

**BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

September 19, 2018
7 P.M.

Council members present were: Ms. Jordan, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Blatt, Mr. Trotter, Council President Rapp, Mr. Trabel, and Ms. Halleman. Also, in attendance were Anthony Branco (Executive Administrator), Cordula Voges (Finance Officer), Chief Bachert, Jason Quarry (Public Works Supervisor), a Bethlehem Press representative, and guests. Mayor Gifford was absent.

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

Mr. Rapp asked Council for a motion to accept the minutes of the September 4, 2018 meeting. Mr. Blatt noted some changes to the minutes. The motion was made by Ms. Jordan, seconded by Mr. Atkinson to accept the minutes as amended and approved unanimously

PRESENTATION(S) - none.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – Discussion on Agenda Items

Ms. Martha Kahan of Allentown introduced herself as a representative of the not-for-profit organization “No Nonsense Neutering”, a spay-neuter surgery clinic for cats and dogs. She provided Council members with the clinic’s brochure explaining the clinic’s mission to provide high-quality, low-cost sterilization services for dogs and cats as a humane, non-lethal solution to pet overpopulation. Ms. Kahan also demonstrated some “cat” deterrents (e.g. motion sensitive noise maker and sprinkler) that homeowners can place in their yards to keep feral cats out. She asked Council to review the proposed Feral Cat Ordinance No 844 and implement animal control services as recommended in the organization’s brochure and expressed in the Hellertown, PA and Lafayette, LA ordinances. Ms. E. Ammens, a Fountain Hill resident, supported Ms. Kahan’s arguments and asked Council to provide viable community resources to control pet overpopulation.

Mr. Blatt made the motion to have the House & Ordinance committee review the Feral Cat Ordinance No 844 again. Council tabled the proposed Feral Cat Ordinance.

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

ORDINANCES – none.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2018 - 32

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF INDIVIDUAL PROCUREMENT CARDS

(This is a Borough credit card with a cash payback option for the Borough)

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

MOTIONS

- 1.) **First Reading**

ORDINANCE NO. 843

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL BY AMENDING CHAPTER 11 TO AMEND IN ITS ENTIRETY PART 4 INSPECTIONS OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES AND TO ADD A NEW PART 5 DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT, MAKING DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT BY AN OCCUPANT OR VISITOR OF A RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY AN OFFENSE AND PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

	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						x

2.) ORDINANCE NO. 844

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL, CHAPTER 3 ANIMALS, BY ESTABLISHING A NEW PART 4 FERAL CATS, PROHIBITING THE FEEDING OF FERAL CATS IN THE BOROUGH, RECOGNIZING THE RIGHT OF RESIDENTS TO REMOVE FERAL CATS FROM THEIR PROPERTY, AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

Because of the discussion on this agenda item, the Ordinance No. 844 is tabled.

3.) Mr. Branco asked for the motion to reject the lowest bid of \$199,792.50 for the Delaware and Broadway TSA projects as notified by McCormick Taylor for PennDot.

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

4.) Mr. Branco asked for a motion to allow the American Legion to utilize the council chambers on November 11, 2018 after the Veterans Memorial commemoration celebration.

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

5.) Mr. Branco asked for a motion to pay Barwis Construction for work completed at the Lechauweki Park contingent upon approval of satisfactory work completed by the Lehigh County Conservation District (i.e. DSA Grant):

- Application # 1 in the amount of \$67,599.90
- Application # 2 in the amount of \$13,909.50.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Halleman complained about the appearance and the possible dangers to pedestrians of the construction site on 712 N. Bishopthorpe. She also complained that Council has not done enough to resolve the issue and questioned its relationship with the property owner. Council refuted this allegation and stated to have the Zoning Board review the status of the construction site at the property on Bishopthorpe Street again.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- The Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan 2013 is to be updated in 2018 and be on the agenda for the next Council meeting on October 1st, 2018 (i.e. Resolution 2018-34).
- The Borough Newsletter will be published in September/October 2018.
- Council President participated in an initial planning meeting with all parties affected/involved in the future Ostrum Street road/sewer lines reconstruction project.

COUNCIL ACTION - none.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION –As needed – none.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 PM, Mr. Atkinson made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Trabel and unanimously approved.

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

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

SUBMITTED BY

By: _____
Cordula Voges, Finance Officer

ATTEST:

By: _____
Anthony Branco, Executive Administrator

Next Ordinance – 845
Next Resolution – 2017-33