

**FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Committee of the Whole**  
**BUDGET MINUTES**  
**October 24, 2019**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**1. Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance**

Council members present were: Ms. Jordan, Mr. Blatt, Mr. Trotter, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Trabel, and Ms. Halleman. Mr. Ferencin and Mayor Gifford were absent. Also, in attendance were Anthony Branco (Borough Manager), Cordula Voges (Finance Director), and guests.

President Atkinson informed the room that this was a Committee Meeting of the Whole to discuss the 2020 budget and as such no public comment would be taken at this time. The public would be permitted to speak on budget items at the regular advertised Council meetings.

**2. Discussion Items:**

Ms. Voges presented the following budget items;

- 2019 Budget discussions
  - Library Fund  
No tax increase for 2020. The per capita increased from \$17.55 in 2019 to \$18.88 in 2020.
  - Fire Fund  
No tax increase for 2020. Mr. Branco informed Council that the Pumper is nearly 25 years old and that it will need to be replaced in the near future. Mr. Sabo, the Emergency Management Director for the Borough, and Mr. Branco will seek fire grants as they become available.
  - Liquid Fuels  
In 2020, the Borough has received a CDBG Grant for Stanley Avenue and North Hoffert Street reconstruction project. Some liquid fuels money will be used to cover the difference depending on the bids received.  
Mr. Branco also informed the members that recently UGI had done extensive street work in the southern part of the Borough. As in past agreements, UGI will mill and pave from the curb closest to the work area, 2 feet past the furthest excavation. Escrow monies are received and

returned when the project is completed to the satisfaction of the Borough and Borough Engineer.

In 2019 two of the streets that had excavations on them need to be reconstructed. They are Wiley Street from S. Lynn to S. Bergen Streets (estimated cost of \$158,431.00), and Sioux St. from S. Bergen to S. Hoffert Streets (estimated cost of \$230,067.50).

Mr. Branco asked the members to consider doing Wiley St. in conjunction with the CDBG project in 2020. The members agreed. The members were also informed that Public Works had started paving alleys and that would also continue in 2020.

○ Wages Police & Public Works

The wages for Public Works and the Police departments are regulated by contracts. The PW wages will increase by 2.6% in 2020. The Police contract with had gone to arbitration awarded the police a 3.5% increase for each year of the contract starting in October of 2019, as well as other increases.

The Police Secretary and the PW. Foreman will receive 6% increases, and the PT Secretaries (25 hrs./wk.) will receive a 4% increase. Ms. Voges and Mr. Branco are not scheduled to receive any increases, and the Police Chief will be discussed at a later date.

○ Health & Sanitation

Garbage rates will remain at \$102.00 per quarter. This has remained constant since 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM by unanimous vote.

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Leo Atkinson - President of Council

**SUBMITTED BY**

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

**ATTEST:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony Branco, Borough Manager