

**FOUNTAIN HILL STORMWATER AUTHORITY  
MINUTES  
February 14, 2024  
6:00 P.M.**

Mr. McCandless, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6 P.M. Authority members present were: Ms. Jordan, Mr. Lansek, Mr. Trabel, Mr. Arnold and Mr. McCandless. Also, in attendance were Amy Burkhart (Borough Manager), Cordula Voges (Finance Director), Ms. Smith (Hanover Engineering), and Mr. Berger (Solicitor).

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. McCandless asked everyone to pledge allegiance to the flag.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 8, 2023**

Mr. McCandless asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Stew McCandless			X			
Adam Arnold			X			
Tomas Lansek			X			
Annamarie Jordan	X		X			
Philip Trabel		X	X			

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – None.**

**RESOLUTIONS – None.**

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – None.**

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT – None.**

**MOTIONS**

- 730 Lechauweki Ave Storm Sewer Connections

The representative of Bohler Engineering and the owner of 730 Lechauweki Ave presented a plan connecting a sump pump directly into the storm sewer line. The engineer explained the planned construction of the storm sewer connection. The engineer mentioned that the existing sewer lateral would be repaired simultaneously.

Ms. Smith further explained that the recent sewer lateral inspection triggered the need to correct the faulty sewer lateral. After its review Hanover Engineering determined that a release of the sump pump run-off into the open is not recommended because of its impact on neighbors’ properties. The best solution would be the release into the storm sewer system.

Ms. Smith and Mr. Berger have been discussing legal remedies to allow direct access to the storm sewer system. This remedy would be a bilateral agreement spelling out a maintenance responsibility for the homeowner while relieving the borough from any responsibility if water flows back onto the property owner's basement.

Mr. McCandless asked if there was a motion to authorize Ms. Smith and Mr. Berger to draft a stormwater maintenance agreement.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Stew McCandless			x			
Adam Arnold			x			
Tomas Lansek	x		x			
Annamarie Jordan			x			
Philip Trabel		x	x			

Ms. Smith mentioned that a Public Works Permit for Excavation in the public right of way will also be needed.

- Pollution Reduction Plan – Facility at Dodson Street

Ms. Smith stated the implementation phase of the previous pollution reduction plan has begun regarding the stormwater control BMP (best management practice) at the playground. The BMP was on hold for a while because of the uncertainty of the future use of the pool. Considering that the pool will stay open, the big basin above the pool will be constructed to hold water while settling out pollutants (such as sediment). The basin will have to be cleaned out semi-annually or annually. A path around the basin might be added as passive recreation opportunities.

Hanover Engineering will work on some designs before applying for permits. Mr. Berger recommended to bring the BPM also before Council to make Council and the public aware of the planned basin construction.

Mr. McCandless asked if there was a motion to have Hanover Engineering start planning and designing the BMP.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Stew McCandless			x			
Adam Arnold			x			
Tomas Lansek			x			
Annamarie Jordan	x		x			
Philip Trabel		x	x			

ENGINEER'S REPORT - None.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Motion to Pay the Bills as presented.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Stew McCandless			X			
Adam Arnold			X			
Tomas Lansek		X	X			
Annamarie Jordan			X			
Philip Trabel	X		X			

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. McCandless reminded of the storm sewer inlet issue at the intersection of Benner Ave and Cherry Street (behind Game Time Tavern) and at the intersection of Lynn Street and Broadway.

**ADJOURN**

At 6:43 pm Mr. McCandless asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Trabel made the motion and Mr. Lansek seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.



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AUTHORITY  
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

By:

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Stewart McCandless, Chairperson

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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Cordula Voges, Finance Director

**ATTEST:**

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