

**BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

November 21, 2018

7 P.M.

Council members present were: Ms. Jordan, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Blatt, Mr. Trotter, Mr. Trabel, and Ms. Halleman. Also, in attendance were Anthony Branco (Executive Administrator), Cordula Voges (Finance Officer), and guests. Mayor Gifford and Council President Rapp were absent

Council Vice-President Blatt called the meeting to order and asked for everyone to rise for the Pledge to the Flag.

Mr. Blatt asked Council to review the following draft minutes and submit any corrections to Ms. Voges;

- Minutes of October 10, 2018 Council Budget Meeting
- Minutes of October 22, 2018 Council Budget Meeting
- Minutes of October 24, 2018 Council Meeting
- Minutes of October 29, 2018 Council Budget Meeting

PRESENTATION(S) - none.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – Discussion on Agenda Items

MOTIONS

ORDINANCES

**FIRST READING**

**ORDINANCE # 846**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL, ESTABLISHING THE REAL ESTATE AND OTHER TAXATION FOR BOROUGH PURPOSES FOR FY 2019.

**SECTION I** - The Real Estate Tax Rate for all Borough purposes for Fiscal Year 2019 is as follows:

General Fund	8.63 mills (Municipal government operations)
Fire Department	0.08 mills (Debt payment on fire apparatus)
Library Services	<u>0.40 mills</u> (Provision of Library services)
Total	<u>9.11 mills</u>

These taxes are to be levied on all properties in the Borough subject to taxation for Borough purposes.

**GENERAL REPEALER**

All Ordinances or parts of ordinances, especially Ordinance #839, and all resolutions or part of resolutions, inconsistent herewith shall be and are herewith repealed.

**SEVERABILITY**

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any provision, sentence, clause, phrase, section or part thereof shall for any reason be found unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not effect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, sections, or parts thereof, but the same shall remain in effect. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Borough that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part included herein.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

The provision of this Ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2019.

**DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED** on this 3rd day of December, 2018, by the Council of the Borough of Fountain Hill in lawful session duly assembled.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Annamarie Jordan			X			
Leo Atkinson		X	X			
Norman Blatt			X			
Doug Trotter	X		X			
Larry Rapp						X
Philip Trabel			X			
Helen Halleman				X		
Mayor Gifford						

**First Reading**

**ORDINANCE NO. 847**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL, CHAPTER 18, SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL, PART 2, RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION 210, COLLECTION OF SEWER RENTS, SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 2, DELINQUENT RENTALS, SUBPARAGRAPH (d), MONTHLY PAYMENT PLANS, AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO PAYMENT PLANS.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Fountain Hill wishes to amend Chapter 18, Part 2, Section 210, Subsection B, Paragraph 2, Subparagraph (d), of the Codified Ordinances of the Borough of Fountain Hill regarding payment plans associated with delinquent sewer rentals;

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Fountain Hill wishes to allow payment plans for delinquent rentals equal to or greater than \$1,000.00, as more fully set forth in this Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Fountain Hill has determined that it is in its best interests of the residents of the Borough of Fountain Hill to adopt such an ordinance.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY ENACTED and ORDAINED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fountain Hill:

Chapter 18, Part 2, Section 210, Subsection B, Paragraph 2, Subparagraph (d) of the Code of the Borough of Fountain Hill shall be amended in its entirety as follows:

- (d) The monthly payment plans shall be completed as follows:
  - (i) If the total amount of delinquent rentals is less than \$500.00, the property owner may enter into a repayment plan not to exceed ninety (90) days, with a minimum monthly payment equal to the total amount outstanding divided by three (3).
  - (ii) If the total amount of delinquent rentals is equal to or greater than \$500.00 but less than \$1,000.00, the property owner may enter into a repayment plan not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) days, with a minimum monthly payment equal to the total amount outstanding divided by four (4).
  - (iii) If the total amount of delinquent rentals is equal to or greater than \$1,000.00, the property owner may enter into a repayment plan not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days, with a minimum monthly payment equal to the total amount outstanding divided by six (6).

### **GENERAL REPEALER**

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### **SEVERABILITY**

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### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S.A. §3301.3, the date when the Mayor approves the Ordinance, or the date of enactment by the Council over the veto of the Mayor, or for an Ordinance not returned by the Mayor at the next scheduled meeting of council occurring at least ten days (10) after the meeting at which the Ordinance was enacted by the Council, the date of the succeeding scheduled meeting of Council.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Annamarie Jordan	X		X			
Leo Atkinson			X			
Norman Blatt			X			
Doug Trotter			X			
Larry Rapp						X
Philip Trabel		X	X			
Helen Halleman			X			
Mayor Gifford						

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018- 35**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL  
APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MEETING SCHEDULE  
CALENDAR FOR 2019**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough Council of the Borough of Fountain Hill does hereby approve the Meeting Schedule Calendar for 2019 as follows:

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The following is a list of meeting schedules for calendar year 2019. All meetings will be held in Borough Hall, 941 Long Street, Fountain Hill, PA:

**2019 COUNCIL MEETINGS: First Monday of each month @ 7:00 pm; Third Wednesday of each month @ 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted.**

January 7  
 January 23 (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)  
 February 4  
 February 20  
 March 4  
 March 20  
 April 1  
 April 17  
 May 6  
 May 22  
 June 3

July 1  
 July 24 (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)  
 August 5  
 August 21  
**September 3 - Labor Day- alternate date**  
 September 18  
 October 7  
 October 23  
 November 4  
 November 20  
 December 2

June 19

December 18

**Planning Commission:** Second Monday of each month @ 7 p.m. as needed.

January 14  
February 11  
March 11  
April 8  
May 13  
June 10

July 8  
August 12  
September 9  
October 14  
November 11  
December 9

**Zoning Hearing Board:** Third Monday of each month @ 7 p.m. as needed.

January 21  
February 18  
March 18  
April 15  
May 20  
June 17

July 15  
August 19  
September 16  
October 21  
November 18  
December 16

Duly Adopted by Borough Council at a meeting held on the 21st day of November 2018.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Philip Trabel	X		X			
Leo Atkinson		X	X			
Hellen Halleman			X			
Annamarie Jordan			X			
Norman Blatt			X			
Doug Trotter			X			
Larry Blatt						X

**OLD BUSINESS**

- UCC Appeals Board (9/18/17)

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**COUNCIL ACTION** - none.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – Discussion on Non - Agenda Items - none.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** –Personnel Matters

On a motion by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Trabel, Council entered into executive session to discuss Personnel matters at 7:18 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:27 PM, Mr. Atkinson made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Trabel and unanimously approved.

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Norman Blatt Jr., Vice- President of Council

**ATTEST:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony Branco, Executive Administrator

Next Ordinance – 848  
Next Resolution – 2018-36