

FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL
BUDGET MINUTES
October 29, 2018
7:00 P.M.

1. **Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Presentation(s)**
3. **Resolutions:**
4. **Ordinances:**
5. **Discussion Items:**

- 2018 Budget discussions – General Fund and wages

Mr. Rapp directed Mr. Branco to present the General Fund to Council. Mr. Branco informed Council that the Real Estate assessment for the Borough had decreased. Due to this factor, as well as the increase in medical benefits (8.4%), pension payments, contractual wage increases, pending Police arbitration, and MS4 mandates, we are recommending a 1 mil increase in the 2019 budget.

As for wages, they were presented to Council in the budget packet. Mr. Branco suggested Council go into executive session to discuss the pending arbitration and personnel wages.

Mr. Atkinson made a motion to go into executive session to discuss pending arbitration and personnel matters at 7:40 P.M., seconded by Mr. Trotter. The motion passed unanimously.

Council reconvened at 8:50 P.M. on a motion by Ms. Jordan, seconded by Mr. Blatt and approved unanimously.

Mr. Rapp asked Mr. Trotter to read allowed the staff increases for the 2019 budget.

- Mr. Branco – 7%
- Ms. Voges – 4.5%
- Ms. Merkle – 3%
- Mr. Rohrbach – 3%
- Ms. Henning – 3%
- Ms. Distasio – 3%
- Ms. DiRico – 3%
- Mr. Quarry – 4.5%
- Chief Bachert – 3.5%

Mr. Rapp stated that Council also Council has that effective on 1/1/2020 new Councilors would receive compensation in the amount of \$1,500/yr. New Councilors elected for 2022 would also receive \$1,500/yr. The Mayor and President of Council would have a yearly salary of \$2,000.

Mr. Rapp recommended to Council that a cleaning service be hired to clean the Borough and Police offices. Council agreed, and directed Mr. Branco to get quotes from various vendors and present them to Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Ms. Jordan

**BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

By: _____
Norman Blatt Jr., Vice - President of Council

SUBMITTED BY

By: _____
Cordula Voges, Finance Officer

ATTEST:

By: _____
Anthony Branco, Executive Administrator