

**BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**May 2, 2016, 2016**

**7:00 P.M.**

Council members present were: Mr. Rapp, Mr. Blatt, Mr. Trabel, Ms. Halleman, Ms. Jordan. Ms. Gifford, Mr. Trotter and Mayor Rosado. Also in attendance were Anthony Branco, Borough Administrator, Mr. Don Lipson, Esq., Jason Quarry, Interim P.W. Supervisor and visitors

Council President Rapp called for the pledge to the flag.

Council President Rapp indicated the next item on the agenda was the approval of minutes:

1. Minutes of the March 23, 2016 Work Session Meeting.  
Mr. Trotter motioned for approval of the minutes seconded by Ms. Jordan. The minutes were unanimously approved.
2. Minutes of the April 4 2016 Regular Meeting.  
Mr. Trotter motioned for approval of the minutes seconded by Ms. Jordan. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Council President Rapp opened the meeting to the public for any comments on Agenda items or by those persons registered to speak.

1. Mr. Gilbert Andrew, 1382 Stanley Ave. Mr. Gilbert is the last member of Fountain Hill High Class of 1943, and presented the Council with a check in the amount of \$217.50 to be used for the Playground. Council members thanked Mr. Gilbert for his donation.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Rosado presented Council March District Court report, as well as the Police Investigative report for April.

Executive Administrator's Report:

Mr. Branco informed Council that 3 applications had been received for the Zoning/Codes Official position. Mr. Rapp directed Mr. Branco to set up a Personnel Committee meeting to interview all candidates as directed by a majority of Council.

Ms. Jordan stated that due to all the Zoning and Code enforcement work that is being done by Mr. Branco, Ms. Jordan recommended that he be paid the salary that Mr. Levernier was

receiving as long as he is doing both job duties, starting after the Work Session of March 23, 2016.

Ms. Gifford stated it was Mr. Branco's responsibility to fill in.

Mr. Rapp directed the matter be taken to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Branco and Mr. Quarry advised Council that there are 2 trees in the park that present a safety issue. Mr. Quarry has obtained 2 bids for the removal of the trees. The bids received are as follows;

- Echo Tree & Lawn Care - \$2225.00
- Belles Tree Service - \$2500.00

A motion to award the bid to Echo Tree & Lawn Care, the lowest bid, was made by Mr. Trabel, seconded by Ms. Gifford and approved unanimously.

Mr. Branco asked Council for approval of a letter to be sent to the PUC, signed by Mr. Rapp, asking the OUC to stop issuing Certificates of Public Convenience to providers of distributed antenna systems (DAS). These DAS providers are not public utilities, do not provide telecommunications and broadband services, and they do not manage the operations of the network.

Ms. Gifford made a motion to approve Mr. Rapp to sign the PUC letter, seconded by Mr. Trotter, and was approved unanimously.

Presidents Report: no report

Solicitor Report:

Solicitor Lipson is looking into a typo in Ordinance 752 and 753. He will make the necessary corrections as an amendment.

Council President Rapp moved onto Resolutions: none

Council President Rapp moved onto Motions:

1. A motion to direct the Executive Administrator to place into a Capital Building Account the .5 mills of the 2016 property tax to be used for the Public Works construction project. The funds shall be placed in the account on a semi-annual or annual basis.

	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  
Mayor Jose Rosado

		X			

Council President Rapp moved onto New Business:

Mr. Blatt informed Council that the Exchange Club would be ending this week and that he had asked Mr. Branco if the bell and gavel could be placed in the glass cabinets for display. Mr. Blatt was told that the Borough would accept these items and put them on display.

Council President Rapp moved onto Old Business: none

Council President Rapp proceeded to Committee Reports:

Finance Committee:

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

Public Works Committee:

Ms. Jordan presented the April Public Works report.

Police Committee:

Mr. Rapp informed Council that the written portion of the Civil Service Test would be given on May 7.

House & Ordinance Committee:

Mr. Blatt informed Council that the committee met to discuss the removal of the no parking signs on Warren Street as requested by Mr. Arnold of 12 Warren Street. The recommendation was to make no changes to the existing ordinances.

Fire Committee: N/R

Recreation Committee:

Mr. Trabel made a motion to hire Ms. Karen Jones of 530 Seneca St. as the Pool Manager for 2016. The motion was seconded by Ms. Halleman, and passed unanimously. Mr. Branco will contact Ms. Jones.

Mr. Trabel requested a committee meeting to discuss pool rates for the 2016 swim season. Mr. Branco will set a meeting.

Health & Sanitation Committee:

Ms. Halleman read the April Sewer and Sanitation report.

Council President Rapp asked if there were any reports from any Special or Select Committees.  
N/R

Council President Rapp opened the meeting up to any public comments.

Ms. Debbie Kvacky of 83 Warren Street expressed concern over the 2016 tax increase. Ms. Gifford stated that she and her fellow Council members had a difficult time during the budget discussions, but members of Council were also faced with the same increase. Ms. Gifford stated that Council in the past possibly should have raised taxes a little rather than all at once. Mr. Rapp suggested that Ms. Kvacky contact Mr. Branco and he would explain the what and why of the tax increase.

Mr. Trotter advised Ms. Kvacky to attend Council meeting especially when discussions are being held to increase fees for items such as services.

Ms. Kvacky stated that the services that the residents receive from the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments are great, but a 27% tax increase is difficult.

Mr. Rapp asked for an executive session for personnel matters.

Ms. Gifford made the motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:25p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trotter, and the motion was unanimously approved, and Council would adjourning afterwards.

\*\*\*\*\*

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lawrence E. Rapp, President of Council

**ATTEST:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony Branco, Secretary

