

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Budget Discussion
October 25, 2023
6 P.M.**

The Council met as Committee of the Whole at Borough Hall. Council members present were: Ms. Jordan, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Rufe, Mr. Trotter, Mr. Blatt, Mr. McCandless and Mr. Trabel. Also, in attendance were Amy Burkhart (Borough Manager), Cordula Voges (Finance Director), Jason Quarry (Public Works Supervisor). and guests.

Council President Blatt opened the meeting stating that the Committee of the Whole meeting is a public meeting and work session to discuss the Budget 2024 – General Fund, Liquid Fuel Fund and Capital Projects– and that no formal action will be taken.

Council President Blatt asked everyone to rise for the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (NEW BUSINESS)

- Capital Projects, Liquid Fuels Fund and General Fund -

Ms. Voges presented the highlights of the proposed General Fund Budget 2024 supported by visual power point slides highlighting newly added and quantitative changes of some revenue/expenditure line items. She stressed that the General Fund budget – as presented - will keep the Real Estate Taxes at the current level and proposes a capital reserve transfer of \$250,000. A detailed presentation of capital projects – both vehicles and equipment and mostly road construction projects - funded through General Fund and Liquid Fuels Fund followed. The capital 3-year plan emphasizes the importance of setting aside capital reserves for future investments.

Council President Blatt raised the question regarding the handling of future extensive pool repairs. He suggested determining their scope and adding them to the future capital project schedule. Mr. Rufe suggested reviewing the broader range of eligible uses of Local Share grant funds, rather than Police Cruiser funding only.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:40 pm Council President Blatt concluded the meeting.

**BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

By:

Norman E Blatt - President of Council

SUBMITTED:

BY: _____
Cordula Voges, Finance Director

ATTEST:

By: _____
Amy Burkhart, Borough Manager

Next Ordinance – 880
Next Resolution – 2023-25

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