

**MINUTES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL  
October 18, 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 Amy Burkhart (Borough Manager), Cordula Voges (Finance Director), 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 October 2, 2023 as amended

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

**PRESENTATION(S)** – None

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/ PRE-SCHEDULED**

Mr. Michael Zovko at 507 Greene Ct announced the following events on behalf of the Fountain Hill Community Coalition:

- November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Autumn cleanup meeting at 10 AM at the pool
- November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Joint breakfast with St. Paul’s Lutheran Church at their church from 9 AM to 11 AM. A speaker from the Veterans’ Administration is invited to speak about veterans’ benefits.
- November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Community Coalition’s General Meeting at 7 PM to be held at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church. Ms. Burkhart, the new Borough Manager, is invited to introduce her to the Fountain Hill Community Coalition.

Mr. Zovko reported that the work at the pool continues. The Community Coalition started its campaign to find lifeguards and asked Council to provide 2024 payrates for lifeguards.

Council President Blatt expressed his appreciation for all the work the Community Coalition has done.

Council President Blatt welcomed Ms. Burkhart as the new Borough Manager.

**RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE**

**RESOLUTION 2023-21**  
 A RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION FOR AN ACT 537 SPECIAL STUDY FOR THE  
 BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL

	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						

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-22**  
 A RESOLUTION OF THE FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTING THE  
 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH POLICE NON-UNIFORMED  
 PENSION PLAN

	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						

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-23**

A RESOLUTION OF THE FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTING THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH POLICE UNIFORMED PENSION PLAN

	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						

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-24**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE FIRST ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE TO THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2023 CALENDAR YEAR

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

**MOTIONS**

➤ **Sioux Street – Grace Industries Payment Applications 2 & 3**

Payment approval as per Recommendation Letter Hanover Engineering 10/13/2023

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

➤ **Roosevelt & Dorothy Ave – GoreCon, Inc. Payment Application 1**

Payment approval as per Recommendation Letter Hanover Engineering 10/13/2023

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

➤ **Animal Control Officer**

Council President Blatt stated that an Animal Control Officer needed to be appointed as a temporary measure until a permanent designee could be found, to address some residents' complaints. He recommended appointing Ms. Burkhart as the Animal Control Officer to evaluate problems related to Animal Control. Council President Blatt asked if there was a motion to authorize her accordingly.

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

**ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 879**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL, CHAPTER 15, PART 3, SECTION 302 (C) 3, TO DELETE/ADD CERTAIN HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES.

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Ordinance No 879 was reviewed and approved for advertising on 9/20/2023 regarding 750 Seneca St. The ordinance was advertised on 9/27 and 9/28/2023.

Council President Blatt asked if there was a motion to pass Ordinance No. 879.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Rufe reported that the House & Ordinance (H&O) committee met to further discuss any ordinances regarding weed control. The next H&O meeting is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS (NEW BUSINESS) – None**
- **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – Discussion on Non - Agenda Items

Mr. Brian Ferencin of 1210 Broadway addressed Council to report that cars continue to speed on the alleys near the school. He still thinks that speed bumps would help alleviate that problem. Bumps. Council President Blatt shared Mr. Ferencin’s concern. Chief Bachert noted that the Police had posted unmarked police cruisers in the area and had not found any violations. He remarked that vehicles moving at the legal speed limit of 25m/h seems to be fast, since the alleys are narrow. Council President Blatt stated that the legality of speed bumps would still need to be examined including the initiation of a traffic study. Ms. Johnson added that speeding is a statewide problem and is of concern. However, she cautioned that any associated cost to counteract speeding needs to be considered as well.

Chief Bachert reported that 97 traffic arrests were made during a recent enforcement event for aggressive driving and seat belt violations. He also reminded that a drug drop off will be held on 10/28/2023 from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Fountain Hill Police Station.

Mr. McCandless reported that the Fountain Hill Volunteer Fire Co. was on call to and actively participated in a recent fire in Freemansburg.

Council President Blatt reminded of the Electronic Recycling event on 10/21/2023.

Council President Blatt also reminded of the upcoming Budget Meetings (as committees as a whole) scheduled for the next two Wednesdays at 6 PM. The public can address any budget-related questions at the following November 6 Council Meeting.

Trick or Treat night is scheduled for 10/27/2023 from 6 to 8 PM.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – (Personnel Matter) & ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:40 PM Council President Blatt asked to adjourn the Council meeting and asked Council to move into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Mr. Trabel made the motion, seconded by Mr. McCandless and unanimously approved.

BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL  
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
By:

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Norman E Blatt - President of Council

ATTESTED

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Burkhart, Borough Manager

SUBMITTED

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

Next Ordinance – 880  
Next Resolution – 2023-25

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

Approved