

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL
March 6, 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, Ms. Graham, Mr. Trabel, and Mayor Johnson. Also in attendance were Eric Gratz (Borough Manager), Cordula Voges (Finance Director), 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 and for a moment of silence remembering the late Dr. Robert Barnes, a long-time resident of Fountain Hill and a Council Member.

MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of February 22, 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. Mayor Johnson | | | x | | | |

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/ PRE-SCHEDULED – None.

MAYOR'S REPORT – None.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

- Comcast Franchise Request

Comcast would like to expand into the Borough and enter into a cable franchise agreement. Mr. Gratz mentioned that most of Fountain Hill's infrastructure is aerial on existing poles and, therefore, would not require much underground work. Comcast provided a pre-liminary franchise agreement for review.

Mr. Gratz asked if Council wanted to invite Comcast to make a presentation or just have Mr. Berger review the pre-liminary franchise agreement and work out a draft agreement with

DRAFT ORDINANCES FOR REVIEW & ADVERTISEMENT – None.

MOTIONS

- Approving payment to T. Schiefer Contractors Inc. for the Broadway Curb and Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$273,878.82 as recommended by the Borough Engineer.

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|---------------------|--------|-----|-----|----|---------|--------|
| 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 | | | | | | |

OLD BUSINESS

- Pool

Mr. Gratz reported that the electrical work was completed. The preventative maintenance work, rather than total overhaul, on the pumps – quoted at \$5,000 – is scheduled.

On behalf of the Community Coalition, Mr. Zovko reported that volunteers will remove the old caulk on the pool deck, power wash it and start freshly caulking it. He expects that most of the caulking will be done this year, the rest will be finished next year.

Mr. Zovko is going to facilitate a meeting between Mr. Gratz and the Votech students to coordinate any work needed at the pool.

Interested lifeguard applicants inquired if the Borough would advance the cost for the lifeguard training allowing the lifeguards to then work the cost off. Mr. Gratz stated that could be worked out through payroll, but he also mentioned that St Luke’s has expressed some interest in supporting the pool. Any additional support could offset lifeguard training costs and wages and potentially free up funds for future safety initiatives.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Council President Blatt reported on the restaurant week and appreciated the initiative.

Arbor Day will be held on April 28. Mr. Spadacia will be honored on that day as well. Timing is still discussed.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – None.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION - ADJOURNMENT

At 7:38 pm Council President entertained a motion to adjourn to the Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. Ms. Johnson 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 – 878
Next Resolution – 2023-12

APPROVED