

BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 24, 2019
7:00 PM

Council members present were: Ms. Jordan, Mr. Ferencin, Mr. Blatt, Mr. Trotter, Mr. Atkinson, Mayor Gifford, Mr. Trabel, and Ms. Halleman. Also, in attendance were Anthony Branco (Borough Manager), Cordula Voges (Finance Officer), Ed Bachert (Police Chief), members of the Fountain Hill Police Department and guests.

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

The documents listed below were provided to Council for the July 24, 2019 Council meeting;

1. Minutes of June 19, 2019 Council Meeting
2. Minutes of July 1, 2019 Council Meeting
3. Thomas Redding stickball request
4. Richard and Mary Theresa Taglang request to close streets
5. Resolution 2019-30 DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Program
6. Stormwater Draft Ordinance

DRAFT MINUTES

- Minutes of June 19, 2019 Council Meeting – DRAFT (Revisions to be submitted to Ms. Voges in writing)
- Minutes of July 1, 2019 Council Meeting – DRAFT (Revisions to be submitted to Ms. Voges in writing)

Mayor Gifford welcomed Isaac Jimenez as the new part-time Police Officer and held the swearing-in ceremony.

PRESENTATION(S)

Ms. Colleen Deer, President of Mockenhaupt Benefits Group, presented the Actuarial Valuation Report as of January 1, 2019 for the Borough of Fountain Hill Police Pension Plan and the Actuarial Valuation Report as of January 1, 2018 for the Borough of Fountain Hill on Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB).

The biennial Actuarial Valuation Report for the Police Pension Plan establishes the underlying figures upon which all contribution requirements and State aid are based on for the next two years.

The OPEB Plan does not require funding; it is a pay-as-you-go plan. It mainly reports the OPEB liabilities as valued by the actuary.

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

RESOLUTIONS

**BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION 2019 - 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 \$1,642,608.00 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 July 24, 2019 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 24th day of July, 2019.

Name of Applicant

County

Secretary

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Philip Trabel						
Leo Atkinson						
Norman Blatt						
Annamarie Jordan						

Larry Rapp
 Doug Trotter
 Helen Halleman
 Mayor Carolee
 Gifford

ATTEST:

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

By: _____

Anthony Branco
 Borough Secretary

By: _____

Leo Atkinson
 President of Council

	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						

ORDINANCES – none.

MOTIONS

- Action to accept the bid received for 1336 Russell Ave (Hosey)

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

- Request from Mr. Thomas Redding for the annual stickball classic on 8/3/19 from 9 AM to 9 PM. All documents have been received.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Branco reported on the conversation he had with the State Police to inquire about part-time patrol services in lieu of local police force. A State Police representative typically comes to a public Council Meeting and explains the type of patrol services they provide. Mr. Branco noted some of the benefits of a local police force versus State Police patrol services. The Police Chief emphasized that State Police does not enforce local ordinances but only work on a “priority” basis.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (NEW BUSINESS)

- Request of Richard and Mary Theresa Taglang to block off the alley between Smiley Ave. and Norway Place and Sioux and Church Streets on August 17 from 3 to 9 PM for a wedding celebration

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

- Stormwater Authority Ordinance – House & Ordinance – Motion to advertise

	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						

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – Discussion on Non - Agenda Items -

Council welcomed Zachary Carraghan from Boy Scout Troop 364 as a guest in the audience.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:15 PM Council retreated for an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. At 8:20 PM Ms. Halleman excused herself from the remainder of the meeting. Council returned from the Executive Session at 8:50 PM. On a motion by Ms. Jordan, seconded by Mr. Trotter Ms. Cordula Voges was promoted to the position of Finance Director with a salary of \$65,000/year effective immediately.

	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						

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9 PM followed by Ms. Jordan’s motion and passing unanimously.

LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

By: _____
Leo Atkinson - President of Council

SUBMITTED BY

By: _____
Cordula Voges, Finance Officer

ATTEST:

By: _____
Anthony Branco, Borough Manager

Next Ordinance – 853
Next Resolution – 2019-31