

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

The Council Meeting was held in person at Borough Hall. The meeting was called to order. Council President requested that attendees stand, as able, for the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was conducted by Council President McCandless. Councilmembers present were Ms. Jordan, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Trotter, Mr. Blatt, Mr. Trabel, and Council President McCandless. Also present were Mayor Johnson, and Borough Manager Burkhart.

Absent was Mr. Rufe

The Minutes of September 17, 2025, were reviewed. It was noted that on page three it should be changed from “Truck or Treat” to “Trunk or Treat.” The Minutes of October 6, 2026, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the Minutes October 17, 2025 as amended and the Minutes from October 6, 2025, as presented. The motion passed.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/ PRE-SCHEDULED & AGENDA ITEMS – No one requested Privilege of the Floor.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Burkhart reported on the Notification of Award Received for Liquid Fuels 2026 Allocation which will be \$122,850.51

Leaf Collection – The Borough is currently doing leaf collection and if anyone would like to request pick up they should call Borough hall.

It was noted that the Electronics Recycling Event will be on November 22, 2025, from 10 am – 1 pm at the upper Dodson Ballfield. No charge for residents.

A. Burkhart reviewed the States Conservatorship legislation and how it could be of use to remediate 1336 Russell Avenue. This building is blighted and has become a public nuisance in the Borough. The use of Conservatorship would allow the Borough to make decisions on behalf of the building. It was agreed to move forward with concept of Conservatorship for 1336 Russell.

ORDINANCE 888 – A. Burkhart reviewed Ordinance 888 which would increase the property tax millage by 1 mill in 2026.

OLD BUSINESS

Request to Vacate a portion of Reservoir Ave – A. Burkhart reported that the applicant is willing to wait for January / February to hold the public hearing for the request.

A. Burkhart Reviewed the dates of upcoming Budget Meetings:

October 23, 2025 – 6 PM - Fire, Library, All Other Funds

November 3, 2025 -6 PM - Unfinished budget business prior to Council Meeting

ORDINANCE 887 – It was reported that Ordinance 887, an ordinance that updates the Boroughs Parking Regulations is being updated as requested.

Sidewalk Agreements – It was reported that the agreements for curb cut deferrals is being worked on and will be brought back to Council when finished.

RESOLUTIONS FOR REVIEW/FINAL PASSAGE - None

ORDINANCES IN REVIEW

ORDINANCE 887 - An ordinance that updates the Boroughs Parking Regulations is currently being updated.

ORDINANCE 888 - An Ordinance that increases the Boroughs Property Tax Millage to 11.61 has been reviewed and is ready for advertising.

There was a motion to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance 888

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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						

MOTIONS - None

COUNCIL PRESIDENTS REPORT – President McCandless reported on the following activities.

- Drug Take Back – October 25, 2025, 10-2 p.m.
- Holiday Decorating Contest – October 26, 2025
- St. Ursulas Tricky Tray – October 26 and 27, 2025
- Trick/Trunk or Treat – October 31, 2025, 6-8 p.m.
- St. Paul’s Veterans Event – November 15, 2025, 8:30 a.m.
- The Fountain Hill Fire Company has two more people who have passed their interior fire fighter certifications.

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

ADJOURNMENT - There was a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

	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
 ATTESTED

LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

BY: _____
 Amy Burkhart, Borough Manager

By: _____
 Stewart McCandless - President of Council

SUBMITTED BY: _____
 Amy Burkhart, Borough Manager