

**FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
March 23, 2022  
7 P.M.**

The Council Meeting was held in-person at Borough Hall. Council members present were: Ms. Jordan, Mr. Trotter, Mr. Blatt, Ms. Graham, and Mr. Trabel. Ms. Johnson, Mr. Rufe, 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**

Council President Blatt asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 7, 2022 as requested by Ms. Jordan.

	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 also reported that Mr. Wargo's job performance as Zoning Officer and Mr. Gratz's compensation were discussed during the Executive Session after the March 7, 2022 Council Meeting.

**PRESENTATION(S)** - None

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

• **RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022- 15**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT FUNDS.

Council President Blatt asked for a motion to approve the above resolution as requested by Mr. Trabel. Mr. Gratz confirmed that the application was already submitted after the respective discussion at the March 7, 2022 Council Meeting.

	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. 2022- 16**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL IN THE COUNTY OF LEHIGH, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2020-29 "SOCIAL MEDIA USE POLICY & PROCEDURE REGULATIONS" TO PROVIDE FOR THE SHARING OF COUNCIL MEETING VIDEO ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

Council President Blatt asked for a motion to amend the current Social Media Use Policy to the effect of including to upload and save council meetings in a video set on social media as requested by Ms. Jordan.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Annamarie Jordan	x		x			
Jamie Johnson						x
Wilbert Rufe						x
Doug Trotter			x			
Philip Trabel			x			
Erica Graham		x	x			

Norman E. Blatt Jr.			x			
Mayor Johnson						

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022- 17**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING NEW SIGNATORIES FOR AN AWARDED MTF GRANT FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR CURB AND SIDEWALK REPAIR.

Council President Blatt asked for a motion to extend and amend the authorized signatories for the Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) grant 2019 as requested by Mr. Trabel.

	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						

**ORDINANCES - None**

**MOTIONS**

- Council President Blatt asked for a motion to accept Mr. Tom Wargo’s resignation as the Borough’s Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer as of 3/8/2022 as requested by Mr. Trabel.

	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						

- As recommended by the Solicitor, Council President Blatt asked for a motion to appoint the Borough Manager as the Right to Know Officer as requested by Mr. Trabel.

	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						

- Council President Blatt asked for a motion to appoint the Borough Manager as the Interim Zoning Officer as requested by Mr. Trabel.

	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 compensation adjustment for the Borough Manager as discussed in the Executive Session on March 7, 2022 as requested by Mr. Trabel.

The 8% increase will be effective on his 6-month anniversary.

	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 a fee waiver to Broughal Middle School for the use of the softball field at the Borough Park for softball games and practice as requested by Mr. Trabel.

The Recreation Committee is in favor of this motion.

	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						

- Directing the Borough Manager on how to proceed with the Borough Pool and its operation

Mr. Gratz reported on the Recreation Committee meeting of March 7, 2022. Ms. Jordan stood in for Ms. Johnson who was unable to attend. Mr. McCandless of 1011 Pawnee Street stressed the financial burden that the operation of a swimming pool places on the Borough. He also noted that fewer residents have been attending the Fountain Hill pool. He suggested to consider using the public space as a sprinkler park and a dog park instead. Based on the deliberations in the Recreation Committee the committee recommended to permanently close the pool.

Mr. Gratz asked to direct him either to follow the Recreation Committee's recommendation to permanently close the pool or, as an alternative, simply not open the pool this season. Mr. Quarry, the Public Works Supervisor, emphasized that the pool still needs to be maintained as if it is open.

With regret, Council President Blatt asked for a motion to follow the Recreation Committee's recommendation and close the pool permanently as requested by Ms. Jordan.

	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						

Mr. Gratz initially thought that the 3-2 roll call vote to close the pool permanently was not sufficient and the subject needed to be re-introduced at the next Council meeting. However, after consulting with the Solicitor, Mr. Berger confirmed that the vote by that 3-2 margin was indeed a valid action of Council. This decision was made after a community survey, a community meeting, and an open recreation committee meeting.

- Council President asked for a motion to approve the advertisement of the Draft Ordinance #867 as requested by Ms. Jordan.

**DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 867**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL, CHAPTER 15, PART 3, §302 PROHIBITIONS IN SPECIFIC PLACES, AMENDING SCHEDULE 1 (A) TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF RONCA STREET FROM THE INTERSECTION WITH LYNN STREET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH BERGEN STREET.

	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 asked Mr. Gratz to notify affected residents accordingly.

- Council President asked for a motion to approve the advertisement of the Draft Ordinance #868 as requested by Mr. Trabel.

**DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 868**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL CHAPTER 27, ZONING, PROVIDING FOR THE REDUCTION OF THE ZONING HEARING BOARD FROM FIVE (5) MEMBERS TO THREE (3) MEMBERS AND ONE (1) ALTERNATE MEMBER WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THE BOROUGH.

	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						

Mr. Gratz explained that the alternate is to attend the board meetings but will only vote if a regular member is not attending in order to still have a voting body of three.

### OLD BUSINESS

Council President Blatt reminded of the Easter Egg Hunt on April 9 at the playground.

He also thanked everyone who attended the dedication ceremony of the fire truck.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS (NEW BUSINESS)

Mr. Gratz reported that Officer Fritzinger will participate in the DUI Speed enforcement event.

- Discussion on Non - Agenda Items - None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (as needed) - None

### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR ADJOURNMENT

Council President Blatt asked for a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 7:20 PM.  
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 - President of Council**

SUBMITTED:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cordula Voges, Finance Director**

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Eric Gratz, Borough Manager**

Next Ordinance – 870

Next Resolution – 2022 - 18

UNAPPROVED