

**FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
June 22, 2022  
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, Ms. Graham, and Mr. Trabel. Mayor Johnson joined a little later. Council President Blatt was absent. Also, in attendance were Eric Gratz (Borough Manager), Ms. Voges, and guests.

Vice President Jordan called the meeting to order and asked for everyone to rise for the Pledge to the Flag.

**MINUTES**

- Approval of the minutes of June 6, 2022

Council President Blatt had called in some changes to the draft minutes. Vice President Jordan asked for a motion to approve the minutes as amended.

	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						

**PRESENTATION(S)** - None.

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

**DRAFT RESOLUTIONS FOR REVIEW**

- Discussion on street degradation and excavation escrow fee resolution

Mr. Gratz explained that the application of the degradation fee resolution from 2016 and the fees associated with it have been discussed with the Borough engineer but have not been completed to be presented in draft form. A memo and draft will be presented at the next council meeting. Mr. Gratz emphasized that the fee structure will be changed for both the degradation and the excavation escrows. The degradation fee will be raised on top of any escrow and permit application fee, when applicable.

**DRAFT ORDINANCES FOR REVIEW** – None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Playground/Recreation – Staff Increase

Mr. Gratz reported that 71 kids of different age groups have signed up for the program. Additional staff – especially for the evening session – will be needed. Mr. Gratz has three promising applications to review. Also – the playground staff could be supplemented with high school students volunteering for community service. Council consented to hire additional playground staff and also engage high school students in the Playground program.

Mr. Gratz updated Council on the sales of Hellertown pool passes – six senior and two family passes have been sold so far.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS (NEW BUSINESS)**

- Potential Police Car Purchase

Chief Bachert stated that one of old police vehicles needs to be replaced next year. As in the past, a grant is applied to fund the purchase. However, Chief Bachert has received an offer from Kovatch Ford to secure the only black police SUV that the dealership has on its lot now including the option to defer payment until 2023. Considering the supply chain difficulties, Mr. Gratz recommended to procure the vehicle now. Council agreed.

- Request of Fountain Hill Community Coalition to use Council Chambers on July 9 (1030-1200)

Mr. Rufe volunteered to accommodate the meeting.

**COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS**

- Motion to approve the hiring of Marcus DiGiulio as a part-time seasonal recreation assistant at the rate of \$15/hour

Vice President Jordan asked for a motion to approve the hiring.

	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						

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

Mr. Mark Lutzi of 726 Dodson St addressed Council to approve the temporary expansion of parking spaces (nine all together) along Spiegel Street until the construction of parking spaces on his property is completed. All construction permits are in place, but the completion of the project is taking longer than expected. Council did not object.

Vice President Jordan asked for a motion to grant Mr. Lutzi the waiver of no parking in the respective area.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None.

Fire Chief Dave Boehrer announced his retirement as fire chief after 34 years of service for health reasons. He would still serve as fire relief treasurer until a replacement is found.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:20 pm Vice President Jordan entertained the motion to adjourn. Mr. Trabel made the motion, seconded by Ms. Graham and unanimously approved.

BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL  
 LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
 By:

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 Norman E Blatt Jr - President of Council

SUBMITTED:

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

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Eric Gratz, Borough Manager

Next Ordinance – 871  
Next Resolution – 2022 - 24

APPROVED