

**BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 5, 2018
7:00 PM**

Council members present were: Mr. Rapp, Ms. Jordan, Mr. Blatt, Ms. Halleman, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Trotter, and Mr. Trabel. Also, in attendance were Mayor Gifford, Anthony Branco, Executive Administrator, Chief Bachert, Fire Chief Boeher, the Bethlehem Press, and 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 January 2, 2018 re-organizational meeting. The motion was made by Mr. Blatt to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Trotter, and approved unanimously.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – Discussion on Agenda Items - None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gifford presented the following;

- Presented a Proclamation declaring April 2018 as PA 811 Safe Digging Month
- Informed Council on the Business Alliance meeting she had hosted. There were many ideas presented by those in attendance. One of the ideas was to hold a Community Day in conjunction with the opening day at the pool. There would be local businesses as well as other vendors invited.

Mr. Atkinson stated that he was at the event and that having a Community Day could create awareness for the pool.

Mr. Rapp suggested that more organization should be completed, and then Mayor Gifford should come back to Council with details.

Mr. Trotter suggested that some type of frame work of what is being proposed should be undertaken, and then a report given to Council.

Ms. Jordan stated that she agreed with Mr. Trotter, and that the idea sounds positive.

- Mayor Gifford also informed Council that there is interest in getting art into our neighborhoods. Ms. Flynn of the Art Establishment would be willing to host such a project.

Ms. Jordan asked what would happen there. Mayor Gifford stated that the concept would be similar to South Bethlehem; paintings, painted trash containers, and art statues. The Mayor stated that she would like to start off with painting the Borough's hanging trash containers.

Council was ok with idea, and Mr. Branco will direct the PW to start taking one container at a time to the Art Establishment for painting.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Branco announced that the Bacchanalia would have their wine and food fund raiser at the Comfort Suites in Bethlehem on April 7, 2018 from 2:00 to 4:30 PM.

Mr. Branco informed Council that the Borough had received the Service Electric franchise fee for 2017 in the amount of \$33,800.15

RESOLUTIONS – N/A

ORDINANCES – N/A

MOTIONS

- St. Peters Lutheran Church – baseball field request 4-9-18 through 7-30-2018 (all documents received)

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

- Request of Dynamic Detailing Plus Powerwash to waive sewer bill for 520 S. Benner St. due to fire. The motion filed and Mr. Branco will send a letter informing the owners of the decision of Council

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

Mayor Gifford

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OLD BUSINESS

- Police association uniform allowance request - Tabled
- YMCA pool draft agreement – Tabled to make revisions
- COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT
- Representative Jeanne McNeil – request to utilize Borough Hall as a satellite office

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lehr stated that he had worked on the Quality of Life Ordinance and Mr. Branco will advertise for the February 21, 2018 Council Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance (Trotter, Blatt, Jordan)

Mr. Trotter informed Council that the bills have been paid, but since the resignation of Ms. Sebesta as the Finance Officer, the office staff is just learning how to use Quickbooks. After a new Finance Clerk is hired a copy of the list will be provided. Mr. Trotter made a motion to pay the bills.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Philip Trabel			X			
Leo Atkinson			X			
Hellen Halleman			X			
Annamarie Jordan		X	X			

Norman Blatt		X			
Doug Trotter	X	X			
Larry Rapp		X			
Mayor Gifford					

B. Public Works (Jordan, Rapp, Trotter)

- Recommendation to promote Ernest Liabe to FT Pubic works effective 1-31-2018

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

- Recommendation to promote Michael Valdez to FT Pubic works effective 2-8-2018

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

C. Police **(Rapp, Trotter, Blatt) – No Report**

D. House & Ordinances **(Blatt, Halleman, Rapp)**

Mr. Blatt informed that the committee met to discuss a Fire Inspection program to be introduced later in the year.

E. Fire **(Atkinson, Trabel, Halleman)**

Mr. Atkinson read the fire report for January 2018.

F. Recreation (Trabel, Jordan, Blatt)

Mr. Trabel stated that the YMCA Pool agreement was being reviewed, and suggested that the pool season end the first week of August.

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

Ms. Halleman read the financial report for 2017. Collections were \$66,000.00

H. Personnel (Trotter, Blatt, Rapp) – No Report

SPECIAL OR SELECT COMMITTEES

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – Discussion on Non - Agenda Items

Chief Bachert stated that the Easter Egg Hunt was scheduled for March 31, 2018 and the various donors were being contacted for donations.

Mr. Mike Langton asked if the Quality of Life Ordinance would address abandoned vehicles. Mr. Blatt stated that the Borough already had an Ordinance that addressed that issue, and Chief Bachert stated that Officer Wood was the Abandoned Vehicle Officer.

Mr. Patrick Figueroa, 8200 N. Clewell St. offered to volunteer for Borough events.

Executive Session – as required

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Atkinson made the motion to adjourn at 7:40 seconded by Mr. Trabel and approved unanimously.