

**BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 1, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

Council members present were: Mr. Rapp, Mr. Blatt, Mr. Trabel, Ms. Halleman, Mr. Trotter, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Gifford and Mayor Rosado. Also in attendance were Anthony Branco, Borough Administrator, Mr. Don Lipson, Esq., Chief Bachert, Jim Levernier, P.W. Supervisor, Fire Chief Boehrer, Mr. Don Seiple, St. Lukes Hospital, and visitors

Council President Rapp called for the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence for the observance of the 12 Airmen who planes crashed near Pearl Harbor.

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

1. Minutes of the November 18, 2015 Work Session Meeting.
Ms. Jordan motioned for approval of the minutes seconded by Mr. Trotter. The minutes were unanimously approved.
2. Minutes of the January 4, 2016 Regular Meeting.
Mr. Blatt motioned for approval of the minutes seconded by Mr. Trotter. 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. Ms. Connie Potts, 1110 Graham St. – Ms. Potts voiced her concern on Ordinance 821, reducing the number of Zoning Hearing Board members from 5 to 3. As a member of the Zoning Hearing Board for the last 14 years Ms. Potts feels that a 5 member board offers a more diverse knowledge base as well as experience.
2. Mr. Michael Spencer, 1035 Jeter Ave. – Mr. Spencer agreed with the comments voiced by Ms. Potts.

Presentations – Mr. Michael Spencer was interviewed by Council for a position on the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Spencer stated that he has been a Borough resident for 12.5 years. He is an Acoustical Consultant, and as such has served as an expert witness for 20 years. Mr. Spencer stated that he is familiar with the Borough Zoning ordinance as well as the permit process due to projects he has undertaken.

Discussion Items

ORDINANCE NO. - 821

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF DECEMBER 7, 2009, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE
REDUCTION OF THE ZONING HEARING BOARD FROM FIVE (5) RESIDENTS TO THREE (3)
RESIDENTS OF THE BOROUGH**

A motion died for lack of a motion and a second.

	<i>Motion</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Philip Trabel						
Carolee Gifford						
Norman Blatt						
Fred Capuano						
Larry Rapp						
Doug Trotter						
Helen Halleman						
Mayor Rosado						

Council President Rapp asked for a motion to appoint Ms. Lizabeth Fox to an open seat on the Zoning Hearing Board.

A motion to appoint Ms. Fox was made by Ms. Gifford, second by Ms. Halleman and approved unanimously.

Council President Rapp asked for a motion to appoint Mr. Michael Spenser to an open seat on the Zoning Hearing Board

A motion to appoint Mr. Spenser was made by Mr. Trotter, second by Mr. Trabel and approved unanimously.

Mr. Branco will advise both members of the remaining term of their positions.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Rosado commended Mr. Levernier, the PW. Employees, and the Police Department for the outstanding work during the recent snow storm. Mayor Rosado also informed Council that during a recent shooting within the City of Bethlehem, where the patients were taken to St. Lukes Hospital, the Police Department secured the hospital to ensure a safe environment.

Executive Administrator's Report:

Mr. Branco informed Council that Ms. Bethany Sebesta has completed her probationary period. Mr. Branco recommended that due to Ms. Sebesta's outstanding work performance that Ms. Sebesta be advanced to a full time employee status.

A motion to give full time to Ms. Sebesta was made by Mt. Trotter, seconded by Mr. Trabel, and passed unanimously.

Mr. Branco informed Council that the Borough has received a check from RCN for the 2015 cable franchise in the amount of \$33, 204.96.

Ms. Halleman asked if any monies were received from Service Electric. Mr. Branco stated that he would check into the matter.

Mr. Blatt asked if Service Electric had a contract. Mr. Branco stated he did not know of any since it would have been prior to his employment. Mr. Lipson also stated that he did not know of any but would check his files.

Presidents Report

Mr. Rapp thanked the Mr. Levernier, the PW Department, Police Department, and fire Department for their good work during the recent snow storm.

Solicitor Report: N/R

Council President Rapp moved onto Motions: none

Council President Rapp moved onto New Business: none

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. Gifford and was approved unanimously.

Public Works Committee:

Ms. Jordan presented the PW report.

Police Committee:

Chief Bachert stated that his Department has been recognized for their training with Naloxone, which is used for heroin overdoses.

Ms. Halleman asked Chief Bachert when Council would start receiving the monthly police reports. Chief Bachert stated that the new police secretary is in training and is learning the system. She will be learning the system and the reports should be starting shortly.

House & Ordinance Committee:

Mr. Blatt informed Council that a committee meeting has been schedule for February 9, 2016.

Fire Committee

Ms. Gifford read the Fire Department for January, and also thanked the PW, Fire, and Police Departments for their work during the recent snow event.

Ms. Gifford read a letter from Fire Chief Boehrer thanking the PW department for helping to keep the driveway in front of the fire house open during the snow fall.

Recreation Committee: N/R

Health & Sanitation Committee:

Ms. Halleman read the Sanitation report. Ms. Halleman asked Mr. Branco for an update regarding Northeast Collections. Mr. Branco stated he will speak to Ms. Merkle and get an update.

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

Mr. Don Seiple of St. Likes Hospital thanked the PW Department for keeping the roadways around the hospital open for people needing to get to the hospital. He also thanked the Police Department for their assistance securing the hospital due to a shooting in the City of Bethlehem, and finally thanked the Fire department for their work keeping fire hydrants free of snow.

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

Ms. Gifford made the motion to adjourn to executive session for contract discussions, at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trotter, and the motion was unanimously approved. No action being taken Council adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

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LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

By: _____
Lawrence E. Rapp, President of Council

ATTEST:

By: _____
Anthony Branco, Secretary