

**MINUTES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL  
September 2, 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, Mr. Trotter, Mr. Blatt, Mr. Trabel, and Council President McCandless. Also present were Mayor Johnson, Solicitor Berger and Borough Manager Burkhart.

Absent were Ms. Johnson and Mr. Rufe

It was noted there were two typos on the Agenda, the first of which was that an Executive Session was listed on the Agenda. No Executive Session was held. Also, the Agenda mistakenly listed the Minutes being reviewed as July 21, 2025. The correct minutes being reviewed at the meeting are from August 11, 2025.

The Minutes of August 11, 2025, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the Minutes. The motion passed.

	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						

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/ PRE-SCHEDULED & AGENDA ITEMS** – Mr. Silva from 1105 Wiley Street, came to the meeting to discuss a recent sidewalk violation at his home. As part of the process of replacing his sidewalk he was informed that he also needed to replace handicapped ramp, which wasn't part of the original violation, but is an adjoining panel to the sidewalk that is in violation. Mr. Silva is replacing 7 squares of concrete at a cost of approximately \$10,000 and the addition of the ramp would be \$25,000 more. Mr. Silva, was requesting that he not be required replace the corner ramp.

A. Burkhart stated that the Borough could review the situation to determine if there were any options available. N. Blatt noted that this was not the first time that the Borough has required residents to replace their sidewalks and ramps in the Borough. The Borough sometimes has grant funding available for the replacement of resident sidewalks. A. Burkhart noted that the property in question is not part of the 2026 CDBG project and therefore cannot be funded with those funds.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** - Mayor Johnson reminded motorists to be aware that school buses are again operating. Please be careful when driving.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT** – A Burkhart reported that the Borough received permission to utilize the LSA funding for a SUV as opposed to a Truck, which was in the original application.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A Burkhart reported on the Budget Meeting dates:

Budget Meeting Notice - The Council of the Borough of Fountain Hill will meet on the following dates to review and discuss the Proposed 2026 Budget:

- October 16, 2025-6 PM-General Fund, Liquid Fuels, Capital Projects
- October 23, 2025-6 PM- Sewer, Health and Sanitation, Fire, Library, All Other Funds
- November 3, 2025 -6 PM- Unfinished budget business prior to Council Meeting (if needed)

Police Pension – It was noted by A Burkhart that there was a resolution on the Council’s Agenda setting the Police Pension Contribution at 4% for 2026.

**RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE**

There was a motion to adopt resolution 2025-14 setting the Police Pension Participant Contributions at 4% for 2026. The motion passed.

	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						

**MOTIONS**

It was reported by D Berger that the agreement with Lower Saucon was ready for adoption by the Borough.

There was a motion to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement between Lower Saucon Township and the Borough of Fountain Hill for street work done on Frederick Street and Youst Avenue. The motion passed.

	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						

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** - D. Berger had no report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance Committee - D. Trotter read the financial reports. There was a motion to accept the reports and to pay the bills.

	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						

Public Works – A. Jordan had no report.

Police – N. Blatt reported that there was a Police Committee Meeting that covered administrative items. It was noted that there would be an incoming budget request for body and car cameras.

House & Ordinance – S. McCandless reported on the ordinances currently under review by House and Ordinance.

Fire – P. Trable had no report

Recreation – J. Johnson was not present.

Health & Sanitation – W. Rufe was not present.

Personnel – D. Trotter stated that no meeting of the Personnel Committee were held.

IT Committee - There was no IT Report.

**SPECIAL OR SELECT COMMITTEES** – No reports by Special or Select Committees.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT** - S. McCandless reported that the pool season was successful. Everyone seemed pleased with the number of participants. Also, St. Paul’s Community Day went very well. Gratitude was relayed to the participants. Halloween Trick or Treat will be on October 31, 2025, from 6-8 p.m. Also, Trunk or Treat will be on the same day. S. McCandless congratulated Mayor Johnson on receiving 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for his Hot Sauce at the Allentown Fair.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – A. Johnson asked on behalf of her neighbors if there is air quality monitoring during the school demolition. J. Silva indicated that the air quality was being tested regularly and there are no adverse impacts from demolition being detected.

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

	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						

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