

**MINUTES**  
**BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**April 19, 2023**  
**7 P.M.**

The Council Meeting was held in-person at Borough Hall. Council members present were: Ms. Jordan, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Trotter, Mr. Blatt, Mr. Trabel and Mayor Johnson. Mr. Rufe was absent. Also in attendance were Jason Quarry (Public Works Supervisor), Cordula Voges (Finance Director), and guests.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**MINUTES**

The approval of the minutes of April 3, 2023 was tabled until the minutes will be presented for council approval.

The agenda was amended to include under "New Business" the discussion about hiring an interim Borough Manager.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Interview applicants for the open Council seat**

Council President Blatt noted that the selected candidate would be filling the balance of the remaining term, until 12/31/2025. The position will be filled on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. The selected candidate may attend council meetings as selected member immediately.

The candidates were asked to introduce themselves, explain their interest in applying for council membership and what they view as the most pressing issues in the borough.

- **Mr. Adam Arnold, 605 Norway Place, Fountain Hill, PA 18015**

Since Mr. Arnold has less time constraints in his business, he wants to learn more about local government and help move the borough forward by attending council and committee meetings.

- **Mr. Stewart McCandless, 1011 Pawnee Street, Fountain Hill, PA 18015**

Mr. McCandless has an interest in council and local government and his time allows him to serve on council. He views the replacement of the Borough Manager, monitoring construction projects and controlling costs as most important.

Council President Blatt invited both applicants to the May 1, 2023 Council Meeting to learn who Council appointed as new member.

On behalf of Mr. Zovko Council President Blatt extended the invitation to all Council members to attend the next Community Coalition meeting on April 25, 2023 at 7 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fountain Hill. No borough business will be discussed, and no decisions will be made during that meeting. The meeting is simply to discuss pool matters and therefore is open to all council members as advised by the Solicitor.

- **Interim Borough Manager**

Council President Blatt recommended to hire an interim Borough Manager while Mr. Gratz is suspended.

Council consented and agreed to explore the recruitment option through the Lafayette Meyner Center. Council President Blatt asked Ms. Voges to reach out to the Meyner Center and report the center's available services back to council.

**PRESENTATION(S)** – None.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/ PRE-SCHEDULED** – None.

**DRAFT RESOLUTIONS FOR REVIEW** – None.

**RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE**

***BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-13***

*A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO RENEW THE CONTRACT FOR COLLECTION, DISPOSAL, AND RECYCLING SERVICES FOR MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE FROM RESIDENTIAL AND MUNICIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES OF NJ, LLC D/B/A RARITAN VALLEY DISPOSAL FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024*

The original contract copy was presented to Council at the April 3, 2023 meeting.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Annamarie Jordan			x			
Jamie Johnson		x	x			
Wilbert Rufe						x
Doug Trotter			x			
Philip Trabel	x		x			
Vacant Seat						x
Norman E. Blatt Jr.						
Mayor Johnson						

**DRAFT ORDINANCES FOR REVIEW & ADVERTISEMENT**

**OLD BUSINESS -**

St. Luke's Ostrum Street re-surfacing project was not discussed.

**COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS – None.**

Council President Blatt reminded that the Little League opening game will be on Saturday at 9 am.

Council President also announced that the Community Coalition scheduled a borough clean-up day on Saturday as well. The group will meet at the pool at 10 am.

Arbor Day will be celebrated on April 28, 2023 at 1 pm on Dodson Street at the upper ball field. A tree will be planted and dedicated in memory of Mr. John Spadaccia, a long-time Fountain Hill resident.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:25 pm Council President entertained a motion to adjourn. Ms. Johnson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Trabel and unanimously approved.

BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL  
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
By:

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Norman E Blatt - President of Council

**SUBMITTED & ATTESTED:**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cordula Voges, Finance Director

Next Ordinance – 878  
Next Resolution – 2023-14