

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL
January 3, 2023
7 P.M.**

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

Approval of the minutes of December 21, 2022

	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						

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/ PRE-SCHEDULED – None.

MAYOR'S REPORT – None.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Zoning Hearing Board Opening –

Mr. Remling has elected to not be reappointed to the Zoning Hearing Board. The alternate, Mr. Noble, is interested in being promoted to full member (resolution below). This opens up the role for the alternate.

Broadway Projects Update –

The curb and sidewalk project is underway and going well. The contractor is moving west from Bishop Thorpe. The TASA Grant funded project for the pedestrian crossing at

Broadway and Delaware is near completion. The contractor is correcting some issues with sign setbacks that PennDOT did not previously mention.

Warren Street Winter Parking – Reminder

During the recent winter storm, cars were parked on Warren Street. Mr. Gratz reminded that parking on Warren Street is reduced to one-sided parking for the winter snow season.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 1
 A RESOLUTION OF THE FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL ESTABLISHING VARIOUS FEES AND COSTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.

	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						

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 2
 A RESOLUTION OF THE FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTING THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AND/OR FIRMS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2023.

	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						

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 3

A RESOLUTION OF THE FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTING AND/OR REAPPOINTING THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AS HIPAA OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.

	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						

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 4

A RESOLUTION OF THE FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTING AND/OR REAPPOINTING THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.

	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						

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 5

A RESOLUTION OF THE FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTING THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS FROM HANOVER ENGINEERING AS SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023.

	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					

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 6

A RESOLUTION OF THE FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTING PHIL TRABEL AS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGHES (MECAB) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 7

A RESOLUTION OF THE FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL, APPOINTING APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.

	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						

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 8

A RESOLUTION OF THE FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTING A DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE ELECTED TAX COLLECTOR'S TERM.

	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						

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE – None.

MOTIONS – None.

OLD BUSINESS

Council President Blatt announced the Holiday Decorating Contest winners. He thanked everyone for their participation and festive displays. The winners are also announced on the Borough's website and social media.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Blatt thanked everyone on Council for a very productive 2022 and he is looking forward to continued cooperation in 2023. He reminded everyone that the pool will be discussed at the Recreation Committee meeting on January 18 at 5:30pm.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (Trotter, Blatt, Jordan)

Motion to pay the bills as presented –

	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 _____

Public Works (Jordan, Trotter, Rufe) – None.

Police (Blatt, Trotter, Johnson) – None.

House & Ordinances (Rufe, Graham, Jordan) – None.

Fire (Trabel, Graham, Rufe) – None.

Recreation (Johnson, Rufe, Trabel) – None.

Health & Sanitation (Graham, Johnson, Trabel)

In Ms. Graham’s absence, Council President Blatt read the Sewer/Garbage collection reports for the month of December.

Personnel (Trotter, Blatt, Jordan) – None.

SPECIAL OR SELECT COMMITTEES – None.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:18 pm Council President Blatt entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Jordan made the motion, seconded by Mr. Trabel 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 – 873
Next Resolution – 2023-9

APPROVED