

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

October 1, 2018
7 P.M.

Council members present were: Ms. Jordan, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Blatt, Mr. Trotter, Council President Rapp, Mayor Gifford, Mr. Trabel, and Ms. Halleman. Also, in attendance were Anthony Branco (Executive Administrator), Cordula Voges (Finance Officer), Chief Bachert, Jason Quarry (Public Works Supervisor), a Bethlehem Press representative, and guests.

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

Mr. Rapp asked Council for a motion to accept the minutes of the September 4, 2018 meeting. The motion was made by Mr. Trotter, seconded by Mr. Atkinson and approved unanimously

PRESENTATION(s)

Mr. Rapp presented the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) certificate of recognition commemorating Fountain Hill Borough's 125th year since its incorporation.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – Discussion on Agenda Items

Ordinance No. 844 establishing a new part 4 dealing with feral cats is tabled to the next council meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Gifford read September's police report.
- The mayor reminded of the Borough Clean-Up day on Saturday, October 6th.
- The seminar "Marketing in the Digital Age" offered by the Business Alliance had a lower than expected turnout.
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EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Request of Fire Dept. to sell Christmas trees at the pool from November 23, 2018 until the week of Christmas.

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

- Mr. Quarry (Public Works Supervisor) presented templates of new banners “Thrill to Live on the Hill” that he had solicited. Council President Rapp suggested to research the cost of an alternative “Military Hometown Heroes” banner program, a living tribute created for the community to recognize and honor Fountain Hill residents and their families. Therefore, no decision was made whether or not to order the “Thrill to Live on the Hill” banners.
- The estimated Liquid Fuels allocation for 2019 is \$130,680.20.
- The 2018 State Aid for the Police Pension Plan and the Non-Uniform Pension Plan is \$117,109.71

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2018 – 34 - Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan 2018 -
Municipal Adoption Resolution is tabled to the next Council meeting.

ORDINANCES

Second Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 843

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL BY AMENDING CHAPTER 11 TO AMEND IN ITS ENTIRETY PART 4 INSPECTIONS OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES AND TO ADD A NEW PART 5 DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT, MAKING DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT BY AN OCCUPANT OR VISITOR OF A RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY AN OFFENSE AND PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

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

Larry Rapp
Mayor Gifford

		x			

ORDINANCE NO. 844 (Tabled from September 19, 2018) - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL, CHAPTER 3 ANIMALS, BY ESTABLISHING A NEW PART 4 FERAL CATS – is tabled to next Council meeting.

Ms. E. Ammens, a Fountain Hill resident, asked to be informed when this ordinance No. 844 is up for voting at the next Council meeting.

MOTIONS - none.

OLD BUSINESS

- Fire Lane clearing request from Mrs. Erharhdt, 1202 Wiley St.

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

- Mr. Samu’s claim that his 1206 Ronca Street neighbor’s sewer line is incorrectly connected to his sewer line on 1204 Ronca Street is still under review.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT

A Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony will be held on the Borough Parking Lot this Christmas in addition to the traditional ceremony on Broadway. However, in 2019, PennDOT will have to grant special permission to close Broadway (i.e. State Highway) for a Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lehr summarized the review of the 1985 Sewage Transmission Agreement between the Borough and Salisbury Township Authority (as stated in the September 27, 2018 Memo to

Council). He asked Council for his and Mr. Branco’s authority to negotiate a revised agreement with the Salisbury Township Authority.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance (Trotter, Blatt, Jordan)

Mr. Trotter reported the checks paid in September 2018 out of the General, Health & Sanitation, and Sewer and asked for Council approval.

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

B. Public Works (Jordan, Rapp, Trotter)

Ms. Jordan commented the Public Works Department on their work on road and street markings.

**C. Police (Rapp, Trotter, Blatt)
n/a**

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

Mr. Blatt assured the review of the “Feral Cat” ordinance.

E. Fire (Atkinson, Trabel, Halleman)

Mr. Atkinson reported the number of emergency calls that the Fire Department responded to. Mr. Herrick, a Volunteer in the Fire Department, reminded of the Fundraiser (i.e. Wawa coupons) benefiting the Fountain Hill Fire Department.

F. Recreation (Trabel, Jordan, Blatt)
n/a

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

Ms. Halleman read the collection reports for garbage and sewage fees for September 2018.

H. Personnel (Trotter, Blatt, Rapp)
n/a

SPECIAL OR SELECT COMMITTEES

Mr. Quarry reminded of the Borough's Electronic Recycling event held on October 20th, 2018.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – Discussion on Non - Agenda Items

Mr. Patanella, St. Luke's VP of Operations, thanked Council President Rapp for having organized a special meeting to discuss the future Ostrum Street reconstruction project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – none.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:40 PM, Mr. Atkinson made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Trabel and unanimously approved

Respectfully Submitted,

Cordula Voges, Finance

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

By: _____
Lawrence Rapp - President of Council

ATTEST:

By: _____
Anthony Branco, Executive Administrator

Next Ordinance – 845

Next Resolution – 2017-33