

**BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

August 6, 2018

7 P.M.

Council members present were: Ms. Jordan, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Blatt, Mr. Trotter, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Trabel, and Ms. Halleman. Also, in attendance were Anthony Branco (Executive Administrator), Cordula Voges (Finance Officer), Mr. Pete Lehr (Borough Solicitor), a representative of the press, and other guests.

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

Council President asked Council for a motion to accept the minutes of the June 20, 2018 and July 2, 2018 meetings. Mr. Blatt asked to correct the Minutes of the July 2, 2018 Council Meeting and omit a repetitive paragraph. Ms. Jordan and Mr. Blatt made the motion to accept the June 20, 2018 and the July 2, 2018 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Atkinson and approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION(s) – none.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT - n/a

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Branco reminded Council of the 7/31/18 Memo informing Council of the Borough's 2019 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Police Pension.
- Mr. Branco notified Council that the Chief of the Fire Department resigned and that his assistants, Mr. Popovich and Mr. Robertson, are filling in for him in the interim.

Mr. Blatt thanked the Chief for his service and motioned to accept his resignation. His motion was seconded by Ms. Jordan and unanimously accepted.

- Mr. Branco reported that the Department of Community and Economic Development of Lehigh County approved the Casino (Gaming) Grant for 2019 in the amount of \$113,818.
- Mr. Branco also reported that Memos about the use of Fire Works, the treatment of feral cats, and the allocation of Sewer charges to Salisbury Township will be distributed to the respective committees for further discussion.

RESOLUTIONS

**BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION 2018 - 30**

**APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE MULTIMODAL
TRANSPORTATION FUND (MTF) PROGRAM**

Be it RESOLVED, that the Borough of Fountain Hill of Lehigh County hereby request a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant of \$1,642,609.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the replacement of deteriorated, missing, and broken curb and sidewalk along Broadway (SR 2002).

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Anthony Branco, Executive Administrator and Lawrence Rapp, Council President as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Fountain Hill and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Anthony Branco, duly qualified Secretary of the Borough of Fountain Hill, Lehigh County, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Borough Council of the Borough of Fountain Hill at a regular meeting held August 6, 2018 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Borough of Fountain Hill and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Borough of Fountain Hill, this 6th day of August, 2018.

Borough of Fountain Hill
Name of Applicant

Lehigh County

Secretary

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Philip Trabel			x			
Leo Atkinson			x			
Norman Blatt			x			
Annamarie Jordan		x	x			
Larry Rapp			x			
Doug Trotter	x		x			
Helen Halleman			x			

Mayor Gifford

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**BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION 2018 - 31**

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT THE
APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPROVAL**

BE IT RESOLVED, by authority of the Borough Council of the Borough of Fountain Hill, Lehigh County, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the Executive Administrator of Fountain Hill Borough is authorized and directed to submit the attached Application for Traffic Signal Approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and to sign this Application on behalf of Fountain Hill Borough.

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

ORDINANCES – none.

MOTIONS

- Application for a curb cut – 1423 Sioux St

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Philip Trabel	x		x			
Leo Atkinson			x			
Hellen Halleman			x			
Annamarie Jordon		x	x			
Norman Blatt			x			
Doug Trotter			x			
Larry Rapp			x			
Mayor Gifford						

- Application for a curb cut – 1036 Delaware Avenue

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Hellen Halleman			x			
Philip Trabel	x		x			
Doug Trotter			x			
Norman Blatt			x			
Leo Atkinson			x			
Annamarie Jordan		x	x			
Larry Rapp			x			
Mayor Gifford						

- The motion to vote on the 3rd round of bids for the Lechauweki Springs Park Phase 2 – Pond Dredging, Lining, & Gazebo Repairs was tabled.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Halleman suggested that the Borough’s police department participates in the National Night Out event (August 7, 2018 is the date for this year’s event) next year and invite the community to join it in games, food, and other activities.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Rapp reported that the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley in its effort to combat poverty in the local communities had asked the Borough for a donation of \$500 to support the coordinated homeless entry system.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Salisbury Township sewer agreement

Since Salisbury Township’s transmission and tap fees have not increased since 2006, Mr. Lehr suggested holding a meeting with Salisbury Township Manager, Mr. Branco and himself to discuss a change in the current sewer agreement before drafting an ordinance.

- Feral Cats

A draft of an ordinance on how to deal with feral cats on private property will be presented at the next Council meeting.

- Disruptive Behavior Ordinance

A draft summary of a Disruptive Behavior Ordinance will be presented at the August 22nd, 2018 workshop for discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee -

Mr. Trotter reviewed the bills paid in each Fund and made a motion for the approval of the bills. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gifford and was approved unanimously.

Public Works Committee -

Ms. Jordan presented the July Public Works hours worked report.

House & Ordinances –

Mr. Blatt reported that the committee members have had ongoing discussions about amendments/issuance of ordinances to deal with feral cats, to implement rules in response to Disruptive Behavior in rental properties, and the use of Fireworks.

Recreation –

Mr. Trabel reported good attendance at the swimming pool and let Council know that the pool is scheduled to close on August 11th, 2018.

Mr. Atkinson noted that the basketball rims will stay in place even after the end of the playground summer session until any complaints are filed.

Health & Sanitation –

Ms. Halleman read July's reports for the collection of garbage and sewer fees.

SPECIAL OR SELECT COMMITTEES – none.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – personal matters

Mr. Atkinson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Trabel and unanimously approved by council members to move Council to the Executive Session.

Council reconvened its regular meeting at 8:00 PM.

Mr. Atkinson presented the motion to authorize the Executive Administrator to discuss the possibility of a merger of the Fountain Hill Fire Department with Salisbury Township. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trabel.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Hellen Halleman			x			
Philip Trabel		x	x			
Doug Trotter			x			
Norman Blatt			x			
Leo Atkinson	x		x			
Annamarie Jordan			x			
Larry Rapp			x			
Mayor Gifford						

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Trotter made the motion to adjourn at 8:03 P.M. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jordan, and unanimously approved.

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

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

ATTEST:

By: _____
Cordula Voges, Finance Officer

Next Ordinance – 843
Next Resolution – 2017-32