

**BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

December 2, 2019

7:00 PM

Council members present were: Ms. Jordan, Mr. Blatt, Mr. Trotter, Mr. Atkinson, Mayor Gifford, Mr. Trabel, and Mr. Ferencin. Also, in attendance were Anthony Branco (Borough Manager), Pete Lehr (Solicitor), Ed Bachert (Police Chief), and guests. Ms. Halleman was absent.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of November 20, 2019 Special Council Meeting

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

- Pre-Scheduled Appearances – none
- Discussion on Agenda Items

Mr. Michael Spencer of 1035 Jeter Ave. asked Council to look at the 2020 budget funding, and what is being cut.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gifford read current Police report, and reminded attendees that the Christmas Tree lighting will be held December 8 starting at 4 pm in front of Borough Hall.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

NEW BUSINESS – none.

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

First Reading

ORDINANCE # 856

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 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the council of the Borough of Fountain Hill, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania:

THAT a tax be and the same is hereby levied on all real property within Fountain Hill Borough subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2020 as follows:

SECTION 1. Tax rate for general purposes, the sum of 9.13 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of \$0.913 on each one hundred dollars of assessed value.

SECTION 2. Tax rate for the Fire Department, the sum of 0.08 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of \$0.008 on each one hundred dollars of assessed value.

SECTION 3. Tax rate for Library Services, the sum of 0.40 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of \$0.040 on each one hundred dollars of assessed value.

SECTION 4. All other municipal tax rates are to remain unchanged.

GENERAL REPEALER

All Ordinances or parts of ordinances, especially Ordinance #846, 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 affect 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.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- The annual Christmas Tree lighting ceremony will be held on 12/8/2019 starting at 4 PM at Cherokee St. across from the Fire Department, and the Fire Department is again selling Christmas Trees at the Stanley Avenue pool site.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance (Trotter, Blatt, Jordan)

Mr. Trotter read the October Check Detail Reports for the following funds: General, Health & Sanitation, Sewer, Library and Liquid Fuel.

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

Council approved the expenditures.

B. Public Works (Jordan, Atkinson, Trotter) - no report.

C. Police (Atkinson, Trotter, Gifford) – no report

D. House & Ordinances (Blatt, Halleman, Jordan)

- Mr. Blatt made a motion to direct Mr. Branco to check prices for Pedestrian Crossing Signs. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jordan and passed unanimously.

E. Fire (Trabel, Ferencin, Halleman)

Mr. Trabel announced that the Santa Run will be held on December 21, 2019. For information contact Dave Boehrer at the Fire Department.

F. Recreation (Ferencin, Atkinson, Blatt)

None.

G. Health & Sanitation (Halleman, Ferencin, Trabel)

Mr. Atkinson read the November collection reports for Sewer & Garbage.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:51 pm Mr. Trabel made the motion to adjourn the Council meeting. Ms. Jordan seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

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

By: _____
Leo Atkinson - President of Council

SUBMITTED

By: _____
Anthony Branco, Borough Manager

Next Resolution 2019-34
Next Ordinance #855