

**BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL
COUNCIL MINUTES
August 23, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

Council members present were: Mr. Rapp, Ms. Halleman, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Gifford, Mr. Blatt, Mr. Trotter, Mr. Trabel & Mayor Rosado. Also in attendance was Anthony Branco, Chief Bachert, Bethany Sebesta, Jason Quarry, Albert Rohrbach and visitors.

1. Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance

- Mr. Branco announced that Council President Rapp, Councilwoman Halleman, Councilman Trotter, Councilwoman Gifford, and Councilman Blatt have received awards from the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs for dedicated years of service. Council President Rapp, Councilwoman Halleman, Councilman Trotter, and Councilwoman Gifford would receive the Cecil K. Leberknight award for ten years or more of service, and Councilman Blatt would receive the Thomas Crossway Award for over twenty years of service. Presenting the Council members with their awards was Mike Dee from State Representative McNeil's office. The Council members were thanked in earnest for their years of service to the Borough.
- Council President Rapp introduced Mr. Richmon Penn for Council's consideration for an open full-time position on the Borough's Police Department. Mr. Penn had no questions for Council and hearing none from Council members, Council President asked for a motion to approve Mr. Penn's promotion from part-time to full-time. Councilwoman Gifford made the motion, Councilman Trotter seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Council President Rapp introduced Ms. Trisha Lang, AICP, of 1433 Sioux St. for consideration to serve on the Planning Commission or Zoning Hearing Board. Councilwoman Gifford asked Ms. Lang which board she was prefer to serve on. Ms. Land stated that although she has no preference, she has more experience in Planning, as she is an AICP. Councilwoman Halleman asked which board has a more urgent need. Mr. Branco stated that a member was needed for the Planning Commission and an alternate was needed for the Zoning Hearing Board. Councilman Blatt made a motion to appoint Ms. Lang to the Planning Commission. Councilman Trabel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

2. Council review of items for the Regular Meeting Agenda:

1. Minutes of July 19, 2017 the Work Session Meeting – DRAFT (Please submit revisions to Mr. Branco in writing).

2. Minutes of the August 7, 2017 Regular Meeting – DRAFT (Please submit revisions to Mr. Branco in writing).

3. **Presentation(s):** none

4. **Resolutions:** none

5. **Ordinances:**

First Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 838

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL, CHAPTER 15, PART 3, PROHIBITING PARKING AT VARIOUS TIMES, AMENDING SCHEDULE 1 (A) AND SCHEDULE 2 (B), EXTENDING THE EXISTING PROHIBITING PARKING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF CHEROKEE STREET

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fountain Hill, Lehigh County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that Chapter 15, Part 3, shall be amended as follows:

1. Schedule 1(A), Parking Prohibited at All Times in Certain Locations, shall be amended as follows:

ADD:

STREET	SIDE	BETWEEN
Cherokee Street	North	Beginning at 86 feet east of the intersection of N. Clewell and Cherokee St. going east 255 feet (no parking, stopping)

GENERAL REPEALER

All Ordinances or parts of ordinances, and all resolutions or part of resolutions, inconsistent herewith shall be and are herewith repealed.

3. **SEVERABILITY.** It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that if a court of competent jurisdiction declares any provisions of this Ordinance to be invalid or ineffective in whole or in part, the effect of such decision shall be limited to those provisions which are expressly stated in the decision to be invalid or ineffective, and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall continue to be separately and fully effective. Borough Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section or part thereof, other than any part declared invalid, if it has advance knowledge that any part would be declared invalid.

4. **PROCEDURAL DEFECTS IN ENACTMENT.** Any procedural challenge shall be filed in accordance with applicable law.

5. **ENACTMENT.** Under Authority of Law, Borough Council of Fountain Hill hereby enacts and ordains into an Ordinance the attached documents this date of _____, 2017. The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective immediately from the date of passage of this Ordinance.

6. Discussion Items:

- Council President announced that Mr. Michael Langton will be filling in as a temporary crossing guard until the Borough is able to fill the position permanently.

7. Council Action:

- Council received a request from Ms. Sue Matthews of 628 Dorothy Ave. to host a block party on August 26th from 2pm – 8pm. The Borough has received all of the necessary insurance documentation.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Philip Trabel		X	X			
Carolee Gifford	X		X			
Hellen Halleman			X			
Annamarie Jordon			X			
Norman Blatt			X			
Doug Trotter			X			
Larry Rapp			X			
Mayor Jose Rosado						

- Mr. Branco requested a motion to accept the extension of a sub-division plan from Mr. Tom Williams for 940 Cherokee St. The extension date will be November 30, 2017

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Philip Trabel			X			
Carolee Gifford			X			
Hellen Halleman			X			
Annamarie Jordon			X			
Norman Blatt		X	X			
Doug Trotter	X		X			
Larry Rapp			X			
Mayor Jose Rosado						

- Mr. Branco announced that it was the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the Borough set up the Medical Marijuana facilities as special exception uses in the Town Center or General Commercial districts similar to where other medication dispensing businesses would be located. Growing facilities would be located in the Industrial districts. The motion was passed unanimously by the Planning Commission members present. Councilman Blatt

asked who would be writing the Ordinance. Mr. Branco explained that he has drafted the Ordinance and that the only changes he would be adding are the special exception districts.

- Mr. Branco requested a motion from Council to proceed with the contractual agreement between Northeast Revenue to begin sheriff sale proceedings for homeowners that are in the arrears \$4000.00 or more and have not attempted to establish and make payments towards a payment plan with Northeast Revenue. Councilwoman Gifford stated that \$4000.00 is too low of a threshold.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Philip Trabel			X			
Carolee Gifford				X		
Hellen Halleman			X			
Annamarie Jordon			X			
Norman Blatt	X		X			
Doug Trotter		X	X			
Larry Rapp			X			
Mayor Jose Rosado						

- Council President Rapp announced that the Borough would be hosting an Electronics Recycling Drive on September 23rd from 9am – 12pm. There will be a \$10.00 charge per television and/or computer monitor and a three-item limit per household. Details and information are posted on the Borough’s website.
- Councilwoman Gifford announced the monthly Borough Clean-Up is scheduled for September 2nd at 9am at Borough Hall.
- Councilwoman Halleman asked for the closing figures for the pool. Mr. Branco explained that the figures would be available after the Borough receives final payments from the YMCA.

8. Executive Session (as needed): none

9. Adjourn

Councilwoman Gifford made the motion to adjourn at 7:31pm. Councilman Trabel seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bethany Sebesta, Assistant to the Executive Administrator

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

By: _____
Norman Blatt Jr., Vice-President of Council

ATTEST:

By: _____
Anthony Branco, Executive Administrator