

**Minutes
BOROUGH COUNCIL
AUGUST 24, 2022
7 P.M.**

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

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

MINUTES - Approval of the Minutes of August 1, 2022

Council President Blatt asked for a motion to approve the Minutes as amended.

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

PRESENTATION(S)

Mr. Mike Yurasek of 630 Lechauweki Ave introduced himself as the President of the Fountain Hill Little League. He reported that some equipment and installations on the Little League field were destroyed due to vandalism. He asked Council to consider surveillance cameras for the Little League field. Mr. Gratz suggested to solicit vendor quotes and include them in the upcoming budget discussions.

When inquired Mr. Yurasek mentioned that fall Little League games will start on August 25 and the sign-up period has closed.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/ PRE-SCHEDULED None.

DRAFT RESOLUTIONS FOR REVIEW None.

DRAFT ORDINANCES FOR REVIEW None.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Playground Program will end on Friday, August 26.
Also, the Playground Program will be closed on Thursday morning because a staff member will be attending a funeral.
- Jeter Avenue Reconstruction Update
Paving is completed on Jeter Avenue. Mr. Gratz reported that he is working with the Hanover Engineering and the contractor to discuss any issues that require correction.
- Warren, Moravia (behind the school), and Lynn Street Paving Update
Paving is completed on Warren, Moravia and Lynn streets. Since the Sioux Street Road Construction project was deferred because of project cost overages, the Warren Street Road Project was extended to include Lynn Street and Moravia Street in conjunction with UGI.
- PennDOT will be paving Broadway (related to Broadway Curb & Sidewalk Project) in the spring of 2023. Mr. Gratz mentioned that PennDOT's paving schedule was very ambitious to begin with and therefore is not surprised of this push back.
- School Donation Request for Food Bank
The Fountain Hill Elementary School has requested a \$3,000 donation for the food bank. Mr. Gratz suggested to develop a formal donation policy. Council agreed.
Mr. Gratz will present a respective policy at the September Council meeting.
- Public Notification System
Mr. Gratz introduced three (3) systems to compare. Of these three systems Mr. Gratz recommended the Nixle product. It offers a self-service portal, option to opt-out, language selection and is affordable at a cost of \$2,900 for 2023.
The purchase decision should be made during the upcoming budget meetings. The product roll-out could happen as early as December 2022 with guaranteed 2022 pricing.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (NEW BUSINESS)

- The Community Coalition would like to use the pavilion and the bathrooms at the park on Saturday, September 10. Mr. Zovko asked if Mr. Jason Quarry could open up the facilities. Council consented and Mr. Rufe who has a key to the pavilion offered to open it up for the meeting.

Regarding the interaction between the Community Coalition and Borough employees, Council suggested to not incorporate Borough employees into the coalition and limit discussion contacts to select people. The Community Coalition should address its ideas, suggestions, and concerns to the Recreation Committee, but pre-dominantly to Council as a whole.

- School Traffic Pattern – Moravia Street

Fountain Hill Elementary School asked to continue the temporary one-way traffic on Moravia Street for the new school year. Mr. Gratz stated that overall, the traffic regulation worked well in the past school year. He also mentioned that a Crossing Guard is still needed.

Council President Blatt asked for a motion to approve the traffic pattern on Moravia Street as it was approved for the 2nd half of the 2021/2022 school year.

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

- Transfer \$1,500 from Pool Maintenance 2022 (#452.371) budget to Parks Maintenance 2022 (#454.37) budget

Mr. Gratz reported that three large, dead trees in Lechauweki Springs Park need to be cut down for safety reasons.

Council President Blatt asked for a motion to approve the budget transfer to pay for the tree removal.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Personnel)

At 7:40 pm Council President Blatt asked for a motion to conclude the open meeting before Council goes into the Executive Session for a brief personnel discussion.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:40 pm Council adjourned and went into Executive Session.

BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

By:

Norman E Blatt - President of Council

SUBMITTED:

BY: _____
Cordula Voges, Finance Director

ATTEST:

By: _____
Eric Gratz, Borough Manager

Next Ordinance – 871
Next Resolution – 2022 - 27