

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL
January 22, 2025 - 7 P.M.**

The Council Meeting was held in person at Borough Hall. The meeting was called to order and roll call was conducted by Council President McCandless. Councilmembers present were Ms. Jordan (via phone), Ms. Johnson (via phone), Mr. Trotter, Mr. Blatt, Mr. Trabel, Council President McCandless, Mayor Johnson, and Borough Manager Burkhart.

Absent was Mr. Rufe.

Council made a motion to enter an Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Reprimand and the Hiring of Police Personnel.

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

Following the Executive Session Council reconvened the public meeting.

The Minutes of December 18, 2024, were reviewed – President McCandless asked if there were additions or corrections. No revisions were requested.

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

The Minutes of December 30, 2024, were reviewed – President McCandless asked if there were additions or corrections. Mr. Blatt asked if the minutes should reflect the reason for his abstention noted in the December 30, 2024 Minutes. Mr. Blatt stated that he abstained because he did not have sufficient opportunity to review Minutes that were being voted upon. It was suggested that that revision is not be necessary. No additional revisions were requested.

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

The Minutes of January 6, 2025 were reviewed – President McCandless asked if there were additions or corrections. No revisions were requested.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/ PRE-SCHEDULED & AGENDA ITEMS – There were no requests for Privilege of the Floor

NEW BUSINESS – There were no items for New Business

OLD BUSINESS – There were no items for Old Business

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-04 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL, COUNTY OF LEHIGH, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA: ACCEPTING THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT & ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONS OF LAND DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL SUBMITTED TO THE BOROUGH BY BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PRELIMINARY / FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR FOUNTAIN HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; WAIVING ANY TECHNICAL DEFICIENCIES ASSOCIATED THEREWITH; AND RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE CONTINUED VALIDITY OF THE APPROVAL OF SAID PLAN AS SET FORTH IN RESOLUTION NO. 2024-19

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

RESOLUTION 2025-05 APPOINTMENT OF SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-06 A RESOLUTION OF THE FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTING THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL'S SPECIFIED BOARDS, AUTHORITIES AND COMMISSIONS

The resolution appoints Norman Blatt Jr. to the Civil Service Commission and Annamarie Jordan to the Stormwater Authority

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

MOTIONS –

A motion was made approve the appointment of Benjamin Iobst as a Part-Time Police Officer at a rate as outlined in the 2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement. The date of hire will be January 22, 2025.

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

A motion was made to retroactively pay Benjamin Iobst eleven (11) hours of training at the rates outlined in the 2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement for first year part-time officers for training completed as part of the police onboarding process.

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

Mayor Johnson administered the Oath of Office to Benjamin Iobst

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President McCandless reported on the following:

The Police Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday February 4 at 5:45 p.m.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 19, 2025

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

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

ATTESTED

BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

BY: _____
Amy Burkhart, Borough Manager

By: _____
Stewart McCandless - President of Council

SUBMITTED BY: _____
Amy Burkhart, Borough Manager