

**MINUTES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL  
March 4, 2024  
7 P.M.**

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

- Approval of the minutes of February 21<sup>st</sup> as amended.

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

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/ PRE-SCHEDULED**

Julian Pelekanakis, a resident at 1366 Puggy Lane, was here on behalf of the residents of Star Village. There are about seventeen homes that are on top of 78. He wanted to report that recently we have been having issues with recycling pickup. Mr. McCandless assured him that we are aware of the problems, and we are working with Republic Services to resolve this problem. Mr. Rufe offered his assistance.

Jim Littleton, a resident at 1361 Puggy Lane, reported that their collections have been missed even though they called, and reported it on the website. Republic Services is missing homes. Mr. McCandless asked him to keep reporting, and the Borough will work with Republic Services to get this corrected. Mr. Rufe suggested temporary signage may solve this problem for these seventeen homes.

**MAYOR’S REPORT - None**

**BOROUGH MANAGER’S REPORT - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 9**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTING AND AFFIRMING THE TERMS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE FOUNTAIN HILL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

Norman Blatt Jr.	6-year term	01/01/2019 – 12/31/2024
Michael Langton	6-year term	01/01/2021 – 12/31/2026
Charles Zurick	6-year term	01/01/2017 – 12/31/2022
Charles Zurick	6-year term	01/01/2023 – 12/31/2028

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 10**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRIS POST TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR POSITION 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			
Stew McCandless			x			
Norman E. Blatt Jr.			x			
Mayor Johnson						

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF RAY ANTHONY TO THE DEPUTY LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR POSITION IN THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 12**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL AFFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE FOUNTAIN HILL ZONING HEARING BOARD**

David Kauffman	5-year term	Term Expires 12/31/2025
Mark Noble	3-year term	Term Expires 12/31/2025
Christina Bennick	3-year term	Term Expires 12/31/2025

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-13**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL AMENDING THE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024**

**NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

All meetings will be held in Borough Hall, 941 Long Street, Fountain Hill, PA:  
Committee Meetings held on the following dates as needed:

	Police Committee – First Monday at 5:45 p.m.
	Finance Committee – First Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.
	Personnel Committee – First Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.
	Public Works Committee – First Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
	Fire Committee – First Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
	Health and Sanitation Committee – Third Wednesday at
5:30 p.m.	
	Recreation Committee – Third Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
	House and Ordinance Committee – Fourth Wednesday at
7:00 p.m.	
	IT Committee – As needed.

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

**ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE**

- None
- **MOTIONS**

Approval of 730 Lechauweki Operation and Maintenance Agreement.  
 Mr. Berger explained that this is a Stormwater Management Agreement for 730 Lechauweki. The dwelling is under the agreement to be sold. The sanitary sewer camera inspection failed at this property due to a significant amount of water going into the sewer lateral. It is the property owner’s responsibility to fix the issue. Their contractor suggested that they install a sump pump and attach it to the Borough’s storm water line. To connect to the system, the homeowner must agree to this agreement which will protect the Borough. The property owner has paid for the work. We are asking the Council to approve this agreement.

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

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT -**

Mr. McCandless announced that it is restaurant week this week. He explained that Matt Schule from Public Works passed his pesticide exam, both the core and the category twenty-four for certification. This is the pool certification. He reported that he saw the plans for the new elementary school which is expected to close in 2025. Also, he informed the Council that the schools’ Superintendent, Mr. Silva, offered to do a presentation. Lastly, our easter egg hunt will be Saturday March the 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT - We are still making progress on the Comcast agreement.**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Finance (Trotter, Blatt, Jordan)

- Motion to pay the bills as presented –

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

### B. Public Works (Jordan, Trotter, Rufe)

The Public Works Supervisor announced that Matt Schule passed his exam.

### C. Police - (Blatt, Trotter, Johnson) - None

### D. House & Ordinances (McCandless, Jordan, Rufe) - None

### E. Fire (Trabel, Rufe, McCandless) – None

### F. Recreation (Johnson, Rufe, Trabel) –

Ms. Burkhart reported that we have interest in the positions opened at the pool. We are recruiting. Currently, we have five that need to be certified and three that do not have experience.

### G. Health & Sanitation (Rufe, Johnson, Trabel)

Mr. Rufe read the Sewer & Garbage collection reports for the month of February.

### H. Personnel (Trotter, Blatt, Jordan) – None.

### I. IT Committee (Johnson, Rufe, Jordan) –

Ms. Burkhart reported that we had a small meeting reviewing the technical issues that we have at Borough Hall. We discussed the infrastructure needs that will be required as the police department does renovations to their squad room.

**SPECIAL OR SELECT COMMITTEES** – Mr. Zovko announced it is restaurant week. He reported that St. Paul’s Congregation has been dwindling and the church is trying to determine what to do. Over the next few months, the Coalition will be talking with St. Paul’s and the possibility of developing a community center at this location.

Mr. Ruffe announced that he would go back to the library committee to see why the Cloud Library app is not working.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:40 pm Council President McCandless asked to adjourn the Council meeting and asked Council to move into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Mr. Trabel made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ruffe, and unanimously approved.

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

BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL  
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ATTESTED

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Burkhart, Borough Manager

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stew McCandless - President of Council

SUBMITTED

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jill Fessler, Finance Director

Next Ordinance – 883  
Next Resolution – 2024-14

Approved 3/20/2024