

**BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

April 17, 2019
7 P.M.

Council members present were: Ms. Jordan, Mr. Blatt, Mr. Trotter, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Trabel, and Ms. Halleman. Also, in attendance were Anthony Branco (Executive Administrator), Cordula Voges (Finance Officer), Fountain Hill Public Works employees (Christian Smith, Bradley DeFiore, Brian Csazar, Brian Laible, Michael Valdez) and guests.

Council was in receipt of the below documents:

1. Agenda
2. Draft Minutes March 20, 2019
3. Draft Minutes April 1, 2019
4. Minutes of March 4, 2019 Council Meeting
5. YMCA pool draft agreement
6. YMCA playground draft agreement
7. Ordinance 850 adopting UCC 2015 Fire Code
8. Ordinance 851 Reducing the number of members of the Planning Commission
9. Response letter – Multimodal Transportation Fund Program

Council President Atkinson called the meeting to order and asked for everyone to rise for the Pledge to the Flag.

DRAFT MINUTES

- Minutes of March 20, 2019 Council Meeting – DRAFT (Please submit revisions to Ms. Voges in writing)
- Minutes of April 1, 2019 Council Meeting – DRAFT (Please submit revisions to Ms. Voges in writing)

PRESENTATION(S)

- Vanessa Rex – YMCA – Pool and playground presentation

Ms. Vanessa Rex from the YMCA made a presentation of the upcoming of the upcoming Pool program starting on June 10, 2019 until August 11, 2019 with the option to mutually negotiate providing additional operating days beyond the established 2019 summer season. For all contracted services under the agreement, the Borough will pay the YMCA a management fee of \$35,569 and then payments of \$5,000 starting on August 1, 2019 for each week the Pool remains open for the remainder of the 2019 summer. In addition to seven (7) in-service/training days, expenses will only be charged for those days that Pool is open and accounted for by October 1, 2019.

Council voted on the YMCA Pool contract:

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Annamarie Jordan	x		x			
Francis Ferencin						x
Norman Blatt		x	x			
Doug Trotter			x			
Leo Atkinson			x			
Philip Trabel			x			
Helen Halleman			x			
Mayor Gifford						

- Vanessa Rex – YMCA – Playground

Ms. Rex presented a typical YMCA led Playground Program based on structured activities typically ranging from 12 pm to 5 pm. Ms. Rex stressed that per YMCA policy one (1) counselor is assigned for every twelve (12) participants in the program and the Budget Projection of approximately \$9 k is based on twenty-four (24) children participating in the program.

Mr. Blatt and the Mayor noted that the structured YMCA program would be very different from past years' Playground Programs especially in regard to the restriction to afternoon hours only and not extending to activities offered for the evening hours from 6 to 9 pm. Mr. Trabel and Ms. Halleman are not in favor of a Playground Program. Council decided to further discuss the scope of the Playground Program on the Committee level before signing a contract with the YMCA.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – Discussion on Agenda Items - none.

MOTIONS - none.

ORDINANCES

First Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 850

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL, CHAPTER 7, FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE PROTECTION, PART 3, BOCA BASIC FIRE PREVENTION CODE, BY ADOPTING THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE SUCH THAT THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE SHALL NO LONGER BE USED; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF PARTS OF THIS ORDINANCE DEEMED TO BE INVALID; REPEALING ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 851

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL, CHAPTER 15, DEPARTMENT OF BOROUGH PLANNING, PART 2,

PLANNING COMMISSION, SECTION 10, MEMBERSHIP, BY REDUCING THE PLANNING COMMISSION FROM SEVEN (7) MEMBERS TO FIVE (5) MEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF PARTS OF THIS ORDINANCE DEEMED TO BE INVALID; REPEALING ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTIONS – none.

OLD BUSINESS

- Disruptive Conduct Appeals Board – still need 2 members
- Ms. Jordan made the motion for the approval to hire Bradley Defiore as a full-time Public Works employee.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Annamarie Jordan	x		x			
Francis Ferencin						x
Norman Blatt		x	x			
Doug Trotter			x			
Leo Atkinson			x			
Philip Trabel			x			
Helen Halleman			x			
Mayor Gifford						

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Arbor Day, April 26 starting at 1 PM – Dodson St. above pool area

COUNCIL ACTION – none.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – Discussion on Non - Agenda Items – none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel Matters (Public Works)

Motion by Ms. Jordan to go into executive session for Personnel matters at 7:50 pm, seconded by Mr. Trotter and approved unanimously.

Motion to convene the regular meeting at 8:49 by Ms. Jordan, seconded by Mr. Blatt and approved unanimously.

Mr. Atkinson informed the public that the purpose of the executive session was for personnel matters related to a grievance filed by the Public Works Association.

Ms. Jordan made a motion to deny the PW grievance related to Vacation time, seconded by Mr. Blatt. The motion was as follows:

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Annamarie Jordan	x		x			
Francis Ferencin						x
Norman Blatt		x	x			
Doug Trotter			x			
Leo Atkinson			x			
Philip Trabel			x			
Helen Halleman			x			
Mayor Gifford						

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:55 p.m., Mr. Blatt made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Trabel and unanimously approved.

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

By: _____
Leo Atkinson - President of Council

SUBMITTED BY

By: _____
Cordula Voges, Finance Officer

ATTEST:

By: _____
Anthony Branco, Executive Administrator

Next Ordinance – 852
Next Resolution – 2019-25