

**BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL
COUNCIL MINUTES
April 19, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

Council members present were: Mr. Rapp, Ms. Halleman, Ms. Jordan, Mr. Trabel, Ms. Gifford and Mr. Blatt. Mr. Trotter Jr. and Mayor Rosado were absent. Also in attendance was Anthony Branco, Bethany Sebesta, Chief Bachert, Jason Quarry, and visitors.

1. Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance

2. Council review of items for the Regular Meeting Agenda:

1. Minutes of March 22, 2017 the Work Session Meeting – DRAFT (Please submit revisions to Mr. Branco in writing)
2. Minutes of the April 3, 2017 Regular Meeting – DRAFT (Please submit revisions to Mr. Branco in writing)

3. Presentation(s):

- Ms. Vanessa Rex, YMCA – Pool operations. Ms. Rex presented Council with a schedule and budget to operate the Fountain Hill Pool from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2017. The YMCA would be supplying pool managers and lifeguards only, not cashiers. Ms. Rex explained that the YMCA would be willing to hire back any lifeguards that had the proper qualifications. Ms. Rex would be researching when the Bethlehem Area School District schools reopen, which may alter the 12th week's schedule and budget.

Councilwoman Halleman asked Ms. Rex how many managers they would be hiring. Ms. Rex stated that there would be two managers that alternated shifts. Councilwoman Halleman asked Ms. Rex if the YMCA lifeguards are all certified and who would be making the decision to close the pool if there was inclement weather. Ms. Rex stated that all of the YMCA lifeguards are certified and that either herself or her boss, Mr. Chris Brown, would make the decision to close.

Councilman Trabel asked Ms. Rex why there are varying number of lifeguards shown on the schedule from week to week. Ms. Rex explained that she based her estimates on the time of year and around busy weeks.

Councilwoman Gifford asked Ms. Rex to explain the types of classes the YMCA would be offering. Ms. Rex stated that they would be offering swim lessons and water aerobics for the same fee that YMCA members pay.

Council President Rapp asked for a motion to hire the YMCA to operate the Fountain Hill Pool for the 2017 season. Councilwoman Gifford made the motion, Councilman Trabel seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- Mr. Branco explained to Council that Mr. Andrew Salib, owner of the Twist Pretzel Factory, is interested in selling pretzels at the Fountain Hill Park this summer. Mr. Salib would be keeping the proceeds from sales of pretzels, but any sales of candy and soda would be given to the park program. Fountain Hill's health inspector, Mr. David Hay, inspected the concession stand and found it to be satisfactory. Mr. Branco asked for a motion from Council to waive the health license fee. Councilwoman Jordan made the motion, Councilman Blatt seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

4. Resolutions: none

5. Ordinances: none

6. Discussion Items:

Council President Rapp announced that the rims have been removed from the playground basketball court at the direction of Chief Bachert due to excessive littering. Chief Bachert explained that there have been multiple incidents in which excessive litter had to be removed from the park, there were incidences of vandalism, and that he had spoken to some of the patrons about it. Chief Bachert believes that taking the rims down for a period of time would force the individuals who do not live in Fountain Hill to find other parks to play basketball in.

Councilwoman Gifford stated that she would be hosting a Fountain Hill Clean-Up Crew on Saturday, May 6th at 9am and that all interested parties should meet at Borough Hall. Ms. Sebesta will be posting this information on the website. Councilwoman Gifford asked Council if they would be interested in hearing a presentation from a Fair County Committee regarding gerrymandering.

7. Council Action:

- Angela Thom – Stanley Ave. Playground request 6/11/2017 from 10 Am to 4 PM. Mr. Branco presented a request for use of the Fountain Hill Playground. Council President Rapp stated that a new application must include the price to open the bathrooms and state that no grills are allowed on the playground.
- Mr. Branco presented two curb cuts for Council approval: 1542 Broadway and 1325 Church St. Councilwoman Jordan made the motion to approve, Councilwoman Gifford seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

8. Executive Session (as needed): none

9. Adjourn

Councilwoman Gifford made the motion to adjourn at 7:44pm. Councilwoman Jordan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bethany Sebesta, Assistant to the Executive Administrator

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By: _____
Lawrence E. Rapp, President of Council

ATTEST:

By: _____
Anthony Branco, Executive Administrator