

**BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 22, 2019
7 P.M.**

Council members present were: Ms. Jordan, Mr. Ferencin, Mr. Blatt, Mr. Trotter, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Trabel, and Ms. Halleman. Also, in attendance were Anthony Branco (Executive Administrator), Cordula Voges (Finance Officer), Ed Bachert (Police Chief), and guests.

Council was in receipt of the below documents:

1. Agenda
2. Minutes April 17, 2019
3. Minutes May 6, 2019

Council President Atkinson called the meeting to order and asked for everyone to rise for the Pledge to the Flag.

DRAFT MINUTES

- Minutes of April 17, 2019 Council Meeting – DRAFT (Please submit revisions to Ms. Voges in writing)
- Minutes of May 6, 2019 Council Meeting – DRAFT (Please submit revisions to Ms. Voges in writing)

PRESENTATION(S) – n/a

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – Discussion on Agenda Items - n/a

RESOLUTIONS

**BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL
RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 27**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF SEASONAL STAFF FOR SUMMER POOL CASHIERS, AND PLAYGROUND OPERATIONS.

WHEREAS, Each year the Borough is in need of Part-Time Staff to assist in the Pool and Playground Operations; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council has received the hiring recommendations from the Playground Supervisor and Executive Administrator of individuals to fill the various staff positions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Fountain Hill does hereby approve the appointment of the following staff for the Summer Pool and Playground Operations:

Pool Cashiers (12 – 7 PM)

Robert Reily \$9.00/hr.
Michael Johnson \$9.00/hr.
Kiernan McPhaul \$9.00/hr.
Honorette Remling \$9.00/hr.
Aquinnah Silverman \$9.00/hr.

Playground Staff (5 – 9 PM)

Justin Pietkiewicz \$13.00/hr.
Cristina Bueti \$12.00/hr.

Duly Adopted by Borough Council at a meeting held on the 22th day of May, 2019.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Annamarie Jordan			x			
Leo Atkinson			x			
Norman Blatt		x	x			
Doug Trotter			x			
Francis Ferencin			x			
Philip Trabel	x		x			
Helen Halleman			x			
Mayor Gifford						

The Pool is fully staffed for the Summer 2019.

For the Playground, two (2) staff members are hired and two (2) more are needed. The Playground staff organizes activities for children (mostly 16 and under) Monday through Friday from 5 to 9 P.M. Mayor Gifford encouraged Council members to assist the newly hired Playground staff as their time allows.

ORDINANCES – none.

MOTIONS

Mr. Branco asked for a motion to approve payment of \$44,011.89 to Barwis Construction for Payment Applications 4 & 5 related to Lechauweki Spring Park Phase 1&3. The payment will be reimbursed through the Lehigh County Conservation District DSA Grant 2018.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Annamarie Jordan			x			
Francis Ferencin			x			
Norman Blatt			x			
Doug Trotter	x		x			
Leo Atkinson			x			
Philip Trabel		x	x			
Helen Halleman			x			
Mayor Gifford						

OLD BUSINESS

- Disruptive Conduct Appeals Board –2 members are possibly lined up.
- Ms. Halleman was concerned the St. Luke’s Hospital Fountain Hill Campus diorama takes up too much space in the Council chamber.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (NEW BUSINESS)

- Police Staffing – Chief Bachert

The Police Chief asked for approval to hire two (2) new fully qualified and pre-certified part-time officers, Mr. Fehnel and Mr. Rothrock, to fill some of the medical absences of Officers Schrey and Hochwarther and an additional month-long leave of absence of Officer Bringenberg.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Annamarie Jordan	x		x			
Francis Ferencin			x			
Norman Blatt			x			
Doug Trotter		x	x			
Leo Atkinson			x			
Philip Trabel			x			
Helen Halleman				x		
Mayor Gifford						

Mayor Gifford offered to swear in the officers as needed.

- Police Staffing continued – Chief Bachert
 - a. Part-time Officers’ rates
In order to attract more qualified part-time Police Officers out of a small pool of available qualified candidates, the Police Chief asked to consider a pay rate increase. He will submit comparable pay rate tables to the Police Committee for discussion.
 - b. Officer Wood took on additional administrative duties during Officer Hochwarther’s medical leave. Chief Bachert asked to compensate him for these additional duties.
- Memorial Day Celebration will be held May 24th, 2019 starting at 1 P.M. at the Spiegel St. triangle.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – Discussion on Non - Agenda Items

Mr. Augustine Rosario on 710 Hertzog Avenue raised concerns about flooding of basements in his near neighborhood and questioned whether the flooding was caused by the recent construction at Lechauweki Springs Park. Mr. Branco pointed out that the increased rain over the past months raised the ground water table. He had already verified with the Borough Engineering Firm that there is no causal relationship between the Lechauweki Springs Park’s construction and areal basement flooding.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – as needed – ADJOURNMENT

Council President Atkinson asked Council to discuss the sale of Borough owned property in an executive session and adjourning without returning to Council chamber at 8 :05 P.M.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Annamarie Jordan	x		x			
Francis Ferencin			x			
Norman Blatt			x			
Doug Trotter			x			
Leo Atkinson			x			
Philip Trabel		x	x			
Helen Halleman			x			
Mayor Gifford						

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

By: _____
Leo Atkinson - President of Council

SUBMITTED BY

By: _____
Cordula Voges, Finance Officer

ATTEST:

By: _____
Anthony Branco, Executive Administrator

Next Ordinance – 852
Next Resolution – 2019-28