

MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP
JANUARY 21, 2026
7 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – The Council Meeting was held in-person at Borough Hall. Council members present were Ms. Johnson, Mr. Noble, Ms. Ireland, Mr. Trotter, Mr. McCandless, Mr. Blatt, Mr. Trabel and Mayor Johnson. Also in attendance were Borough Amy Burkhart, and Ms. Velez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – President McCandless called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge to the Flag.

MOMENT OF SILENCE – President McCandless requested a moment of silence for a long time Fountain Hiller Mr. Tommy LaBuda.

MINUTES –

There was a motion to approve the Minutes of December 17, 2025 – The motion was passed.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Joanna Ireland					X	
Jamie Johnson		X	X			
Mark Noble					X	
Doug Trotter			X			
Philip Trabel			X			
Stew McCandless			X			
Norman E. Blatt Jr.	X		X			
Mayor Johnson						

The Minutes from January 5, 2026 were reviewed. N. Blatt noted that Ms. Ireland's name was missing from the attendees and that under Swearing in of Councilmembers and Mayor, Mayor Johnson was noted as Mayor Elect, while Council was not noted as Councilmember Elect. I was recommended to remove the word Elect. M. Noble noted that his name was misspelled in the Minutes. With no further revisions, there was a motion to accept the Minutes of January 5, 2026, as amended. – The motion was passed.

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Joanna Ireland			X			
Jamie Johnson	X		X			
Mark Noble			X			
Doug Trotter			X			
Philip Trabel		X	X			
Stew McCandless			X			
Norman E. Blatt Jr.			X			
Mayor Johnson						

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/ PRE-SCHEDULED -

Citizen Michael Yurasek addressed Council requesting that the Borough flags be lowered to half-staff on Friday, the day of Mr. LaBuda's funeral, in honor of his memory.

NEW BUSINESS -

It was reported that a Police Grant was approved by the state legislature in the amount of \$40,000. Approved upgrades include interview-view cameras, iPads, and the camera recording system.

A. Burkhart reported that Resolution No. 2026-08 is on the agenda for Committee Appointments. The first appointment is Ms. Ashley Wood to the Stormwater Authority, filling the remainder of Ms. Jordan's term. The second appointment is Ms. Rebekah Wamsley to the Zoning Hearing Board, effectively replacing Mr. Noble for a one-year term.

The Rental Inspection Program was **discussed**. Borough Manager Burkhart discussed the current rental inspection ordinance and suggested revising it as part of the mandated 3-5-year review to ensure properties meet Borough standards. Council agreed and discussed removing HUD funded housing exemptions for public safety. President McCandless referenced ongoing issues at the Seneca Street HUD property. Council Member Ireland suggested creating an online portal for landlord submissions.

The Fee Schedule was discussed. Minor changes to the fee schedule were presented and will be reviewed by Council at the General Meeting on February 2, 2026.

There was a report on Resolution No. 2026-10 regarding Handicapped Parking. The application was reviewed by Council.

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A. Burkhart noted that Resolution No. 2026-09 is on the agenda for approval. This is related to the State's Technical Assistance Program. Borough Manager Burkhart explained that a free courtesy of the state of P.A., a fire study will be conducted for the Borough.

OLD BUSINESS - nothing to report

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 08 - A RESOLUTION OF THE FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTING THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS. There was a motion to approve Resolutions 2026-08. The motion was passed.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Joanna Ireland			X			
Jamie Johnson	X		X			
Mark Noble			X			
Doug Trotter			X			
Philip Trabel		X	X			
Stew McCandless			X			
Norman E. Blatt Jr.			X			
Mayor Johnson						

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 09 - AUTHORIZING APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF A STATEMENT OF WORK FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES. There was a motion to adopt Resolution 2026 - 09. The motion was passed.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Joanna Ireland			X			
Jamie Johnson			X			
Mark Noble			X			
Doug Trotter	X		X			
Philip Trabel		X	X			
Stew McCandless			X			
Norman E. Blatt Jr.			X			
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RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 10 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADDING A

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RESERVED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR 519 GREENE COURT. There was a motion to adopt Resolution 2026 – 10. The motion was passed.

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Joanna Ireland			X			
Jamie Johnson			X			
Mark Noble			X			
Doug Trotter			X			
Philip Trabel	X		X			
Stew McCandless			X			
Norman E. Blatt Jr.		X	X			
Mayor Johnson						

ORDINANCES – No Ordinances

MOTIONS – No Motions

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT –

- Committee Assignments – Approved. President McCandless and Ms. Johnson will ensure the information is advertised and communicated accordingly.
- Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 28, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.; Donations are accepted at Borough Hall.
 - Rain Date April 4, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.
- Safety Reminder – President McCandless reminded residents to be aware of the snow emergency and to monitor the Nixel portal for related Borough information. Residents not yet signed up were advised to register both their email and phone number separately.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS –

- Police Committee Meeting will be held on February 2, 2026 at 5:45 P.M.
- Fire Committee Meeting will be held February 4, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – There were no requests for Privilege of the Floor.

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ADJOURNMENT -

Council President entertained a motion to adjourn. Ms. Johnson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Trabel and the motion was unanimously approved.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Annamarie Jordan			X			
Jamie Johnson			X			
Mark Noble			X			
Doug Trotter	X		X			
Philip Trabel		X	X			
Stew McCandless			X			
Norman E. Blatt Jr.			X			
Mayor Johnson						

BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
By:

Stewart McCandless - President of Council

ATTESTED

BY: _____
Amy Burkhart, Borough Manager

SUBMITTED

BY: _____
Alysia Velez, Finance Clerk