

**FOUNTAIN HILL STORMWATER AUTHORITY
MINUTES
September 8, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

Ms. Morrison called the meeting to order at 6 P.M. Authority members present were: Ms. Jordan, Mr. Lansek, Mr. Trabel and Mr. McCandless. Also, in attendance were Eric Gratz (Borough Manager), Mr. Berger (Solicitor), Ms. Smith (Hanover Engineering), and guests.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Morrison asked everyone to pledge allegiance to the flag.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MANAGER – Mr. Eric Gratz

Ms. Morrison introduced Mr. Eric Gratz as the new Borough Manager and asked for a motion to appoint him as the Stormwater Authority Manager as well.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 10, 2021

Ms. Morrison asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of 2/10/2021.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – none.

RESOLUTIONS- none.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Berger reported that the Temporary Access Easement Agreement with the owner of Parcel I.D. Number 642628347740 (i.e., Warren Street) has been fully executed and signed on 6/10/2021.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

In relation to the stormwater project "Warren Street Basin", Ms. Smith reported that Hanover Engineering found the respective subdivision file. Based on those records, the existing basin on Warren Street is over-designed. Hanover Engineering determined that the surface area does not need to be expanded. However, they recommend to go deeper. The respective design will be provided at the next Stormwater Authority meeting.

Ms. Smith explained that the Warren Street Basin project will take care of the overall MS4 requirements for pollution reduction; it does not address a specific area. She reminded that currently the Borough was allowed five (5) years to implement the MS4 requirements.

Warren Street Basin only takes care of the MS4 overall, not a specific area, to satisfy overall requirement for pollution reduction

In conjunction with the Warren Street Basin project, the Board discussed other options that could be tied in with pollution reduction measures. These options included the elimination of the pool and simultaneous creation of optional passive recreational facilities. Mr. Gratz offered to create a survey to get a community opinion on the future use of the pool.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Easement Agreement for Warren Street

Mr. Gratz noted that the agreement was received on 8/26/2021.

- ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds – motion to accept and designate appropriate storm sewer projects

Mr. Gratz reported that the first installment of the ARPA funds in the amount of \$245,920 had been received in July. Borough Council had suggested to use these funds for Storm Sewer Projects. He asked for a motion to accept these funds and designate them to Storm Sewer projects.

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

Ms. Morrison asked Mr. Gratz to provide a copy of the September 8, 2021 Stormwater Authority Minutes to Borough Council.

Mr. Gratz reminded that PennDOT will potentially start the Broadway Road construction within the next eight (8) months. The Borough was awarded the MTF (Multimodal Transportation Fund) Grant 2019 to repair/replace a culvert, curbs, sidewalks, driveway aprons on Broadway and start its Curb & Sidewalk construction in conjunction with PennDOT's road construction. He reminded that Storm sewer restoration and basins are not included in the award.

Ms. Smith suggested to use the ARPA funds for storm inlets and grading in conjunction with the MTF Grant 2019 for Broadway. Ms. Smith mentioned that it had already acquired the Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) from PennDOT for the Broadway Curb & Sidewalk project (because within PennDOT right-of-way).

The Board discussed the need of additional stormwater inlets on Broadway and Lynn Street. Mr. Gratz asked for a motion to authorize Hanover Engineering to initiate a respective study.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT – PAYMENT OF BILLS

Ms. Voges presented the financial reports and check detail reports for the month of August.

Ms. Morrison asked if the Owner of 600 Brighton Street had adhered to the granted payment agreement. Ms. Voges confirmed that he did.

BUSINESS

Ms. Smith reminded that the annual Stormwater Credit Application renewals are due.

Ms. Smith asked that the Zoning Officer should report any building additions that decrease the impervious area to Hanover Engineering to be able to adjust the Stormwater Fee.

ADJOURN

Ms. Morrison made a motion to adjourn at 7:07 PM seconded by Mr. McCandless. The motion passed unanimously.

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

By:

Kelsey Morrison, Chairperson

SUBMITTED BY

By: _____
Cordula Voges, Finance Director

ATTEST:

By: _____
Eric Gratz, Manager

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APPROVED