

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
July 8, 2025**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:15 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: Whittaker, Porretta, Norman and Blazer*

Absent: Councilman Ballistreri and Hoffman

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

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES June 17, 2025

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 with the exception of Councilman Blazer abstention

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, June 17, 2025

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

There was a roll call vote with ayes all with the exception of Councilman Blazer abstention

APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, June 24, 2025

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

There was a roll call vote with ayes all with the exception of Councilman Norman 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.

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

ORDINANCES: None

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION 2025-82**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM TO AWARD THE BID FY 2025 STATE AID PROJECT RESURFACING OF FENIMORE DRIVE
CONTRACT NO. 36**

WHEREAS, bids were accepted on July 1, 2025 at 10:00 AM at the Borough Hall in the Borough of Folsom; and

WHEREAS, all bids were opened and announced to those in attendance; and

WHEREAS, the apparent lowest responsible Bidder, as determined by the Borough Engineer, is Arawak Paving; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the Base Bid submitted by Arawak Paving Co., is \$198,900.00;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom that Arawak Paving is hereby awarded the contract for the 2025 Resurfacing of Fenimore Dr., Contract No. 36 for the amount of \$198,900.00

- Award of this contract is subject to the certification of availability of funds
- Approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation Bureau of Local Aid
- The duration of the contract is sixty days from the contractor's receipt of the written notice to proceed.

A motion to approve Resolutions #2025-82 was made by Councilman Norman and seconded by Councilman Blazer

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

**RESOLUTION 2025-83
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

A motion to approve Resolutions #2025-83 was made by Councilman Norman and seconded by Councilman Whittaker

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION #2025-84**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DRIVEWAY WITHIN THE UNIMPROVED RIGHT OF WAY ALONG 9TH STREET

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40:48-1 et seq., a municipality has general powers to manage public property; and

WHEREAS, the owners of Block 3201 Lot 6 have requested access for the placement of a driveway along the unimproved right of way along 9th Street; and

WHEREAS, the vacation of 9th Street is not a viable option because it would create a hardship to these owners and would landlock other parcels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey that the owners of Block 3201 Lot 6 are authorized to construct a driveway along the unimproved right of way along 9Th Street but must meet the following conditions:

1. The owners must submit a hold harmless agreement to the Borough for review and approval of the Borough Engineer and Solicitor.
2. Comply with all state and local laws and ordinances.
3. Submit a plan to the Borough Land Use Board for review and approval
4. Place an escrow amount of \$750.00 with the Borough for professional reviews.

A motion to approve Resolutions #2025-84 was made by Councilman Norman and seconded by Councilman Blazer

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: *Ms. Costigan reported that a resident on 9th Street would like to put in a driveway.*

MAYOR'S REPORT: *No report*

FIRE REPORT: *Councilman Norman read report.*

ENGINEER'S 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: *Absent*

Councilman Norman: *No report*

Councilman Porretta: *No report*

Councilman Whittaker: *Jim read the State Police reports.*

Councilman Hoffman: *Absent*

Councilman Blazer: *No report*

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: *no comment*

PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$57,070.08

School Portion: n/a

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 for updated Borough information and the Borough of Folsom Facebook page.

The next regular meeting of Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, **August 12, 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

With no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto

