

FOUNTAIN HILL STORMWATER AUTHORITY

Minutes

September 14, 2022

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. Boyer, Mr. Trabel, and Mr. McCandless. Also, in attendance were Eric Gratz (Borough Manager), Cordula Voges (Finance Director), Mr. Berger (Solicitor) participated virtually.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 13, 2022

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Annamarie Jordan		x	x			
Thomas Lansek			x			
Andrew Boyer			x			
Stew McCandless			x			
Phil Trabel	x		x			

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – None.

RESOLUTIONS – None.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Stormwater Ordinance will be discussed later during the meeting. Mr. Berger mentioned a change to the original draft. Mr. Gratz clarified that the change was in regard to “completely repealing the existing ordinance”.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Review of proposed updated Storm Water Management Ordinance to comply with DEP

Ms. Smith (Hanover Engineering) that the existing ordinance is codified in Chapter 26 of the Borough Code. It states that any new land development plans need to be reviewed by the Borough’s engineer. As part of the MS4 stipulations, DEP now requires municipalities to adopt provisions following its updated NPDES (National Pollutant discharge Elimination System) permit requirements. Hanover Engineering revised the existing Borough Ordinance to reflect the updated DEP provisions. Hanover Engineering also included in its update the revised language that the LVPC (Lehigh Valley Planning Commission) had prepared for one of the watersheds in the Lehigh Valley (also following the revised Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Act of 1978 – PA Act 167). Hanover Engineering also added some language regarding engineering standards for stormwater drainage requirements. Updating the ordinance will also fulfill the annual MS4 reporting and confirming that the Borough has adopted the above DEP provisions.

When inquired about the process, Mr. Berger explained that the Stormwater Authority Board will make a motion to recommend to Borough Council to advertise and pass the ordinance with the additional notation to Council to repeal the existing ordinance and then pass the new ordinance.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Annamarie Jordan	x		x			
Thomas Lansek			x			
Andrew Boyer			x			
Stew McCandless			x			
Phil Trabel		x	x			

Mr. Gratz will present the recommendation to Council at the September 21 Council meeting.

- Potential 2023 Capital Projects

Mr. McCandless asked Ms. Smith for any recommendations for potential 2023 capital projects.

- Hoffert Street Storm Sewer Extension

The Hoffert Street Storm Sewer Extension plan included the replacement of existing inlets with new inlets, installation of new inlets, and replacement of existing pipes across Broadway to connect into an existing inlet. Since the 2021 cost estimate of \$46,687, cost has doubled. Based on 2022 pricing, Ms. Smith estimated the project to total approximately \$120,000 (i.e. construction, contingency, and engineering).

- Warren Street Basin

This stormwater project was based on the assumption that the existing basin in the Warren Street subdivision was over-designed and therefore only needed to be dug deeper. 2021 projected construction cost were estimated at \$45,000. Ms. Smith reported that in the meantime a new home construction is planned in that subdivision. Therefore, she recommended to put this project on hold because the existing basin capacity might not suffice.

- Dodson Street Basin at Playground Area

The construction of a stormwater basin above the pool/playground area was considered to reduce stormwater pollution. Any design work is on hold until the Borough has decided what to do with the pool.

When inquired, Ms. Smith explained that postponing any of these construction projects will not result in MS4 violations despite the 2023 MS4 deadline, as long as the Borough/Authority can show any project progression.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Motion to reject the sole bid for the Grass Alley Conversion and Storm Sewer Replacement project from Kobalt Construction due to pricing well over estimated project cost. Recommended by Borough Engineer

Mr. Gratz reported that the only bid from Kobalt Construction for the Grass Alley Conversion and Storm Sewer Replacement came in way over the estimated project cost. The Grass Alley Conversion Grant is valid until the end of 2023. New bidding will be initiated in the spring of 2023.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Annamarie Jordan			x			
Thomas Lansek		x	x			
Andrew Boyer			x			
Stew McCandless			x			
Phil Trabel	x		x			

- Awarding the Storm Sewer Improvements (Add Alternate 1) of the Broadway Curb and Sidewalk Project contract to T. Schiefer Contractors, Inc. (low bidder) in the amount of \$166,420.00 as recommended by the Borough Engineer

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Annamarie Jordan	x		x			
Thomas Lansek			x			
Andrew Boyer			x			
Stew McCandless			x			
Phil Trabel		x	x			

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Motion to Pay the Bills

Ms. Voges presented the financial reports as of 8/31/2022 and asked for a motion to approve payments as presented.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Annamarie Jordan			x			
Thomas Lansek	x		x			
Andrew Boyer			x			
Stew McCandless			x			
Phil Trabel		x	x			

NEW BUSINESS – None.

ADJOURN

At 6:36 PM Mr. McCandless asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Trabel made the motion seconded by Mr. Lansek. The motion passed unanimously.

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**FOUNTAIN HILL STORMWATER
AUTHORITY
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

By:

Stewart McCandless, Chairperson

SUBMITTED BY:

Cordula Voges, Finance Director

ATTEST:

By: _____
Eric Gratz, Borough Manager

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