

**BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

June 4, 2018
7 P.M.

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), Cordula Voges (Finance Officer), Chief Bachert, Jason Quarry (Public Works), a representative of 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 April 18, 2018 and May 7, 2018 meetings. The motion was made by Ms. Jordan and Mr. Blatt respectively to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, and approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION(s)

YMCA Summer Meal Program – Vanessa Rex (YMCA)

Based on the number of children who receive reduced lunches during the school year in the Bethlehem School District, the Bethlehem YMCA will run a Summer Meal Program. Lunch Bags will be provided Monday through Friday around noon to any child showing up for the Summer Meal Program. United Way finances the program and the Bethlehem School District supplies the lunch bags. Since 80% of school children residing in the Borough of Fountain Hill, Ms. Rex asked Council to allow the YMCA to hold its Summer Meal Program on the grounds outside of the Pool area. With a 5 to 2 vote the request was accepted.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – none

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gifford read the police report and reminded of the upcoming Community Day on Saturday June 9th, 2018 to be held at the Playground between 11 am and 3 pm.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Branco reported that Phase 1-3 of the Storm Sewer, Pond Improvements, and Paving Project in Lechauweki Springs Park is complete. Phase 2 of the project - the Pond Dredging and Lining and the Gazebo structural repairs - is out for bidding ending on June 14th, 2018. The construction costs for the overall project are financed through State of Pennsylvania DCNR (Department of Conservation and Natural Resources) and Lehigh County Conservation District DSA grants.

RESOLUTIONS – none

9. ORDINANCES

First Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 842

AN ORDINANCE OF FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH, LEHIGH COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ELECTING TO AMEND ITS MUNICIPAL PENSION PLAN ADMINISTERED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW; AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW AS AMENDED AND AS APPLICABLE TO MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES. IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH, LEHIGH COUNTY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. Fountain Hill Borough (the Borough), having established a pension plan administered by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (the System), hereby elects to

amend its Municipal Pension Plan administered by the System in accordance with Article IV of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law, 53 P.S. §881.101 et seq. (Retirement Law), and does hereby agree to be bound by all the requirements and provisions of the Retirement Law and the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act, 53 P.S. §895.101 et seq., and to assume all obligations, financial and otherwise, placed upon member municipalities.

SECTION II. As part of this Ordinance, Borough agrees that the System shall administer and provide the benefits set forth in the amended Municipal Pension Plan Contract entered into between the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Board and Borough effective June 1, 2018 (the Contract).

SECTION III. The Borough acknowledges that by passage and adoption of this Ordinance, the Borough officially accepts the Contract and the financial obligations resulting from the administration of the Contract.

SECTION IV. Payment for any obligation established by the adoption of this Ordinance and the Contract shall be made by the Borough in accordance with the Retirement Law and the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act. The Borough hereby assumes all liability for any unfundedness created due to the benefit structure set forth in the Contract.

SECTION V. The Borough intends this Ordinance to be the complete authorization of the Contract and it shall become effective and specifically repeal any ordinance inconsistent with this Ordinance either immediately or on June 1, 2018, which is the effective date of the Contract, whichever is later.

SECTION VI. A duly certified copy of this Ordinance and an executed Contract shall be filed with the System.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this ____ day of June, 2018, by the Council of the Borough of Fountain Hill, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

A motion to send Ordinance 842 for a second reading on June 20, 2018 was made by Ms. Jordan, seconded by Ms. Halleman, and was passed unanimously. Also, the new retirement plan is to be discussed at 6:30 pm on that day.

MOTIONS

- Motion to move Borough funds into new Lafayette Bank governmental accounts (checking or money market) rendering .5% and .75% interest respectively.

The motion was made by Ms. Jordan, seconded by Mr. Trotter, and unanimously approved by Council.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Halleman requested the detail for closing 2 liens that were announced at the May 23rd, 2018 council meeting from the solicitor.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT – none

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Two new liens on 1066 Seneca and 1028 Broadway were initiated by the borough’s counsel.
- As directed by the House and Ordinance Committee, the solicitor is working on the draft for a new ordinance on landlords being subject to a gradual fine for disruptive behavior in rental units.
The draft is sent back to the council committee for review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance (Trotter, Blatt, Jordan)

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. Jordan and approved unanimously.

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Leo Atkinson			x			
Hellen Halleman			x			
Annamarie Jordon		x	x			
Norman Blatt			x			
Doug Trotter	x		x			
Larry Rapp			x			
Mayor Gifford						

B. Public Works (Jordan, Rapp, Trotter)

Ms. Jordan reported the hours worked in May 2018 based on the Mr. Quarry’s (PW Supervisor) report.

C. Police (Rapp, Trotter, Blatt) – none

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

Mr. Blatt is going to set up a new meeting time to review the draft of the ordinance on measures against tenants' disruptive behavior.

E. Fire (Atkinson, Trabel, Halleman)

Mr. Atkinson reported the Fire Department's responses to emergency calls.

F. Recreation (Trabel, Jordan, Blatt)

On behalf of the Playground staff, Mr. Atkinson made the motion to allow two basketball rims to be set up during the daytime while the Playground program is in session. By a vote of 6 Yes and 1 No, the motion was approved.

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Philip Trabel				x		
Leo Atkinson	x		x			
Hellen Halleman			x			
Annamarie Jordon			x			
Norman Blatt		x	x			
Doug Trotter			x			
Larry Rapp			x			
Mayor Gifford						

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

Ms. Halleman reported the May 2018 collections for garbage and sewer bills.

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

SPECIAL OR SELECT COMMITTEES – none.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – Discussion on Non - Agenda Items

Mr. Isaiah West (1502 Jeter Avenue resident) emphasized the recreational value of basketball rims on the playground and asked Council to reconsider any previous restrictions on the provision of basketball rims.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – none

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Atkinson made the motion to adjourn at 8 ;14 PM. Mr. Trabel seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cordula Voges, Finance

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

By: _____
Lawrence Rapp - President of Council

ATTEST:

By: _____
Anthony Branco, Executive Administrator

Next Ordinance – 843
Next Resolution – 2017-30