

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

April 1, 2019

7 P.M.

Council members present were: Ms. Jordan, Mr. Ferencin, Mr. Blatt, Mr. Trotter, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Trabel, and Ms. Halleman. Also, in attendance were Anthony Branco (Executive Administrator), Cordula Voges (Finance Officer), Ed Bachert (Police Chief), Pete Lehr (Borough Solicitor), Jason Quarry (PW Supervisor) and guests.

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

Council was in receipt of the below documents:

1. Agenda April 1, 2019
2. Minutes of March 4, 2019 Council Meeting
3. Letter from Mr. Anthony Zullo of 596 Brighton St.
4. Traffic calming report
5. Planning Commission report recommending approval 839-841 Broadway
6. Rendering of Plaque for Mr. Rapp

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of March 4, 2019 Council Meeting as amended to include Council Member, Mr. Francis Ferencin, in the list of attendees.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

- Pre-Scheduled Appearances
Mr. Anthony Zullo, 596 Brighton St – request for speed humps on Brighton Street (see attached letter).
In addition, Mr. Branco presented to Council a compilation of common “Traffic Calming” measures addressing Mr. Zullo’s concerns. Council agreed that an engineering study would be needed to decide on an appropriate “Traffic Calming” measure and further discuss at the next Council meeting.

- Discussion on Agenda Items - n/a

MAYOR'S REPORT

Council President Atkinson reminded of the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on April 20, 2019 at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Planning Commission report – 839-841 Broadway, referred to Zoning Hearing Board

NEW BUSINESS - n/a

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2019-25

APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS TO LEHIGH COUNTY FOR 2019 CDBG FUNDING

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Fountain Hill does hereby authorize Anthony Branco, Executive Administrator, to act as the official to prepare and submit the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Application to the County of Lehigh for funding for the reconstruction project of Stanley Avenue from North Bergen Street east to the North Hoffert Street, and North Hoffert Street from Stanley Avenue to Jeter Avenue.

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

ORDINANCES – n/a

MOTIONS

- Authorize the Solicitor to draft an Ordinance to reduce the number of Planning Commission members from 7 to 5

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Annamarie Jordan	x		x			
Francis Ferencin			x			

Norman Blatt		x			
Doug Trotter		x			
Leo Atkinson		x			
Philip Trabel	x	x			
Helen Halleman		x			
Mayor Gifford					

- Motion to authorize Mr. Branco to purchase a skid steer loader (\$60,105.28) from the \$60,999.00 awarded through the DEP 902 Municipal Recycling Program Grant.

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

OLD BUSINESS

- Request from Ms. Georgina Guranid, 1321 Broadway for re-imbusement of sewer and garbage utility rents paid

Council interrupted the public Council meeting and convened for an Executive Session to discuss the resident’s request. After reconvening from the Executive Session, Council dismissed the resident’s claim.

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- Arbor Day celebration – April 26, 2019 starting at 1 PM – at the Ballfield above the pool on Dodson St.
- Council President Atkinson reported that the YMCA is considered to also run the summer recreation program for the Park.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – n/a

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance (Trotter, Blatt, Jordan)

Mr. Trotter read the Check Detail reports for the month of March and asked Council for approval of the expenditures.

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

The elimination of the 2% Discount on the Sewer and Garbage Utility Rents will not be implemented until the 3rd Quarter 2019 billing in July 2019.

B. Public Works (Jordan, Atkinson, Trotter)

Ms. Jordan read the Hours Worked during the month of March 2019 as submitted by Mr. Jason Quarry, the Public Works Supervisor.

C. Police (Atkinson, Trotter, Gifford)

Mr. Atkinson reminded that the Fountain Hill Police Department is participating in the National Take Back Day and unused medications can be disposed off during the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

D. House & Ordinances (Blatt, Halleman, Jordan)

Mr. Blatt reported that Ordinance No 850 is under review in the Planning Commission to update the Fire Code.

E. Fire (Trabel, Ferencin, Halleman) – none

F. Recreation (Ferencin, Atkinson, Blatt)

Mr. Ferencin reported that the committee is still reviewing options for food services at the pool.

G. Health & Sanitation (Halleman, Ferencin, Trabel)

Ms. Halleman read the March 2019 collection reports for Sewer and Garbage Utility rents. Ms. Halleman also stated that it was a disgrace that Council approved eliminating the 2% discount for

sewer rates. Mr. Blatt informed Ms. Halleman that she voted for the elimination of the discount and the he was the only member who voted against eliminating the discount.

H. Personnel (Trotter, Blatt, Jordan) – none

SPECIAL OR SELECT COMMITTEES

Ms. Jordan reminded of a Bethlehem Area Public Library fundraiser “Eat, Drink & Be Merry with the Friends of the Library” on Thursday April 18, 7-9 p.m., at the Main Library.

To celebrate the 200th birthday of the American poet Walt Whitman, Bethlehem Area Public Library is partnering with Lehigh University’s English department to host a read-aloud of his work “Song of Myself” on April 30 from 5:30-8:00pm

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

Executive Session (if needed) – none.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:45 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 Resolution 2019-26
Next ordinance # 851