

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 21, 2010
7:00 P.M.

Council members present were: Mr. Rapp, Mr. Blatt, Mr. Capuano, Ms. Gifford, Ms. Halleman and Mayor Fink. Absent were Mr. Trotter, Jr. and Mr. Ferencin. Also in attendance was: Rick Prill, Administrator and Jim Levernier, PW Supervisor.

Council President Rapp called for the pledge to the flag.

Mr. Rapp reviewed items to be placed on the August 2, 2010 meeting Agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of the 6/16/10 and 7/6/10 Council Meetings have been prepared for review. Mr. Rapp noted that anyone with corrections to the draft Minutes of the 6/16/10 and 7/6/10 meetings should provide them in writing to Mr. Prill.

Council President Rapp asked if any Council members had any items to review and/or discussion:

1. Council President Rapp noted that the House & Ordinance Committee had met and one of the items discussed was a proposed ordinance to change the parking restriction on N. Lynn Street from a partial-year restriction to a year-around restriction. Councilwoman Gifford commented that this is an excellent idea for the protection of residents who use the Park and Playground. Council President Rapp noted that this proposed Ordinance will be placed on the August 2nd Council meeting agenda.

Council President Rapp noted that there was one Council Action item to address as follows:

1. Resolution #2010-22, Approving the Award of Bid for the Long & Clewell Streets Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Project (Phase IV).

Mr. Prill noted that four bids had been received for this project but that Brad Youst is still in the process of reviewing the bid submitted by the apparent low bidder with the County since Community Development Block Grant funding will be used for this project and that a final determination has not been made as to whether this bid qualifies the bidder as the lowest responsible bidder. This matter will be placed on the August 2nd meeting agenda for award. Mr. Prill noted that the four bids received were as follows:

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| 1. | Tri-State Grouting | \$118,000.00 |
| 2. | Pro-Shot Concrete | \$189,737.50 |
| 3. | Nat'l Water Main Cleaning | \$199,693.75 |
| 4. | Graciano Corp. | \$252,700.00 |

2. Council President Rapp noted that the Public Works and Finance Committees meet to review and discuss the purchase of a new dump truck to replace a 1989 dump truck and that a motion is on the agenda for the approval of this purchase.

Councilman Capuano made a motion for the approval of the purchase of a new 2010 International Dump Truck, noting that the final lease/purchase payment on the last Dump Truck purchased is this year and that the new Dump Truck will utilize Liquid Fuel funds and will continue to use the lease/purchase program previously established by the Borough.

Council President Rapp asked if anyone in the public had any comments regarding the purchase of the new Dump Truck. Hearing no comments, the motion was seconded by Councilman Blatt and approved by unanimous vote.

Councilman Blatt noted that a Borough resident was in the audience and had requested the opportunity to speak to Council. Council President Rapp indicated that normally public comment is not received at the work session meetings but that Council does on occasion allow public comment. He opened the meeting to the public for any comments.

Marcy Roderick, 1104 Seneca Street, addressed Council with regards to the proposed construction of the sand volleyball court at the Park, indicating that she does not feel that it should be built because she has discussed this with other people who use the Park and they do not feel it will be used. She does not feel a sand volleyball court is needed.

Councilman Blatt asked why she is opposed to the installation of the volleyball court.

Ms. Roderick indicated she feels people will not use it. She also commented that the Park is not maintained currently and the volleyball court will be the same way.

Councilwoman Gifford commented that part of the reason to build the volleyball court is to encourage other residents who might not currently use the Park to begin using it. It is not intended for just those residents who currently use the Park.

Mayor Fink and Council President Rapp both took exception to Ms. Rodericks comment that the Park is not being properly maintained. The Public Works Department does a very good job in maintaining the Park and Playground area.

Councilman Capuano indicated that the installation of the volleyball court was part of the original Recreation Master Plan developed back in the late 1990's and that funding for the court installation is with grant funds received by the Borough.

Councilwoman Gifford also noted that the Recreation Master Plan was developed with the input of the public and at that time they felt that a volleyball court should be added to the Park. Mayor Fink noted that many years ago there were adult volleyball leagues that used the Park and that such a program could possibly be developed again.

Councilman Blatt indicated that even with the installation of the volleyball court that there would be ample grass area for the children to play.

Ms. Roderick commented that she is only asking Council to reconsider the installation of the sand volleyball court.

Council President Rapp noted that Mr. Andrew Redding was in the audience and had an item to review with Council.

Mr. Redding indicated that a fund raising stick-ball tournament is being planned for August 7th and that the basketball court area would be used for this tournament, along with a local church parking lot area.

Council President Rapp noted that a program such as this needs to be approved by Council and that there is paperwork which needs to be filed, including a Hold Harmless Agreement and Certificate of Insurance.

Mr. Redding indicated that he has a Certificate of Insurance and that he will stop in to see Mr. Prill in the morning to pick up the other papterwork.

Councilman Blatt noted that this matter will be placed on the next Council meeting agenda for approval if all the paperwork is submitted.

Council President Rapp noted that there were no Announcements or Presentations listed on the agenda and asked if any Council members had any other business to review and discuss.

Councilman Blatt noted that with the resignation of Councilman Ferencin, effective August 1st, that Council needs to take action to fill this vacant position during the month of August and since the August meetings are early in the month, there will be little time for Council to act.

Hearing no further comments, Mr. Rapp indicated that Council would be adjourning into Executive Session regarding a Personnel matter and would not be reconvening into open session. Mr. Rapp asked for a motion to adjourn following the Executive Session. Councilman Capuano made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Gifford and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Minutes approved on September 7, 2010.

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

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

By: _____
Lawrence E. Rapp, President of Council

ATTEST:

By: _____
Ricky L. Prill, Borough Secretary