

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL
March 20, 2024
7 P.M.**

The Council Meeting was held in-person at Borough Hall. Council members present were: Ms. Jordan, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Rufe, Mr. Trotter, Mr. McCandless, Mr. Blatt, Mr. Trabel and Mayor Johnson. Also in attendance were Amy Burkhart (Borough Manager), Jill Fessler (Finance Director), and guests.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES

Council President McCandless asked the Council to approve the minutes of March 4, 2024, as amended. Mr. Blatt made the motion, seconded by Mr. Trabel. Ms. Johnson abstained, and the remaining members unanimously approved.

	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						

PRESENTATION(S) - None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/ PRE-SCHEDULED/OR AN AGENDA ITEM - None

NEW BUSINESS

- DCNR Grant Application - Amy Burkhart explained that we would like to apply for a DCNR Grant through a community partnership program. It is going to be specifically for a pool feasibility study. The deadline for submission is April 3, 2024. This pool feasibility study would identify the needs of the pool over a 10-year horizon. If awarded, this would be a 2025 project. The cost for the study would be \$50,000. The grant would cover 50% of this cost, which would be \$25,000. Our cost would be \$25,000. We need to have a feasibility study in place to complete the application process.

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO ELECTRONICALLY SIGN THE DCNR GRANT APPLICATION AND TO BE THE AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY FOR THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND APPLICABLE AMENDMENTS

Council President McCandless asked the Council to approve Resolution No. 2024-14. Ms. Johnson made the motion, seconded by Ms. Jordan, and unanimously approved.

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

- **DRAFT ORDINANCES FOR REVIEW & ADVERTISEMENT - None**

- **OLD BUSINESS**

- Handicapped Permit Waiver Process - House and Ordinance will work with the Finance Director to update the ordinance.
- 2024 Street projects design update - Amy Burkhart gave a brief update regarding the 2024 Street projects. The three 2024 projects are Hertzog, Brighton, and Lechauweki. In our 2024 budget, we have budgeted \$200,000 for Hertzog, \$90,000 for Brighton, and \$200,000 for Lechauweki. The engineers are beginning to finish the bidding guidelines and the projects will be bid on in April. We anticipate that these projects will be awarded in May or early June for work to be completed between June and September of this year.
- Storm Water Connection on Lechauweki Update - Amy Burkhart explained that last month we approved an agreement for the house at 730 Lechauweki to be connected to our stormwater drain. The residents will no longer need to connect to our stormwater drain, since there has been a change in their project. They will continue with the project, but they will install a sump pump in the basement which will drain into their backyard. They will no longer need to be connected to our stormwater drain.
- Pool Update - Amy Burkhart announced that we are continuing to work through the hiring process. We have lifeguards working through this process, and we are continuing to accept applications. We will keep you informed of the management structure. She explained that by the April 1st meeting, we will be bringing a resolution regarding the recommended entry rates to the pool.

- **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR - Discussion on Non - Agenda Items - None**

Council President McCandless announced that Saturday, March the 30th at 10 am is the Fountain Hill Easter Egg Hunt. Friday, April 26th is the Arbor Day Ceremony. More information to follow. Friday, May 24th, we will have our Annual Memorial Day Ceremony. More information to follow. In Mid-April, we will have a Spring cleanup of the Borough and more information to follow.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:23 pm Council President McCandless asked to adjourn the Council meeting and asked Council to move into executive session to discuss the Zoning Officer. Ms. Johnson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Trabel, and unanimously approved.

	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						

BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ATTESTED

BY: _____
Amy Burkhardt, Borough Manager

By: _____
Stewart McCandless - President of Council

SUBMITTED

BY: _____
Jill Fessler, Finance Director

Next Ordinance – 883
Next Resolution – 2024-14

