

**FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 19, 2022
7:00 P.M**

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

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

MINUTES

Council President Blatt asked for a motion to approve the minutes of January 3, 2022 Organization and Council Meeting 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)** – None.
- **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/ PRE-SCHEDULED** – None.
- **RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-11

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL
APPOINTING THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS FOR CALENDAR YEAR
2022**

Stormwater Authority

Andrew Boyer

3-year term

1/19/2022 – 12/31/2024

Council President Blatt asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Boyer. Mr. Boyer is a Fountain Hill resident and will be completing Ms. Morrison’s term as chair of the Fountain Hill Stormwater Authority.

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

- **ORDINANCES** – None.

- **MOTIONS**

- Request of Sheila Rosado, 1018 Cherokee St. for a handicap space
Mr. Gratz noted that all documents have been received and approved by staff. He asked for a motion to approve the advertisement of the respective draft ordinance.

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

- Council President Blatt asked for a motion to approve the advertisement of the Draft Ordinance Amending Chapter 11, Housing, Part 4, Residential Rental Properties, §402(1)(C).

	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						

- Council President Blatt asked for a motion to approve the payment to Pipe Services Corp. in the adjusted amount of \$28,215.00 as recommended by the Borough engineer.

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

- **OLD BUSINESS**

Fire Chief Boehrer and Mr. Gratz will pick up the new fire truck in the upcoming week.

Ms. Jordan stated that a public meeting regarding the future use of the Fountain Hill swimming pool is planned in February. Mr. Gratz mentioned that he is still waiting for St Luke’s to confirm the availability of a meeting room at its facility. Alternatively, the public meeting will be held at Borough Hall. Mr. Gratz reported that some survey responses still trickle in. Two hundred and ten (210) residents have responded so far. They represent 98% property owners and 2% tenants.

Mr Rufe reported that he had submitted any information regarding “lighting” to the solicitor for evaluation.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS (NEW BUSINESS)**

- Council Meeting Attorney

Council supported the continued use of the Norris law firm and to engage Mr. Berger as a singular point of contact attending council meetings. Mr. Gratz ensured that both attorneys, Mr. Lehr and Mr. Berger, will be consulted.

Ms. Jordan acknowledges that Mr. Berger has consulted the Borough regarding land use and planning issues. She wanted to ensure that Mr. Lehr was not disapproved by Council. She stressed that Council should generally be included in any decision process.

- **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – Discussion on Non - Agenda Items**

Chief Bachert mentioned that Mr. Barbara Merkle’s husband had passed away. Some staff members went to the visitation.

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION (as needed) – None.**

- **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:34 PM Council President Blatt asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Trabel made the motion, seconded by Ms. Johnson and unanimously approved.

**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 – 867
Next Resolution – 2022 - 12

APPROVED