

**MINUTES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
Budget Discussion  
October 26, 2022  
6 P.M.**

The Council met as Committee of the Whole was held in-person at Borough Hall. Council members present were: Ms. Jordan, Mr. Trotter, Mr. Blatt, and Mr. Trabel. Ms. Johnson, Mr. Rufe, and Ms. Graham had excused absences. Also, in attendance were Eric Gratz (Borough Manager), Cordula Voges (Finance Director), Jason Quarry (Public Works Supervisor), and guests.

Council President Blatt opened the meeting stating that there is only public comment on the budget at this meeting, no other comments will be taken. The public may also comment at any of the future scheduled Council Meetings.

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS (NEW BUSINESS)**

- Capital Projects, Liquid Fuels Fund and General Fund -  
Mr. Gratz presented the highlights of the proposed General Fund Budget 2023 supported by visual power point slides highlighting newly added and quantitative changes of some revenue/expenditure line items. He stressed that the General Fund budget – as presented - will keep the Real Estate Taxes on 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, Liquid Fuels Fund, and ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) 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 the pool. He suggested to defer this discussion to the next scheduled Council Meeting, and Council consented. Mr. Gratz will add the pool discussion to the agenda of the upcoming Council Meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:37 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eric Gratz, Borough Manager

Next Ordinance – 873  
Next Resolution – 2022 - 29

Approved