

**FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES
September 22, 2021
7:00 P.M**

The Council Meeting was held in-person at Borough Hall. Council members present were: Ms. Jordan, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Blatt, Mayor Gifford, Mr. Rufe, Mr. Trabel, Mr. Trotter and Ms. Halleman. Also, in attendance were Eric Gratz, (Borough Manager), Cordula Voges (Finance Director), and guests.

Council President Blatt called the meeting to order and asked for everyone to rise for the Pledge to the Flag

MINUTES

- Council President Blatt asked for a motion to approve the September 7, 2021 Minutes.

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

PRESENTATION(S) - None.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – None.

RESOLUTIONS – None.

ORDINANCES – None.

MOTIONS

- Council President Blatt asked for motion to approve the Police 12-hour shift compromise.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Annamarie Jordan			X			
Jamie Johnson			X			

Wilbert Rufe			X			
Doug Trotter		x	X			
Philip Trabel	x		X			
Helen Halleman			X			
Norman E. Blatt Jr.			X			
Mayor Gifford						

- Black Dog Partners – 1336 Russell Ave (Hosey property) request for extension of Land Use Application until October 31, 2021

Council President Blatt asked for a motion to approve the above request for extension.

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

Council President Blatt asked Mr. Gratz to notify the applicant’s Solicitor accordingly

- Council President Blatt asked for a motion to approve the Payment Application No 4 to Pipe Services Corp. in the adjusted amount of \$58,077.76 as recommended by the Borough engineer.

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

OLD BUSINESS

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money for Stormwater Authority accepted, inlet project

Borough Manager, Eric Gratz, reported that the Fountain Hill Stormwater Authority (FHSWA) accepted the first installment of the ARPA funds for its inlet project. The scope of the project will be adjusted as funds are available.

- Borough Vehicle to be auctioned off on Municibid

Council had originally approved the sale of the retired Police Cruiser on Municibid. The Borough Manager explained that even though the sale was initially approved for the sale of the Police Cruiser, the Borough is considering to potentially keep the Police Cruiser for Borough use and sell the aging Jeep Cherokee instead. The final decision will be made after the Police Cruiser is inspected.

- Ms. Jordan announced that the Grand Opening of the Book Mobile will be held on October 2, 2021 between 10 am and 1 pm.

Currently, the Book Mobile will also be open every other Saturday.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (NEW BUSINESS)

- Mattress Trash Bag Program

Mr. Gratz reported that the Borough had ordered mattress trash bags (\$1.87/bag) to provide to Borough residents and thus encourage the proper disposal of mattresses. He suggested to discuss and vote if the bags are given away or sold at the next Council Meeting.

- Moravia Street School Traffic

Council President had received a request to direct traffic only one way during certain times for the safety of students.

Mayor Gifford mentioned that a student pick-up plan had been established with the school to use the front entrance and direct the foot traffic to Church Street. She asked to coordinate accordingly with the Principal and adhere to that plan.

Mr. Gratz offered to set up a meeting with the Police and further discuss the plan.

- Zoning Clerk Position

Mr. Gratz reported that the Zoning Clerk position will be advertised online.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel Matters

Council President Blatt announced that Council will adjourn for an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and not return to the public meeting room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:21 PM Council President Blatt asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms Johnson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Trabel and unanimously approved.

BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

By: _____
Norman E. Blatt Jr.- President of Council

SUBMITTED

By: _____
Cordula Voges, Finance Director

ATTEST:

By: _____
Eric Gratz, Borough Manager

Next Ordinance – 865
Next Resolution – 2021 - 16

