

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
January 13, 2026**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:25 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, Hadulias, Norman, Hoffman and Blazer*

Absent: *Councilman Ballistreri*

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

Mayor Smith asked for a nomination for Council President. Councilman Norman made a motion to appoint Councilman Whittaker and Councilman Hadulias seconded that motion.

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

APPROVAL OF THE WORKSHOP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES December 9, 2025

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 with the exception of Councilman Hadulias, Hoffman and Blazer abstentions. (Mayor Smith voted)

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, December 9, 2025

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

There was a roll call vote with ayes all with the exception of Councilman Hadulias, Hoffman and Blazer abstentions. (Mayor Smith voted)

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: None

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

Borough Hall will be closed on January 19, 2026 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

NJ Division of Motor Vehicles will have their Mobile Unit in Folsom on January 20, 21, 22, 23

Free Rabies Clinic will be held March 7, 2026 from 9:00AM to 11:00AM at the Borough Garage

ORDINANCES (First Reading-Introduction)

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
ORDINANCE# 02- 2026**

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND LAND USE BOARD APPLICATION AND
ESCROW FEES**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Folsom wishes to increase land use board fees, applications and escrow fees in order to compensate for the rising costs of labor and operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:48-2 et seq., the Council of the Borough of Folsom may enact ordinances for the health, welfare and safety of the residents of the Borough; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Folsom that the following fees are established:

APPLICATION AND ESCROW FEES

<u>CATEGORY:</u>	<u>APPLICATION FEE:</u>	<u>ESCROW FEE:</u>
<u>MINOR SUBDIVISION</u>	\$150 PLUS \$20 PER LOT	\$1,500
<u>MAJOR SUBDIVISION</u>		
PRELIMINARY	\$400 PLUS \$25 PER LOT	\$4,000
FINAL	\$400 PLUS \$25 PER LOT	\$1,000

**SITE PLANS NON-
RESIDENTIAL**

PRELIMINARY SQUARE FEET OF BUILDING UNDER 5,000	\$500	\$2000	From 5,001-
10,000	\$600	\$2500	
From 10,001-50,000	\$800	\$3000	
From 50,001-100,000	\$900	\$4000	
Greater than 100,000	\$1000	\$5000	

SITE PLAN RESIDENTIAL

UP TO 25 UNITS	\$400 PLUS \$25 PER UNIT	\$2500
25 OR MORE UNITS	\$600 PLUS \$25 PER UNIT	\$3500
FINAL	\$500	\$1000

**INFORMAL MEETING/
REVIEW**

A. "C" VARIANCES	\$200	\$1000
B. "D" VARIANCES	\$500	\$1000

APPEAL ZONING \$200 \$500

OFFICER'S DECISION

INTERPERTATION OF \$200 \$500

ORDINANCE

TAX MAP UPDATE

For all applications which would result in change \$50 per lot
to the Borough Tax Map.

Commercial- \$200

Residential, per lot- \$100

Accessory structures \$50

Sheds under 200 square feet \$25

A motion to approve Ordinance#02-2026 was made by Councilman Norman and seconded by Councilman Blazer. 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 2026-29 (revised)
BOROUGH OF FOLSOM**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE FY 2025 RESURFACING OF
FENIMORE DRIVE-CONTRACT 36**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40a:1-1 et seq, previously awarded and entered into a contract for the NJDOT Municipal Aid 2025 Road Program with Arawak Paving Co. for the resurfacing of Fenimore Drive in the Borough of Folsom; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in the contract quantities for the project in the amount of \$4,007.17; and

WHEREAS, the adjustment of the quantities of the 2025 Road Program project does not substantially change the quality or character of the work to be provided by the Contractor; and

WHEREAS, the net decrease in the Contract is \$4,007.17 and the execution of a change order will not cause the originally awarded contract price to be exceeded by more than twenty percent (20%); and

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 that:

A change order is approved for the NJDOT Municipal Aid 2025 Road Program project to include a reduction in quantities of the 2025 Road Program with a total decrease of \$4,007.17 for a resulting total Contract amount of \$194,892.83; and

The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into an execute on behalf of the Borough and amendatory contract covering the approved changed order, such amendatory contract to be in a form satisfactory to the Borough Attorney.

**Borough of Folsom
RESOLUTION #2026-30**

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT APPLICATION Form 1B

Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2026-June 2027

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder (GCSUD) established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Substance Use Disorder in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent substance use disorder in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey recognizes that substance use disorder is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore, has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent substance use disorder in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder through the County of Atlantic;

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

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Borough of Folsom Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2026 in the amount of:

GCSUD GRANT FUND	<u>\$ 5,806.65</u>
Cash Match	<u>\$ 1,451.66</u>
In-Kind	<u>\$ 4,354.99</u>

2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION #2026-31**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF FOLSOM AND THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC**

**FOR THE USE OF THERMOPLASTIC TRAFFIC LINE STRIPING HAND CART AND
KETTLE FOR ROAD MARKINGS IN THE BOROUGH**

LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$2.2 million for Shared Services and School District Consolidation Study and Implementation Grants to assist local units with the study, development, and implementation of new shared and regional services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) is tasked with administering these grant funds through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP); and

WHEREAS, LEAP Implementation Grants exist to support costs associated with shared service implementation to ensure that meaningful, efficiency generating initiatives are not hindered by short term transitional expenses; and

WHEREAS, the County of Atlantic as lead entity and the City of Atlantic City, Brigantine City, Buena Vista Township, Egg Harbor City, Egg Harbor Township, Folsom Borough, Galloway Township, Hamilton Township, Hammonton, Longport Borough, Pleasantville, Somers Point, and the City of Ventnor, as Participating Local Units propose to enter into a shared services agreement, but face certain expenses associated with implementation that present a burden to the local units; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this shared services agreement is to permit the participating units to borrow on an as needed basis at no cost to the participating units, a thermoplastic traffic line striping hand cart and a thermoplastic traffic line striping kettle to be used for road markings in their communities. These agreements will benefit the residents of all participating local units; and

WHEREAS, the County of Atlantic has agreed to be the lead agency in this program and will submit the application to DLGS on behalf of all participating units; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of THE Borough of Folsom that Folsom Borough does hereby joins with Atlantic County Government in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$76,125.00 to support implementation of this shared service.

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION # 2026-32**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom owns a parcel of real property on 11th Street, known as Block 3101 lot 3 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 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 3101 Lot 3 for \$10,000.00 by Stephen and Tiffany Lind; and

WHEREAS, furthermore, the public property was placed for public sale by the Borough of Folsom on July 21, 2021 with a minimum bid of \$10,000.00 for Block 3101 lot 3 and no bids were made on the real property.

WHEREAS, the property is sold “as is”. No representation of any kind is made by the Borough as to the conditions of the property, and the descriptions of the property are intended as a general guide only and may not be accurate. The property is being sold in the present “as is” where is”, with all faults.

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 11th St., Block 3101 Lot 3 to Stephen & Tiffany Lind for \$10,000.00.

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION# 2026-33**

Supporting an Amendment to the Atlantic County Solid Waste Management Plan Endorsing the Expansion of the ACUA Landfill at the Howard “Fritz” Haneman Environmental Park

WHEREAS, the Atlantic County Utilities Authority (“ACUA”) provides solid waste disposal services for Atlantic County municipalities, ensuring reliable, transparent, and environmentally responsible management of the region’s solid waste;

WHEREAS, waste generated within Atlantic County is currently disposed of at Howard “Fritz” Haneman Environmental Park, located at 6700 Delilah Road, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey;

WHEREAS, the ACUA has proposed an expansion of the existing landfill that includes a horizontal expansion of approximately 5.74 acres and a vertical expansion of approximately 40 feet, which together will provide an estimated eleven (11) additional years of disposal capacity, extending the landfill’s useful life to approximately 2040;

WHEREAS, the continued operation of the ACUA landfill is essential for maintaining stable and predictable disposal rates for municipalities, helping local governments budget effectively and protect taxpayers from unexpected cost increases;

WHEREAS, ACUA’S publicly governed structure ensures full transparency, public accountability, and open decision-making regarding waste management operations, capital planning, and environmental compliance;

WHEREAS, ACUA operates under stringent environmental regulations and employs best- practice landfill engineering, environmental monitoring, and sustainability initiatives, making the expansion the most environmentally responsible option for the long-term management of Atlantic County’s solid waste;

WHEREAS, relying on ACUA for solid waste disposal avoids the uncertainties, environmental impacts, and significantly higher long-term costs associated with transporting waste to out-of-county or out-of-state facilities;

WHEREAS, the proposed landfill expansion will ensure that Atlantic County municipalities continue to benefit from the most economical, reliable, and environmentally beneficial solid waste disposal option available;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that the municipality hereby supports the proposed amendment to the Atlantic County Solid Waste Management Plan and endorses the expansion of the ACUA landfill at Howard “Fritz” Haneman Environmental Park;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this governing body acknowledges that the expansion is in the best financial and environmental interests of the municipality and its residents;

A motion to approve Resolutions #2026-29 through 2026-33 was made by Councilman Norman and seconded by Councilman Whittaker

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: *No report*

MAYOR'S REPORT: *Mayor Smith asked Council if you have any issues during the week to call him immediately so it can be addressed.*

FIRE REPORT: *Councilman Norman read the fire report.*

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

FY 2025 Municipal Aid: Resurfacing of Fenimore Drive

The final payment application and final change order with Arawak Paving Co. are on tonight's agenda for approval by Council. Once approved and processed, we will proceed with NJDOT closeout and seek final reimbursement in the coming weeks.

FY 2026 Municipal Aid: Resurfacing of Fenimore Drive & Lupin Lane

We have completed the surveying and field work on Fenimore Drive and Lupin Lane, and are now working on the drafting and design of the roads. We anticipate submitting the final plans and specifications to the Borough and NJDOT for approval by April, in order to complete construction this summer.

FY 2025 CDBG: 13th Street Park ADA Improvements

We have completed the surveying and field work on 13th Street and at 13th Street Park, and are now working on the drafting and design of the park. We anticipate submitting the final plans and specifications to the Borough and ACIA for approval by March, in order to complete construction this spring.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Ballistreri: *absent*

Councilman Norman: *Al welcomed Chris. Al reported that the gas tax is going up.*

Councilman Hadulias: *No report*

Councilman Whittaker: *Jim read safety report.*

Councilman Hoffman: *No report*

Councilman Blazer: *Jake reported that the drain at the girls 'softball field was fixed by the FAA. Just some clean up to do. Jake thanked everyone for their donations.*

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: *No Comments*

PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$22,224.71, \$51,225.84 \$6.00 and \$787.85

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

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, **February 10, 2026**, 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 6:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto

