

**BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 6, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

Council members present were: Mr. Rapp, Ms. Jordan, Mr. Trotter Jr., Mr. Trabel, Mr. Blatt, Ms. Halleman and Mayor Rosado. Ms. Gifford was absent. Also in attendance were Bethany Sebesta Finance Director/Assistant to the Executive Administrator, Mr. Peter Lehr, Esq., Fire Chief Dave Boehner, Zoning Officer Albert Rohrbach, Jason Quarry, Public Works Supervisor, Police Chief Ed Bachert, and guests.

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 December 21, 2016 the Work Session Meeting:

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

2. Minutes of the January 3, 2017 Regular Meeting:

	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			X			
Mayor Jose Rosado						

Council President Rapp opened up the floor for public comments on agenda items.

Ms. Dianne Piervallo of 64 Warren St. asked Council how far up the west side of Warren St. the no parking signs will go. Mr. Blatt answered that although the Ordinance reads 300', the final placing of the signs will be 500'. President Rapp asked Mr. Quarry to provide specific details of the placement of the signs. Mr. Quarry explained where the proposed signs would be placed and offered to meet any residents tomorrow, Tuesday, February 7th, to discuss the placement. There was discussion among the residents on whether it would be an option to have the signs placed out only during inclement weather.

Mr. Elvis Lugardo of 16 Warren St. asked Council where his guests are supposed to park. Council President Rapp answered that our Public Works Department's safety is more important than where guests park. Council President then directed Mr. Quarry to meet with any interested residents and for Ms. Sebesta to set up a House and Ordinance Committee meeting to review the Ordinance. Ordinance #834 was tabled until the Work Session on February 15th.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Rosado read the Police Department’s monthly report on incidents and reviewed any significant increases or decreases. Mayor Rosado then read the District Magistrate’s report and monthly tickets and reports collections from the Police Department.

Mayor Rosado proceeded to swear in the Volunteer Fire Department Officers for 2017-2018 and Fire Police 2017-2018:

- Fire Chief David Boehrer
- Assistant Chief Thomas Hart
- Assistant Chief Joe Popovich
- Captain Andrew Roberts
- Captain Rich Laughlin
- Fire Police Captain Jim Laczko
- Fire Police Lieutenant Bryan Miller
- Fire Police 2017-2018

Executive Administrator’s Report: Ms. Sebesta explained that she has begun the yearly audit for 2016 and it is proceeding in a timely manner and that a Liquid Fuels Audit is scheduled for next week. Ms. Sebesta will keep Council informed of any progress.

Council President Rapp moved onto New Business:

- Application for use of Baseball Field – Carol Frankenfield, St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

- Application for the use of Softball Field – Broughal Middle School

	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			X			
Mayor Jose Rosado						

Council President Rapp introduced a quote from Kevin Frankenfield to renovate the Little League building roof for \$2,307.00. Mr. Quarry stated that the building, in general, is in deplorable condition and that the renovation was necessary. Mr. Blatt stated that he feels more

comfortable getting another quote for the renovations. Council President Rapp directed Mr. Quarry to obtain another quote and then proceed with choosing the contractor. Mr. Blatt made a motion to authorize Mr. Quarry to choose a contractor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trotter and approved unanimously.

Council President Rapp proceeded to Resolutions: none.

Council President Rapp proceed to Ordinances:

Second Reading:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 833

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL, CHAPTER 15, PART 3, PROHIBITING PARKING AT VARIOUS TIMES, AMENDING SECTION 302 (c) (3), BY APPROVING THE DELETION OF THE FOLLOWING HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES

DELETE:

STREET	SIDE	LOCATION
Seneca St	Front	1017
Bishopthorpe St	Front	820
Senca St.	Front	921

GENERAL REPEALER

All Ordinances or parts of ordinances, and all resolutions or part of resolutions, inconsistent herewith shall be and are herewith repealed.

3. **SEVERABILITY.** It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that if a court of competent jurisdiction declares any provisions of this Ordinance to be invalid or ineffective in whole or in part, the effect of such decision shall be limited to those provisions which are expressly stated in the decision to be invalid or ineffective, and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall continue to be separately and fully effective. Borough Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section or part thereof, other than any part declared invalid, if it has advance knowledge that any part would be declared invalid.

4. **PROCEDURAL DEFECTS IN ENACTMENT.** Any procedural challenge shall be filed in accordance with applicable law.

5. **ENACTMENT.** Under Authority of Law, Borough Council of Fountain Hill hereby enacts and ordains into an Ordinance the attached documents this date of February 6, 2017. The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective immediately from the date of passage of this Ordinance.

Date of Borough Council Public Hearing: February 6, 2017

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED on this 6th day of February, 2017, by the Borough of Fountain Hill in lawful session duly assembled.

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

Council President Rapp proceeded to Motions: Council President Rapp asked for a motion to end Jason Quarry’s probationary period as Public Works Supervisor as of January 21, 2017:

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

Council President Rapp proceeded to Old Business: Mr. Blatt informed Council that the Borough’s Earned Income Tax contract with Keystone Collections is set to expire and that the recommendation of the Tax Collection Committee is to renew this contract.

Council President’s Report: Council President Rapp informed Council that both the Public Works garage project and the acquisition of the Fire Department building are progressing.

Council President Rapp proceeded to the Solicitor’s Report: Mr. Lehr asked that an Executive Session be called to discuss real estate and legal issues.

Council President Rapp proceeded to Committee Reports:

- Finance Committee:
Mr. Trotter reviewed the bills paid in each Fund, and made a motion for the approval of the bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blatt and was approved unanimously.
- Public Works Committee:
Ms. Jordan presented the January Public Works report.
- Police Committee: N/R
- House & Ordinance Committee:
Mr. Blatt informed Council that Mr. Rohrbach will be attending a series of four meetings regarding blighted properties and that he will report those findings after their conclusion.
- Fire Committee: Council President Rapp read the January fire report.
- Recreation Committee: Mr. Trabel informed Council that a meeting was held with Kevin Frankenfield, Little League President, and that the issues discussed were being taken care of.
- Personnel Committee: N/R
- Health & Sanitation Committee: Ms. Halleman read the January Sewer and Sanitation report, as well as the Northeast Revenue Collections report.

Council President Rapp asked if there were any reports from any Special or Select Committees. None reported.

Council President Rapp opened the meeting up to any public comments. None made.

Mr. Blatt made the motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss real estate and legal issues at 7:45 P.M. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trotter, and unanimously approved.

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

By: _____
Lawrence E. Rapp, President of Council

ATTEST:

By: _____
Bethany Sebesta, Assistant to the Executive Administrator