

Minutes
BOROUGH COUNCIL
October 19, 2022
7 P.M.

The Council Meeting was held in-person at Borough Hall. Council members present were: Ms. Jordan, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Trotter, Mr. Blatt, Ms. Graham, and Mr. Trabel. Mr. Rufe and Mayor Johnson were absent. Also, in attendance were Eric Gratz (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 3, 2022 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			
Erica Graham			x			
Norman E. Blatt Jr.			x			
Mayor Johnson						

PRESENTATION(S) – None.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/ PRE-SCHEDULED – None.

DRAFT RESOLUTIONS FOR REVIEW

RESOLUTION NO. 2022- 27

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IMPLEMENTING ACT 57 OF 2022.

Mr. Gratz explained that Act 57 of 2022 requires taxing districts that impose taxes on the assessed value of real property to adopt a Resolution or Ordinance within 90 days of the effective date of the Act, or no later than January 9, 2023, directing the tax collector to waive additional charges for real estate taxes in certain situations. The above draft resolution will be put on the November meeting agenda.

DRAFT ORDINANCES FOR REVIEW & ADVERTISEMENT – None.

OLD BUSINESS

Council President Blatt reminded of the following upcoming events:

- Drug Take-Back – 10/29 10am-2pm at Police Station
- Trick or Treat – 10/28 6pm-8pm rain or shine
- Holiday Tree Lighting – 12/4 4pm across the street from the Fire House

DISCUSSION ITEMS (NEW BUSINESS)

- Potential 3-year agreement with Lehigh County Humane Society for \$1,000/year

The agreement was reviewed by the solicitor. Mr. Gratz summarized the services promised in the agreement and their value to the community. Council President Blatt then asked to put the agreement on the next November meeting agenda.

- Fountain Hill Elementary School inquiry regarding Veteran's Day

Mr. Gratz reported that a school representative had reached out to explore a joint activity for Veteran's Day. He suggested to explore a collaboration with the school similar to Memorial Day for next year and respond accordingly. Council consented.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS – None.

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

Council President Blatt reminded that on October 26th and November 2nd Council will meet as a committee of the whole in a public forum to deliberate on the Budget 2023. Council President Blatt mentioned that the public may only comment on budget related items, not on general items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Personnel) - ADJOURNMENT

At 7:45 pm Council President Blatt entertained a motion to move into an executive session to discuss personnel matters and not return to the public meeting.

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 – 873
Next Resolution – 2022 - 28

Approved