

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 22, 2010
7:00 P.M.

Council members present were: Mr. Rapp, Mr. Blatt, Mr. Capuano, Ms. Halleman, Mr. Trotter, Jr., Mr. Stech and Ms. Gifford. Absent was Mayor Rosado. Also in attendance was: Rick Prill, 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 January 4, 2011 meeting Agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of the 11/17/10 and 12/6/10 Council Meetings have been prepared for review. Mr. Rapp noted that anyone with corrections to the draft Minutes of the 11/17/10 and 12/6/10 meetings should provide them in writing to Mr. Prill.

Council President Rapp moved onto the Discussion Items:

1. Mr. Prill reported that the Lehigh County Commissioners have approved a Regional Partnership grant for Fountain Hill and Salisbury, whereby the Borough will receive \$7,000 and Salisbury \$8,000 for the updating of each community's SALDO ordinance.
2. Mr. Prill reported that the municipal cooperative the Borough belongs to for the purchase of electricity recently awarded the bid for 2011 to Constellation New Energy and the Borough is anticipated to save approximately \$6,500. However, this is not so much as a cost savings as it is a cost avoidance in that electrical rates continue to go up and the rate the Borough will be paying is less than what it might have been.

Council President Rapp moved on to Council Action:

1. Adoption of Ordinance #763 Approval of the 2011 Tax Rate.

Council President Rapp asked for a motion to approve Ordinance #763. Councilman Trotter made a motion to approve Ord. #763. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stech and approved with Councilwoman Halleman voting No.

2. Motion to approve the 2011 Budget. Councilman Blatt made a motion to approve the 2011 Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Gifford and approved with Councilwoman Halleman voting No.

3. Introduction of Ordinance #764. Approving Installation of Handicapped Parking Space. Council President Rapp noted that this Ordinance will be placed on the January 4, 2011 agenda for Introduction.

4. Councilman Trotter made a motion authorizing the Finance Director to make necessary 2010 Budget modifications and appropriation transfers to address recommendations from the Borough Auditor and to cover over-expenditures in various budget line-item accounts. The motion was seconded by Councilman Capuano and approved unanimously.

5. Approving Payment Request No. 3 – ProShot Concrete; Phase IV Storm Sewer Rehabilitation. Councilwoman Gifford made a motion to approve Payment Request #3 in the amount of \$60,463.99. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stech and approved unanimously.

6. Approving Change Order No. 1 – ProShot Concrete, Phase IV Storm Sewer Rehabilitation. Councilman Trotter made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 which reflects a decrease of \$5,450.75 from the original bid awarded. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stech and approved unanimously.

Mr. Ted Haven asked why there was a savings being achieved. Council President Rapp indicated that the savings came about as a result of less quantity of material/debris having to be removed from the pipe than what was originally estimated in the specifications.

7. Motion approving the January 4, 2011 meeting. Councilwoman Gifford made a motion approving the first meeting in January for Tuesday, January 4th at 7:00 pm. Council President Rapp noted that since Monday is a holiday, the meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stech and approved unanimously.

Council President Rapp noted the next item on the agenda was Announcements and asked Mr. Prill to report on the Delaware Avenue grant award.

Mr. Prill indicated that the Borough had submitted a grant application to the Lehigh County Planning Commission under the Transportation Enhancement Program which involves Federal dollars being made available to municipalities and non-profit agencies. The Borough had submitted an application for pedestrian related improvements that are a part of the proposed Delaware Avenue reconstruction project (handicapped curb ramps, sidewalk and crosswalk improvements, and improvements to the traffic signal at St. Luke's place) and that the Borough has been notified that we have been awarded a grant in the amount of \$439,875 for this project.

Mr. Ted Haven commented in connection with the grant award that there are issues with the current handicapped ramp specifications in that the rubberized dimpled inserts that are required to be installed can become slippery when wet or in icy conditions and that guide dogs tend to avoid the inserts because of the dimples.

Councilman Blatt and Council President Rapp both indicated that the Borough must comply with current PennDOT standards in connection with any handicapped curb ramp

installations and that this does not preclude these standards being changed in the future by PennDOT which has happened in the past.

Council President Rapp announced that the Borough has been advised that the closing on the properties involving the new grocery store either has taken place or will take place this week.

Council President Rapp asked if any Council members had any other business to discuss. Hearing none, Council President asked for a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Capuano made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Gifford and the meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Minutes approved on January 7, 2011.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain
Ed Stech			X		
Carolee Gifford	X		X		
Norman Blatt			X		
Fred Capuano			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