. 24:6I-31, et seq. (the "Act"), which legalized the recreational use of marijuana by adults 21 years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial, recreational (adult use) cannabis operations, and its use and possession; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2021, the Council of the Borough of Folsom adopted Ordinance #09-2021 imposing development regulations on Classes 1 through Class 6 of licensed cannabis establishments; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2022, the Council of the Borough of Folsom adopted Ordinance #10-2022 which amended the previous development regulations; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2022, the Council of the Borough of Folsom adopted Ordinance #05-2022 which further amended Regulations, and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2025, the Council of the Borough of Folsom by way of Ordinance #4-2025 amended the previous regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to impose a temporary moratorium on the approval of all classes of cannabis licenses authorized in the Borough for a period of one (1) year effective upon the adoption of this Resolution, except that it may consider any applications received prior to the passage of this Resolution and may issue a local license to any entity which has previously received a letter of local support; and

WHEREAS, since the passing of Ordinance 09-2021 the Borough has provided resolutions of support in aid of application to the Cannabis Regulatory Commission; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Borough to impose a temporary stay on further cannabis applications within the Borough to allow time to observe how the previously endorsed cannabis ventures operate within the Borough and the impacts on the Borough of cannabis businesses given the emerging nature of the cannabis industry within the State and the lack of experience in the Borough or elsewhere in the State of this new industry; and

WHEREAS, during this application freeze, the Borough will not continue to accept applications and will not consider issuing resolutions of local support of any class for at least a period of twelve (12) months except that it may consider any applications received prior to the passage of this Resolution and may issue a local license to any entity which has previously received a letter of local support; and

WHEREAS, it is also the intention of the Borough's Council to review the current cannabis ordinance and determine if any amendments are necessary or appropriate in the best interests of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, previously endorsed applicants who require additional or amended endorsement from the Borough Council in connection with their application to the Cannabis Regulatory Commission may request any additional endorsement from the Borough for such review during this moratorium.

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

1. That the aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Council of the Borough of Folsom will not consider any further applications for local support of any class of cannabis license for a period of no less than twelve (12) months so that the Borough may review the impact of those businesses which have already received a cannabis license and determine the best forward course of action for the Borough in this emerging industry, except that it may consider any applications received prior to the passage of this Resolution and may issue a local license to any entity which has previously received a letter of local support.
3. The Clerk of the Borough of Folsom will not continue to accept applications for local letters of support and proposed applicants shall be advised of this Resolution and moratorium.
4. Any applicant who has previously received an endorsement from this Council who requires additional or amended endorsement from the Borough Council in connection with their application to the Cannabis Regulatory Commission during this moratorium may request any additional endorsement from the Borough for such review during the moratorium.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, on the 17th day of June, 2025.

**RESOLUTION 2025-75
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE ENGINEER'S PROPOSAL FOR COAH
PLANNING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, a proposal for professional planning services for the Fourth Round of Affordable Housing requirements has been submitted by Polistina & Associates, LLC for approval of the council.

WHEREAS, PA No 4025.04 details the services to be provided for a not to exceed amount of \$15,000.00.

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 COAH Planning Services.

**RESOLUTION 2025-76
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH
THE ATLANTIC COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE
ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM INCOME FROM SMALL CITIES GRANTS
FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom desires to engage the services of the Atlantic County Improvement Authority to perform various services for the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic County Improvement Authority is qualified by training and experience to perform the required services in the manner and on the terms and conditions set forth in the attached contract, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom that the Atlantic County Improvement Authority is hereby appointed to be the administrators of that portion of the Folsom Housing Rehabilitation Program financed by the Program Income generated by previous Small Cities CDBG Grants, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into and execute the Inter-local Services Agreement authorizing the Atlantic County Improvement Authority as the Administrator of the Borough's Program Income-Housing Rehabilitation Program for a three-year period from July 1, 2025 to July 1, 2028.

This is to certify that this is a true copy of a
Resolution adopted by the Borough of Folsom
Council at the regular meeting held on June 17, 2025

**RESOLUTION 2025-77
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF A RETAIL
PLENARY DISTRIBUTION LICENSE**

#0110-33-007-010 Sneakers Sports Bar Co., Inc. to La Casa Del Asado, LLC

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License Number 0110-33-007-010, heretofore issued to La Casa Del Asado, LLC, with a mailing address of 301 East Black Horse Pike, Folsom, NJ 08037; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term;

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33;

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the license business;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom, do hereby approve June 17, 2025 the Person-To-Person Transfer of Plenary retail Distribution License No 011-33-007-010, to La Casa Del Asado, LLC for premises located at 301 E. Black Horse Pike, Folsom New Jersey 08037, and does hereby direct the alcoholic Beverage Control Secretary to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership.

BOROUGH OF FOLSOM

RESOLUTION # 2025-78

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom owns a parcel of real property on Springdale Lane, known as Block 2605 lot 707 on the tax map of the Borough of Folsom ; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Folsom has determined that the real property is not needed for public use and that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Borough of Folsom that the real property be sold; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 b (5) authorizes the sale by municipalities of any real property, capital improvements or personal property, or interests therein, not needed for public use by sale in the manner provided by law; and

WHEREAS, there is an offer to purchase the real property located on Block 2605 Lot 707 for \$1,000.00 by Sabryn Hoskins; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hoskins is a contiguous property owner to Block 2605 Lot, 707 and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 12-13 b (5), since the parcel has no capital improvement thereupon and is a non-conforming lot. the Borough may sell the real property to Ms. Hoskins; and

WHEREAS, furthermore, the public property was placed for public sale by the Borough of Folsom on May 6, 2021 with a minimum bid of \$1,000.00 for Block 2605 lot 707 and no bids were made on the real property.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom that it authorizes the Borough Clerk and Borough Attorney to prepare and execute all documents necessary to close the sale of the real property located at Springdale Lane, Block 2605 Lots 707 to Sabryn Hoskins for \$1000.00.

**RESOLUTION 2025-79
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:

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 a possible litigation.
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 Resolutions #2025-68 through 2025-79 was made by Councilman Norman and seconded by Councilman Hoffman

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: *Ms. Costigan reported that we will be having an executive session before or after the payment of the bills.*

MAYOR'S REPORT: *Mayor stated that he will be speaking with the County about speeding on Mays Landing Road to see what they can do. The mayor also reported that we are looking into different options for the Lake Drive speeding issue.*

FIRE REPORT: *No fire report*

ENGINEER'S REPORT: *CJ read report*

FY 2025 Municipal Aid: Resurfacing of Fenimore Drive

Local Aid has authorized the Borough to advertise the project. Bids will be received on Tuesday, July 1 with the intention of awarding the Contract during the July Council meeting.

FY 2026 Municipal Aid Application

The Resolution to submit a grant application for the Resurfacing of Fenimore Drive & Lupin Lane is on tonight's agenda for approval by Council. Once authorized, we will prepare and submit the grant application on behalf of the Borough by the July 1 deadline.

Back Line Road Landfill Solar Conversion

We anticipate submitting the RFP to the Borough for review and discussion during the July Council meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Ballistreri: *Tom thanked Council for their interest in the Parks. Tom stated that he will put together some numbers for skilled labor.*

Councilman Norman: *Al stated that a resident reported some issues with the swings and John went over and repaired the swing. Al also stated that the Borough really needs to think about hiring a full -time laborer soon.*

Councilman Porretta: *No report*

Councilman Whittaker: *Jim read the State Police reports. Jim stated patrols were ramped up on Mays Landing Rd.*

Councilman Hoffman: *Jim reported that the mayor will be sitting down with the zoning officer to go over property maintenance throughout the Borough. Jim thanked Councilman Ballistreri for his due diligence on the Parks.*

Councilman Blazer: *no report*

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: *no comment*

PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$100.00, \$16,448.95 and \$244,783.31

School Portion: \$173,823.00

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

There was a roll call vote with ayes all

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

Please visit the Borough of Folsom website at folsomborough.com for updated Borough information and the Borough of Folsom Facebook page.

There will be a Special Meeting held on June 24, 2025 at 6:00PM (no workshop) to approve the Affordable Housing Plan. Other formal action may be taken.

The next regular meeting of Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, **July 8, 2025** starting with a workshop meeting at 6:00 pm and continuing immediately thereafter with the regular meeting in Borough Hall, 1700 12th Street, Folsom, NJ

Councilman Hoffman made a motion to enter in closed session at 7:45PM and it was seconded by Councilman Norman.

With no other discussion Councilman Norman made a motion to close the executive session at 8:05PM and Councilman Whittaker seconded that motion to close.

Councilman Hoffman made a motion to enter back in regular session and Councilman Norman seconded that motion.

With no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto
Municipal Clerk

