

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

The Council Meeting was held in-person at Borough Hall. Council members present were: Ms. Jordan, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Rufe, Mr. Trotter, Mr. Blatt, Mr. McCandless, Mr. Trabel and Mayor Johnson. Also in attendance were Jason Quarry (Interim Borough Manager & Public Works Supervisor), Cordula Voges (Finance Director), Keith Zehner (Zoning Officer), Dave Berger (Solicitor), 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 July 3, 2023

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

➤ **626 Roosevelt Public Sidewalk/Driveway Apron Permit Application**

The owner of 626 Roosevelt submitted a Permit Application for a new crossover/driveway apron with corresponding work to the curb and public sidewalk. Council President Blatt suggested to defer the approval to allow Public Work and the Police to review. However, Mr. Quarry recommended not to defer but to decide tonight to avoid a conflict with the upcoming road construction on Dorothy and Roosevelt.

Council President Blatt asked if there was a motion to approve the application in accordance with the Borough Engineer's specified conditions and PennDot's standards within the given time.

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

➤ **Ostrum Street Project**

Mr. Quarry reported that St Luke's is reviewing the project. He asked to wait until the August 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, after St. Luke's attorneys have concluded their review.

➤ **Borough Manager**

Council President Blatt asked if there was a motion to decide on Mr. Gratz employment status. Mr. Rufe made the motion to dismiss Mr. Gratz.

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

Council President Blatt will send a dismissal letter to Mr. Gratz.

Council President Blatt asked if there was a motion to engage in the search for a new borough manager. Search options would include advertising the position on PSAB's website and in its magazine and engage the Meyner Center in the borough manager recruitment.

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

Council President Blatt asked Ms. Voges to reach out to Ms. Beckett at the Meyner Center to be of assistance in the recruitment process.

**DRAFT RESOLUTIONS FOR REVIEW & FINAL PASSAGE**

**BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL  
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
RESOLUTION 2023-16**

*APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE MULTIMODAL  
TRANSPORTATION FUND (MTF) PROGRAM*

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

**MOTIONS**

Approving **Payment Application No. 5** as submitted by **T Schiefer Contractors, Inc.** for the **Broadway Curb & Sidewalk** project in the amount of \$186,749.43 as recommended by **Hanover Engineering**.

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

**DRAFT ORDINANCES FOR REVIEW & ADVERTISEMENT** – None.

**ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE** – None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Council President Blatt reflected on the recent “Movie at the Park” event organized by the Community Coalition. A small, but enthusiastic crowd attended the event.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:18 pm Council President Blatt asked for a motion to adjourn the Council meeting. Ms. Johnson made 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

ATTESTED

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jason Quarry, Interim Borough Manager

SUBMITTED

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

Next Ordinance – 879  
Next Resolution – 2023-17