

**BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2018
7:00 PM**

Council members present were: Mr. Rapp, Ms. Jordan, Mr. Blatt, Ms. Halleman, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Trabel, and Mr. Trotter. Also, in attendance were Mayor Gifford, Anthony Branco, Executive Administrator, Chief Bachert, Jason Quarry, PW Supervisor, the Bethlehem Press, and guests

Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance

Council review of items for the Regular Meeting Agenda:

- Minutes of January 24, 2018 the Council Meeting – DRAFT (Please submit revisions to Mr. Branco in writing)
- Minutes of the February 5, 2018 Regular Meeting – DRAFT (Please submit revisions Mr. Branco in writing)

PRESENTATION(S): none

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Discussion on Agenda Items

Mr. Justin Pietkiewicz of 1336 Stanley Ave. requesting that the basketball rims be put back up at the Stanley Avenue basket ball court.

Mayor Gifford stated that the rims were taken down due to problems that were occurring at the park. The Mayor also stated that the rims were put back up for a 2 week trial after being down for the summer in the hopes of a positive outcome, but the problems continued and the rims were again removed.

Mr. Pietkiewicz stated that the kids from Fountain Hill were not the problem, but rather kids from outside the Borough.

Ms. Jordan noted that the neighbors in the area of the basket ball court came to Council and asked for help due to the commotion that was present, especially in the evening hours.

Chief Bachert stated that he and 3 of his Officers had approached the people utilizing the court to police themselves or there would be consequences. Chief Bachert stated that there were broken bottles, trash, tree limbs broken, drug paraphernalia, security cameras broken, and people on the roof of the utility building. He stated that some arrests were made.

Mr. Pietkiewicz asked Council to focus on the kids from Fountain Hill who want to use the park. Chief Bachert replied that the young kids were on the sidelines watching because the older kids would not let them play.

Mr. Rapp stated that he would send the matter to Committee for review.

ORDINANCES:

First Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 840

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL BY AMENDING CHAPTER 11, PART 3, WHICH ADOPTED THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, 2009 EDITION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF ENUMERATED "QUALITY OF LIFE" VIOLATIONS BY THE ISSUANCE OF A VIOLATION TICKET BY THE BOROUGH CODE OFFICIAL; TO SET FORTH PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; TO PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF UNPAID FINES AND COSTS, INCLUDING THE LIENING OF PROPERTIES; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND REPEALER OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES

Mr. Blatt made a motion to table, seconded by Mr. Trotter and was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION 2018-24
A RESOLUTION OF THE FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL
APPOINTING THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL AND/OR FIRM AS LABOR
ATTORNEY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Fountain Hill does hereby appoint the following individuals and/or firms to provide the stated services to the Borough for calendar year 2018:

Individual and/or Firm Name

Position / Service Provided

Jeff Stewart, White and Williams LLP

Labor Attorney

	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					

MOTIONS - none

OLD BUSINESS

- 2018 Pool Agreement with the Bethlehem YMCA

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Rapp informed Council that he and Mr. Branco had attended a meeting to discuss curb and sidewalk replacement. In attendance were Representative McNeill and her staff as well as 4 the PennDot Regional Manager, as well as representation from Engineering District 5-0. The discussions were geared to obtaining curb and sidewalk on Broadway in conjunction with the \$630,000 repaving project that is scheduled.

It was recommended that the Borough complete the engineering studies that would be required to accompany any Multi-modal grant that would be submitted. Mr. Rapp stated that these grants are 80/20 matching grants, and that the engineering cost would be used as the Borough's 20% match. Mr. Rapp estimated that the engineering cost could be between \$15,000 and \$20,000 to complete.

Ms. Jordan made a motion to undertake the engineering studies, seconded by Mr. Trotter. The motion also allows Mr. Branco to stretch the study out over 2 years to stay within the budget passed for 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						

COUNCIL ACTION

- Motion to hire Ms. Cordula Voges for the exempt position of Finance Clerk at a starting salary of \$42,000 for the first 6 months of probation. The salary will be \$45,000 after completion of a successful probationary period, and the start date will be March 12, 2018

	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						

- Request for a curb cut at 740 Seneca St. rear. All documents received

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

Norman Blatt
Doug Trotter
Larry Rapp
Mayor Gifford

X		X			
		X			
		X			

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel Matters

Mr. Atkinson made a motion to enter into exec session at 7:40 P.M. to discuss Personnel matters, seconded by Mr. Trabel. The motion passed unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

No action being taken on the Personnel matter, Mr. Atkinson made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 P.M.

Next Ordinance – 840
Next Resolution – 2018-25

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

By: _____
Lawrence E. Rapp, President of Council

ATTEST:

By: _____
Anthony Branco, Secretary