

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
August 12, 2015**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:05PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG LED BY Mayor Lou DeStefano

OPENING STATEMENT: Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the open public meeting act, pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said 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: Smith, Jantz, Arena, Veneziani and Gummo

Absent: Councilman Pagano

Also present: Mayor Lou DeStefano, Attorney Keith Bonchi, and Engineer Gary Auer

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP MINUTES July 8, 2015

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilwoman Veneziani and seconded by Councilman Smith.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM July 8, 2015

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Arena

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

APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE MINUTES FROM July 8, 2015

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Arena and seconded by Councilwoman Veneziani

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

Mayor DeStefano and Councilman Arena presented the Folsom U12 and U16 Girls' Softball Championship Team with Certificates of Achievement. Mayor and Council thanked all the girls and Coaches on their successful season.

Coach Sandi Kemmerer congratulated the teams for all their hard work.

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**RESOLUTION 2015-75
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 the employment status of Joseph Campellone.
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 Resolution #2015-75 was made by Councilman Jantz and seconded by Councilman Smith

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

At 7:25PM Council entered into an Executive Session

Council returned from Executive Session at 7:54PM

COUNCIL WAS IN FAVOR OF THE APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATIONS AND THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

2015-Curb Side Solid Waste Collection

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: Joe Campellone (153 Norfolk Ave., Egg Harbor City) wanted to discuss Resolution #2015-73 which was the resolution terminating Mr. Campellone's employment with the Borough. Mr. Campellone stated that he felt he did everything that was asked of him and that he enjoyed working in the Borough. Mr. Campellone stated that he reported a safety issue to the Borough because he was concerned about the environment in which he was working. Mr. Campellone felt he was being terminated over his complaint. Mr. Campellone stated he was here this evening to get some clarification as to why he was terminated.

Attorney Keith Bonchi stated that this is a public session and you can make a statement and it is not a hearing and no one is obligated to respond to you and I advised them not too. Mr. Bonchi told Mr. Campellone that he has five minutes to make a statement.

Mr. Campellone stated that he had several complaints, some written some verbal and a meeting. He stated that he asked for documentation of the meeting and was notified of his termination within the work week. Mr. Campellone stated that he has a family and needs the benefits. He stated that he like working here and thanked the Borough.

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

Ms. Gatto reminded residents that Borough Hall will be closed on September 7, 2015 In observance of Labor Day.

ORDINANCES: (Introduction/First Reading)

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
ORDINANCE #06-2015**

**SPECIAL EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION FOR PREPARATION OF
AN APPROVED TAX MAP**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS PURUSANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(a) TO FUND THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PREPARATION OF AN APPROVED, DIGITAL TAX MAP FOR THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Whereas, the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, New Jersey ("Borough") has determined that it is necessary to prepare an approved, digital tax map for use by the Borough Tax Assessor and the Atlantic County Board of Taxation; and

Whereas, the amount to be appropriated by the Borough for the purpose described above is \$75,000, which amount shall be deemed a special emergency appropriation as defined and provided for in the Local Budget Law, *N.J.S.A 40A:40-1 et. seq.*; and

Whereas, it is the desire of the Borough Council to adopt an ordinance to create said special emergency appropriation.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, New Jersey, pursuant to Local Budget Law as follows:

SECTION 1: There is hereby appropriated, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:4-53(a) the sum of \$75,000 appropriated for the preparation of an approved tax map, as further described in the preamble of this ordinance.

SECTION 2: Said emergency appropriation shall be financed from surplus funds currently available or from borrowed funds, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55; provided, however at least one-fifth (1/5th) of said amount shall be included in each succeeding annual budget until the appropriation has been fully provided for.

SECTION 3: That a certified copy of this Ordinance as finally adopted, shall be filed by the Borough Clerk with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall be effective after final passage and publication as provided by law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on the first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council in the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, held on August 12, 2015 and said Ordinance was approved for final adoption at a public hearing held in the Borough of Folsom Municipal Building, 1700 12th St., Folsom, NJ on September 9, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

A motion to approve Ordinance #06-2015 was made by Councilman Arena and seconded by Councilwoman Veneziani

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION 2015-74
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE TAX DUE DATE AND INTEREST ON TAXES

WHEREAS, by the governing body of the Borough of Folsom the third installment of current year taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 1, 2015, the additional interest-

free period authorized pursuant to R.S.54: 4-67, or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date that the tax bill for the third installment was mailed or otherwise delivered.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that any payment received after the later of August 1, the additional interest-free period authorized pursuant to R.S.54: 4-67, or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date that the tax bill for the third installment was mailed or otherwise delivered will be charged interest back to August 1, 2015.

A motion to approve Resolution #2015-74 was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Gummoe

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

Borough of Folsom

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-76

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING ANY STATEWIDE REFERENDUM
TO BE PLACED ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT SEEKING TO EXPAND CASINO
GAMING BEYOND ATLANTIC CITY**

WHEREAS, there is a legislative proposal which, if approved by three-fifths of state legislators by August 1st, will place a question on the November 2015 ballot for voters to decide on the expansion of casino gaming beyond Atlantic City; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic City is still in the early stages of a profoundly important transition from a gaming centric destination to a diversified tourist destination featuring world class dining, entertainment, retail and recreational offerings; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of gaming beyond Atlantic City could further lead to the loss of up to 14,550 direct and indirect jobs from the potential closure of an additional two to four casino hotels; and

WHEREAS, the proliferation of gaming in neighboring states has caused the decline of New Jersey's gaming revenue, and adding more gaming capacity in the northern part of the state will only shift the remaining jobs and benefits from the county with the highest current unemployment rate (11.3%) to an area that has one of the lowest unemployment rates (4.6%) in the state; and

WHEREAS, lost direct wages from those closings would amount to \$230.9 million, and in excess or \$300 million in direct and indirect job loss, resulting in reduced revenues to the state for wage-related taxes, lost fee-related revenue, potential impairment of publicly traded municipal and state authority debt, and the near doubling of Atlantic County's unemployment rate to 23% from its current level of 12%, which is already twice the state average; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of gaming beyond Atlantic City could result in the closure of four of the remaining eight casino hotels which could cause the gross revenue derived from Atlantic City casinos to be reduced to \$1.75 billion to \$2 billion; and

WHEREAS, Room Taxes fund publicly issued debt utilized for Atlantic City casino expansion projects, advances to the New Jersey Sports and Exhibition Authority for horse racing purse enhancements, and development projects in South Jersey and North Jersey reducing Room Tax revenues from its 2013 levels of \$10.4 million annually to a projected \$5.1 million annually; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom on behalf of our citizens, our businesses, our visitors, and our future respectfully request our legislators and other legislators throughout the state to do the right and proper thing for our region and our state by voting against any casino gaming referendum legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council urge our constituents to notify their legislators of their opposition to such legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council urge our press reporters to encourage their readers to make their positions known to their legislators; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is requested to send a copy of this Resolution to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey, Senator Jim Whelan, Senator Jeff Van Drew, Assemblyman Chris A. Brown, Assemblyman Vincent Mazzeo, the President of the New Jersey State Senate, the Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, Frank Formica, Chairman of the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Sonya Harris, Secretary of the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Dennis Levinson, Atlantic County Executive, John C. Lamey, Jr., Executive Director of the Atlantic County Improvement Authority, the Atlantic County Mayors' Association, the Greater Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce, the Atlantic County Board of Taxation, Diane Hesley, President of Atlantic County Association of Municipal Assessors, Jason Hesley, President of Cape May County Association of Municipal Assessors, Brian Rosenberger, President of Cumberland County Association of Municipal Assessors, Robyn Palughi, President of Ocean County Association of Municipal Assessors, and the Municipal Clerks of each municipality within Atlantic County.

A motion to approve Resolution#2015-76 was made by Councilwoman Veneziani and seconded by Councilman Arena

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

RESOLUTION 2015-73

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

A RESOLUTION TERMINATING THE EMPLOYMENT OF JOSEPH CAMPELLONE

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council wish to terminate Public Works employee Joseph Campellone

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Folsom that Joseph Campellone is hereby terminated from employment.

A motion to approve Resolution #2015-73 was made by Councilwoman Veneziani and seconded by Councilman Smith

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: No report

FIRE’S CHIEF REPORT: (read by Kyle Smith)

The following incidents occurred in your community during the month of July 2015

July 8 th	Fumes	Pine Ln.	16 Members Responding
July 11 th	Alarm System	Mays Landing Rd.	14 Members Responding
July 14 th	Commercial Vehicle	Rt. 54	18 Members Responding
July 18 th	Passenger Vehicle	Laurel Ln	19 Members Responding

Crews participated in various holiday festivities over the 4th of July. We also had 5 members graduate from the Atlantic County Fire Academy as well 2 members Certified as CPR instructors. On the 21st after completing a fire prevention program at the elementary school our engine was involved in an accident while refilling with water sitting in a parking lot. The injuries to the Firefighters were very minor however the truck not so minor. Repairs are estimated to take roughly 3 months therefore we have arranged to use a neighboring department truck in the meantime. Once again anyone interested, stop by the Firehouse on any Tuesday night after 7pm or check out our website at clfd23.org

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

2014 Community Development Block Grant Funding

Our office has finalized the design plans and specifications for the provision of the ADA compliant walkways and parking areas at the 13th Street Athletic Fields, the Public Works Garage and South River Drive Playground. The design documents have been forwarded to the ACIA for their review and approval. Once the ACIA has approved the documents we will put the project out for public bid.

FY15 State Aid Project - 8th Street

We are continuing to work on the design plans for the resurfacing of the portion of 8th Street within the project limits. We anticipate having the project ready for public bid by late summer / early fall.

11th Street Stormwater Problems - South Jersey Gas

At the end of July, John LaPollo and I meet with several representatives from South Jersey Gas and their engineer Adams, Rehman & Heggan to discuss the continuing stormwater runoff from their corporate headquarters onto 11th Street. The representatives from South Jersey Gas indicated their willingness to remediate the stormwater basin and directed their engineer to develop a plan to keep the runoff on their property.

During the discussion it became evident that a substantial cause for the amount of runoff being discharged from the property is due to the poor farming practices being utilized by the farmer leasing their property. Due to the farmer not providing the proper buffers or stabilization not only is 11th being affected by large rain events, the residents located on Mays Landing Road immediately adjacent to the farm experienced damage during a recent storm. The gas company informed John and I they would be looking into additional measures to either force better farming practices or take further action.

FY16 State Aid Program

The New Jersey DOT has forwarded notification to all municipalities that applications can be submitted for funding of local transportation projects. We are looking for direction from the Mayor and Council for possible roadways to be included for submission. The application is due no later than October 20, 2015.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor DeStefano reminded residents that Community Day is Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 10:00AM until 2:00PM and the rain date is October 3, 2015. Mayor DeStefano announced that he will be opening the ceremonies for Community Day. Mayor DeStefano informed residents that the tax bills are late because of the County waiting on the Pilot Program. Mayor Destefano announced the Township of Woodbridge will be hosting the

senior Olympic games this year and if anyone interested please visit their website. Mayor DeStefano wished everyone a safe Labor Day.

COUNCIL MEMBER’S REPORTS:

Councilwoman Veneziani: congratulated the girls’ softball teams on their championship win. Councilwoman Veneziani read the second quarter report (April-June) from the Emergency Medical Services. Councilwoman Veneziani wished everyone a safe new school year.

Councilman Kyle Smith: congratulated the girls’ softball teams. Councilman Smith reminded residents to use caution when driving since school will be starting soon.

Councilman Ken Jantz: stated that he is working on reporting street light outages and if anyone knows of a street light that is out to please call Borough Hall or visit Folsom Borough website.

Councilman Ben Pagano: absent-no report

Councilman Charlie Arena: reported that Parks & Rec have met twice since the last Council meeting. Councilman Arena stated they inspected the fields and found some issues that they hope to address with the FAA in the future. Last night’s meeting was at Pennypot Park and the only issue found was a cap that was needed on a post. Councilman Arena congratulated the girls’ softball Championship teams.

Councilman Byron Gummoe: informed Mayor & Council that the Borough will be going out for bid for the Solid Waste Contract. Councilman Gummoe thanked residents for their recycling efforts. Councilman Gummoe reminded residents to place trash the day before pickup and remove cans promptly. Councilman Gummoe also reminded residents that the Borough has an E-Waste Program so they should not be putting E-Waste by the curb. Councilman Gummoe wished everyone a safe Labor Day and congratulated the girls’ softball teams.

PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS ONLY:

None

PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$224,196.10

A motion to approve payment was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Arena.

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

Folsom is participating in a **Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan**. A HMP is a living document that communities use to reduce their vulnerability to hazards. To inform and engage the public and other local and regional stakeholders in the planning process, a hazard mitigation planning website has been developed and can be visited at: www.aclink.org/PDM/.

Mayor DeStefano reminded the public that all other monthly reports are on file in the minute book and to please visit the Borough website with updated information along with the Folsom Borough Facebook Page.

The next regular meeting of Mayor and Council will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 starting with a half hour workshop meeting at 6:30 pm and continuing with the regular meeting at 7:00 pm in Borough Hall, 1700 12th Street, Folsom, NJ

With no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM with ayes all.

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A person in the audience got up to speak and Attorney Bonchi stated that the Public Session is over (Inaudible) we already had a public session on everything else and we had two public sessions and the second session is limited to Council reports only.

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Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto
Municipal Clerk