

**MINUTES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL  
October 23, 2024 - 7 P.M.**

The Council Meeting was held in person at Borough Hall. Council members present were Ms. Jordan, Mr. Trotter, Mr. McCandless, Mr. Blatt, Mr. Trabel, Amy Burkhart (Borough Manager), and guests.

Absent from the meeting were Ms. Johnson, Mr. Rufe and Mayor Johnson

Council President McCandless called the meeting to order a roll call was conducted.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Council President McCandless asked everyone to rise for the Pledge to the Flag.

**MINUTES** – N. Blatt recommended that the word additionally be removed from various sections of the minutes that stated, “no additional report” and to amend the wording to “no report” to avoid confusion. N. Blatt requested that his comments in the discussion of Hertzog Avenue be more accurately stated that when the Borough had the money for sidewalk repair, the Borough would do that repair, but when the Borough did not have the money for sidewalk repair, the repair would be the responsibility of the residents. N. Blatt noted that M. Zovko’s name was spelled incorrectly. Council President McCandless requested a motion to approve the minutes as amended from October 7, 2024. Mr. Trable made the motion, seconded by Ms. Jordan The minutes were approved.

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Welcome Linda Fenner** – S. McCandless noted that the Borough has an interim Finance Manager, Linda Fenner. She is in the office daily.

**LSA Award for police vehicle** – M. McCandless announced that the Borough has been awarded an LSA grant for a Police Vehicle. A. Jordan asked for clarification that the money was specifically for a police vehicle. A Burkhart confirmed that it is for a police vehicle, but in future grant submissions other items could be considered.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Street Projects Update – A. Burkhart updated Council on the payment to GorCon indicating that the Borough is confirming the source of the funds to be General Fund and not Liquid Fuels Funds. Also, it was noted that Hertzog would be the street project for 2026. President McCandless asked what projects might be considered for 2025; J. Quarry noted that we can review additional projects for 2025, but did not identify a specific one.

Lining of Manholes Update – It was noted that the contractor for the lining is currently working in Salisbury. J. Quarry indicated that mid-November would be the timeframe for that contractor to be in the Borough.

Code Enforcement Position / Finance Manager Position Update – A. Burkhart noted that both positions are currently advertised and outlined the anticipated interview process, which includes the Personnel Committee as well as key Borough Staff being part of the interview process. There was discussion regarding the process and it was determined to move forward with interviews.

Pool Pump Update – A. Burkhart noted that we continue to work through the payment of the pool pump that was previously approved.

President McCandless announced the lights for the ladder truck have been repaired and the truck is back in services

**MOTIONS**

President McCandless requested a motion to accept the resignation of Jill Fessler, Finance Officer effective, October 6, 2024

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

President McCandless requested a motion to accept and approve extension request for 940 Cherokee Street, LLC. The new deadline for review will be January 11, 2025.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Annamarie Jordan			X			
Jamie Johnson						X

Wilbert Rufe					X
Doug Trotter	X		X		
Philip Trabel			X		
Stewart McCandless			X		
Norman E. Blatt Jr.		X	X		
Mayor Johnson					X

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT** - President McCandless announced the dates of the Trick or Treat, Trunk or Treat, Drug Take Back, Electronics Recycling and updated Council on the Burn Ban as recommended by the Fire Marshal.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – Discussion on Non - Agenda Items – No speakers requested Privilege of the Floor

**ADJOURNMENT** - President McCandless requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

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

Next Ordinance – 883  
Next Resolution – 2024-14