

**BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 18, 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, Cordula Voges, Finance Clerk, the Bethlehem Press, and guests

Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance

Council review of items for the Regular Meeting Agenda:

- Minutes of April 2, 2018 the Council Meeting – DRAFT (Please submit revisions to Ms. Voges in writing)

PRESENTATION(S):

Mr. Phil Armstrong, Lehigh County Executive appeared before Council to introduce himself in his quest to visit every municipality.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Discussion on Agenda Items

Mr. Patrick R. Figueroa of 820 N. Clewell Street presented Council with a suggestion for parking in the Borough. Mr. Figueroa suggested that parking permits be issued to residents on a yearly basis. He estimated that the Borough would be able to raise between 75 to 100 thousand dollars a year which could be used for street maintenance or additional police. Mr. Figueroa stated that he works in Washington DC and that a program such as what he is presenting is in place, as well as in some communities in New Jersey.

Mayor Gifford asked what happens when a resident has guests? Mr. Figueroa stated that you offer temporary parking passes for the guests.

Mr. Atkinson stated that some parts of Bethlehem have permitted parking.

Chief Bachert stated that when he was working in Allentown there was a similar program in place and it was enforced by the Allentown Parking Authority.

Ms. Jordan asked if a resident has a parking permit is it for a specific spot? Mr. Figueroa stated that the permit would be valid Borough wide.

Mr. Atkinson suggested that each resident get 1 Or 2 free parking passes.

Mr. Rapp directed Mr. Branco to schedule a ~~House~~ and Ordinance meeting to discuss the specifics of such a program.

ORDINANCES:

First Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 841

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 27 OF THE CODE OF FOUNTAIN HILL, PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 16 OF 2016; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF PARTS OF THIS ORDINANCE DEEMED TO BE INVALID; REPEALING ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, OR PARTS IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to send Ordinance 841 for a second reading on May 7, 2018 was made by Ms. Jordan, seconded by Ms. Halleman, and was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS: None

MOTIONS:

- Request of James & Lisa Lauer for a handicap parking space at 1312 Stanley Avenue. Counsel received the request and a picture of the rear of the property submitted by Mr. Rohrbach. Chief Bachert stated that there was limited parking on Stanley Avenue due to no parking on the north side and an existing fire hydrant. Chief Bachert suggested a spot could possibly be placed on Lynn Avenue for the Lauer's use.

A motion to table the matter was made by Mr. Trotter, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, and approved unanimously.

- Request of Mr. Stephen Kish of 1102 Stanley Avenue for a curb cut off of Hoffert Street to axis an existing parking pad at the rear of his property.

A motion to approve the curb cut was made by Mr. Trotter, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, and approved unanimously.

- Ms. Jordan informed Council that Mr. Earnest Liable has resigned effective April 13, 2018 to take another position in another municipality.

Ms. Jordan made a motion to accept Mr. Liable's resignation, seconded by Mr. Trabel, and approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

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.

COUNCIL ACTION

- Direct Civil Service to prepare a new eligibility list effective July 2018 – Mr. Blatt

Mr. Blatt explained that the current Eligibility List was due to expire in July, and a new list is required by statute.

Mr. Blatt made a motion to direct the Civil Service Commission to proceed in formulating a new list. This was seconded by Mr. Trotter, and approved unanimously. Mr. Branco was directed to set up a meeting of the Commission.

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 7:26 P.M. to discuss Personnel matters, seconded by Mr. Trabel. The motion passed unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

No action being taken on the Personnel matter, the meeting of Council was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Next Ordinance – 842
Next Resolution – 2018-27

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

By: _____
Lawrence E. Rapp, President of Council

ATTEST:

By: _____
Anthony Branco, Secretary