

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 23, 2011

7:00 P.M.

Council members present were: Mr. Rapp, Mr. Blatt, Mr. Capuano, Mr. Stech, Ms. Gifford, Ms. Halleman and Mr. Trotter, Jr.. Also in attendance were: Mayor Rosado, Rick Prill, Borough Administrator, Jim Levernier, PW Supervisor, and Acting Chief Anthony.

Council President Rapp called for the pledge to the flag.

Mr. Rapp reviewed items to be placed on the April 4, 2011 meeting Agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of the 2/23/11 Work Session Meeting and 3/7/11 Regular Meeting have been prepared for review. Mr. Rapp noted that anyone with corrections to the Draft Minutes of the 2/23/11 and 3/7/11 meetings should provide them in writing to Mr. Prill.

Council President Rapp noted that there was one Discussion item on the agenda, this being an application for a handicapped parking space at 1310 Stanley Avenue. There was a discussion about whether the property in question has off-street parking. Councilman Blatt questioned whether the handicapped parking ordinance was ever changed to give Council the ability to approve a handicapped parking space even if there is off-street parking available. Mr. Prill reviewed the section of the ordinance addressing off-street parking and noted that Council does have the ability to approve a handicapped parking space if the medical condition warrants it. Council President Rapp asked that this be reviewed by the Police Department to confirm what off-street parking is available. Councilman Blatt indicated that this matter should be placed on the April 4th meeting agenda with a proposed Ordinance being ready for introduction.

Council President moved on to the next agenda item, Council Action / New Business.

Resolution #2011-17 Approving the Close-Out of the Pool Feasibility Study Grant Project.

**BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION 2011-17**

**APPROVING THE CLOSE-OUT OF THE DCNR COMMUNITY CONSERVATION
PARTNERSHIPS GRANT PROJECT (BRC-TAG-14-207), POOL FEASIBILITY STUDY**

WHEREAS, The Borough of Fountain Hill has prepared a Pool Feasibility Study for the possible rehabilitation / replacement of the Fountain Hill Municipal Pool; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Plan is to (1) evaluate the existing swimming pool facility, (2) address the problems and deficiencies that currently exist and make recommendations and prepare cost

estimates of construction costs to correct these problems and deficiencies, and (3) evaluate the operation and management of the pool;

WHEREAS, The Plan was financed in part by a Community Conservation Partnerships Program grant under the administration of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation; under contract number BRC-TAG-14-207;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fountain Hill, County of Lehigh, that:

1. The project was completed in accordance with the Grant Agreement;
2. All project expenditures have been made and were in accordance with the Grant Agreement;
3. The Plan and related materials are acceptable to the Borough of Fountain Hill;
4. The Plan and related materials will be used to guide future recreation and conservation decisions.

Councilwoman Gifford moved approval of Resolution #2011-17. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trotter and approved unanimously.

Council President Rapp noted the next item was a curb-cut crossover request for 1030 Graham Street. Mr. Prill noted that this has been reviewed by both the Police Department and Public Works Department and they see no problem with the request. Council President Rapp indicated that this will be placed on the April 4th agenda for action.

Council President Rapp reported that an interview was conducted with a P/T Officer candidate, Ms. Leslie McDonald, and that the Police Committee is recommending that she be hired as a P/T Officer, subject to her passing the psychological and medical exams. Councilman Trotter made a motion approving the hiring of Ms. McDonald subject to these conditions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stech and approved unanimously.

Council President Rapp noted that there was one additional resolution to be added to the agenda as follows:

Resolution #2011-18 Approving the Amendment to the Police Department Policies & Procedures Manual – Bulletproof Vests

**BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL
RESOLUTION NO. 2011-18**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL,
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REVISING THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE POLICIES
& PROCEDURES MANUAL**

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Bureau of Justice Assistance has advised the Police Department that in order to continue being eligible for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership program, which provides grant funds for half of the cost of new bulletproof vests, the Department's Policies & Procedures Manual must make it mandatory for Officers to wear the vests while on-duty;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Fountain Hill does hereby approve a revision to the Police Department Policies & Procedures Manual making it mandatory for Officers to wear their bulletproof vests while on-duty, in order for the Borough to continue qualifying for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership program.

Councilman Stech moved approval of Resolution #2011-18. The motion was seconded by Councilman Capuano.

Councilwoman Gifford asked Acting Chief Anthony how the Officers feel about it being mandatory to wear the vests? Acting Chief Anthony indicated that they have no problem with this and already wear the vests.

Hearing no further comments or questions, a vote was taken on the motion to approve the Resolution and the Resolution passed by a unanimous vote.

Councilwoman Halleman asked Acting Chief Anthony what the status is of the Department accreditation. Acting Chief Anthony indicated that the Department is still moving forward on this but does not have a specific time frame as to when they might receive the accreditation.

Council President Rapp asked if any Council members had any Announcements.

1. Council President Rapp noted that the ceiling in the Council Chambers has been fully repaired.
2. Mr. Prill reported that the Borough will be receiving casino grant funds again this year and that the County has requested that a presentation be set up for Wednesday, April 27th at 9:00 am at Borough Hall. All members of Council are invited to attend.
3. Council President Rapp reported that he reached out to Representative Brennan to see if there was any outside funding available for the handicapped curb ramps on Tombler Street and was advised that there is no funding available for this work.

Mr. Haven commented that if a resident decides not to proceed with making the required improvements (curb, sidewalk, handicapped ramp) that the work will still be done by the Borough and a lien will be placed on the property.

Councilwoman noted that in the past, the Borough received funding from Lehigh County and that the Borough needs to try and get more funding from them.

Mr. Prill noted that each year Council decides on what project(s) to apply for CDBG funding from the County and the focus has been on the rehabilitation of storm sewers. However, last year a second application was submitted specifically for handicapped curb ramps but we were not successful in getting funding for this application.

Hearing no further comments, Mr. Rapp asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Capuano made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Gifford and the motion passed at 7:17 pm.

Minutes approved on May 2, 2011.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain
Ed Stech			X		
Carolee Gifford			X		
Norman Blatt			X		
Fred Capuano	X		X		
Larry Rapp			X		
Doug Trotter		X	X		
Helen Halleman			X		
Mayor Jose Rosado					

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

By: _____
Lawrence E. Rapp, President of Council

ATTEST:

By: _____
Ricky L. Prill, Borough Secretary