

**BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

May 1, 2017

7:00 P.M.

Council members present were: Mr. Rapp, Ms. Jordan, Mr. Trotter Jr., Mr. Trabel, Mr. Blatt, Ms. Halleman, Ms. Gifford, and Mayor Rosado. Also in attendance were Anthony Branco, Mr. Peter Lehr, Esq., Police Chief Ed Bachert, Albert Rohrbach, Bethany Sebesta, and guests.

Council President Rapp called for the pledge to the flag.

Council President Rapp thanked the Police Department for organizing the Easter Egg Hunt and thanked all who attended Arbor Day.

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

1. Minutes of March 22, 2017 the Work Session Meeting:

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

2. Minutes of the April 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						

PRILEGE OF THE FLOOR: No comments.

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 announced that he met with Chief Bachert regarding activity at Stanley Ave. Playground and reported that there has been an increase in trash and vandalism. Mayor Rosado reported that the Police Department responded by removing the basketball rims and increased patrolling around the playground.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: N/R

NEW BUSINESS: none

RESOLUTIONS: none

ORDINANCES: none

MOTIONS:

- Mr. Branco asked Council for a motion granting three waivers related to the SALDO Ordinance for the purchase of 950 Cherokee Street. If Council approves these waivers, the motion will move to the Zoning and Planning Commissions. Mr. Trotter made the motion, Ms. Gifford seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Acceptance of the Agreement of Sale and Purchase for 950 Cherokee Street for the purchase price of \$1.00. Mr. Trabel made the motion, Ms. Jordan seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. ‘
- Park request for Fountain Hill Elementary School 1st grade field trip on May 23, 2017 from 9:30am-1:30pm. Ms. Gifford made the motion, Mr. Trabel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Gifford reminded all present about the Fountain Hill Clean-Up this coming Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 9am at Borough Hall. The clean-up will be held rain or shine.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Council President Rapp announced that the Borough will be hosting a Memorial Day Service in conjunction with the American Legion on May 26, 2017 at 1pm.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Lehr, Esquire announced that the DCED has approved the Borough's request for a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$1,500,000 and that he would be scheduling to close on the note with Lafayette Ambassador Bank this week.

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 Ms. Jordan and was approved unanimously. Mr. Trotter announced that there is a temporary moratorium on spending until further notice.
- Public Works Committee:
Ms. Jordan presented the April Public Works report and thanked the Public Works Department for their work on Arbor Day.
- Police Committee: N/R
- House & Ordinance Committee:
 - Draft Marijuana Ordinance – Mr. Blatt asked Ms. Sebesta to set up a Committee Meeting to review this ordinance.
- Fire Committee: N/R
- Recreation Committee: Mr. Trabel reported that Council has contracted with the Bethlehem YMCA to run the pool and that the pool will be opening on June 10, 2017.
- Personnel Committee: N/R
- Health & Sanitation Committee: Ms. Halleman read the April Sewer and Sanitation report.

SPECIAL OR SELECT COMMITTEES:

Ms. Jordan reported that the Bethlehem Area Public Library hosted a fundraising event called April in Paris and that it was a success.

Ms. Gifford made the motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM. Mr. Trotter seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bethany Sebesta, Assistant to the Executive Administrator

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LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

By: _____
Lawrence E. Rapp, President of Council

ATTEST:

By: _____
Anthony Branco, Executive Administrator