

**MINUTES  
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1, 2005**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting of Langhorne Manor Borough was called to order in the Langhorne Manor Borough Hall, 618 Hulmeville Avenue, Langhorne, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, February 1, 2005, at 8:03 P.M. Eastern Standard Time by Maryann Barnes President.

At this point in the meeting Mr. Galazin led us in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

**PERSONS PRESENT** – Maryann Barnes, President; Stephen Galazin; William McTigue, Vice President; Steven Yourtee; Sharon Gimpel, Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer and Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor.

**PERSONS ABSENT** Robert Byrne Nicholas Pizzola; Francis J. Farmer, Mayor.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –Mrs. Barnes stated that there were three sets of minutes to be approved this evening; December 7, 2004, December 21, 2004 and January 3, 2005. Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to approve the minutes of December 7, 2004 as amended. Motion carried. Ms. Gimpel opposed and Mr. Galazin abstained. Ms. Gimpel wanted her reason documented, as she stated in the January 3, 2005 minutes. Mayor Farmer's treatment of a resident was rude. She would like him to apologize for what happened, hopefully it won't happen again and our residents will be treated with respect. The comment was made in public, an apology needs to be made in public, and Ms. Gimpel would like to make that apology.

Mr. McTigue stated with the response to Ms. Gimpel's comments that he thinks the January 3, 2005 minutes indicate that Mr. Farmer did provide an apology to Mrs. Linington who stated that she felt that no apology was needed to be made in public. Mr. McTigue would like to be referenced as a rebuttal to Ms. Gimpel's comments.

Mr. Byrne entered the meeting at 8:12 P.M.

Mrs. Barnes asked for a motion to approve the December 21, 2004 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Galazin to approve the minutes of December 21, 2004 as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Pizzola entered the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

Mrs. Barnes stated that a motion was needed to approve the minutes of January 3, 2005. Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Galazin to approve the minutes of January 3, 2005 as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Mr. Yourtee abstained.

**3. POLICE REPORT** – Mr. McTigue gave the police report for the month of December 2004.

4. **COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS** –Mrs. Pat Silcox addressed the parking problem on the Hulmeville Avenue overpass when it snows. She asked if the parking could be on one side only as it is dangerous when they park on both sides. Mrs. Barnes stated that this has been discussed in the past. Mr. Profy stated that the Council could pass an ordinance for controlling the parking on the Hulmeville Avenue overpass.

Mrs. Donna Cianni spoke on community service. She requested that we use the Penn del Youth Center in Penn del. They have a program for Community service and she is familiar with it. If we were to use their program the youth center would supervise the children while they would be performing their community service time. They are not bad children and they are of school age. Mrs. Barnes stated that she is familiar with the program and the children are a great help. Mrs. Cianni is to call Mr. Galazin and discuss her ideas. Mrs. Cianni also asked if there could be more police patrol on the access roads as the cars are speeding and it is very dangerous.

Mrs. Bartnikowski spoke on the decrease of the quality of service we are getting from K.E. Seifert on snow plowing for the streets. Mrs. Barnes replied that she had received a lot of phone calls from the residents who were very pleased with the way the streets had been plowed.

Mrs. Bartnikowski stated that it was the timing of the snow plowing and also only one truck was used, she wondered if the contract calls for more equipment to be used. Mr. Yourtee stated that Hulmeville Avenue, Comly Road, access roads, and overpass are state roads and, PennDot has been plowing those roads and Seifert does the Borough streets. They are to first do the roads on the lower side of route one because of the hills and then they are to plow the upper end of the Borough.

Ms. Linington also spoke about the parking on the overpass when it snows and she feels it is a good idea for volunteers from the Penn del Youth Center in Penn del. Ms. Linington also praised the snow plowing efforts at the corner of Gilliam and Hulmeville Avenues.

Mr. Anthony Argenti again addressed the building of a garage at 404 Hulmeville Avenue. A letter was presented to each Council member explaining his position. Mr. Argenti is concerned because Mr. Silcox has been working on the roof of the building. Mr. Argenti wants to know what rule in the zoning ordinance supports the height of this building.

Mr. Profy explained that Mr. Bush is not at this evening's Council Meeting due to the death of his sister. Mr. Bush told Mr. Profy that he had received a site plan approved by Pickering, Corts, and Summerson and he has received architectural plans that meet all requirements of the Borough and he is in the process of reviewing those plans. The plans show that the garage will be connected to the main residence and no occupancy permit will be issued for the garage until the connection is made to the main residence. The site plan shows that all the dimensional requirements of the zoning ordinance have been met. Mr. Argenti disagrees that all requirements have been met.

Mr. Profy replied that it is unfortunate that Mr. Bush is not able to be here this evening and he indicated to Mr. Profy that he has a plan which has been filed that shows that this garage is not an

accessory building because it will be considered part of the main residence when it is connected to the main residence. Mr. Argenti stated that he has no choice but to go to court as Mr. Bush cannot make a special exception, it has to come from the Zoning Hearing Board.

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS-** Mrs. Barnes reported the Planning Commission did meet January 18, 2005 and Mr. Profy stated that he would address the meeting under the Solicitor's report.

Mr. Byrne-No report.

Ms. Gimpel reported that the Shade Tree Commission would be meeting and discuss the issues that were brought up at the January 18, 2005 Borough Council meeting pertaining to the list of residents that responded to the newsletter that had been mailed in August 2004.

Mr. Galazin-No report.

Mr. McTigue reported that he had not received any complaints recently about trash pick-up.

Mr. McTigue also reported that there had not been a meeting of the Police committee in January 2005.

Mr. Pizzola reported on the amount of time Ms. Gimpel and Mrs. Luff had put in this month putting together the new financial statements. Mr. Pizzola explained how the state of accounts for the General Account, Highway Account and Sewer Account each month, will show current month-actual expense, year to date-actual and year to date-budget.

Mr. Profy asked Mrs. Gimpel if the reports are for consideration his evening. Ms. Gimpel replied that the General Fund couldn't be considered because the assets and liabilities are not reflected on the statement.

Mr. Yourtee reported that the two storms in December 2004 totaled \$1,383.00. He inquired if any action had been taken to have Dr. Thomas Javian reimburse the Borough for expensed for the emergency tree clean up on his property on Gillam Avenue. Mr. Profy replied that a letter had been mailed to Dr. and Mrs. Javian.

6. **MAYORS REPORT-**Mayor Farmer was absent so there was no report.

7. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT** Mr. Profy stated that a joint meeting was held on Tuesday January 18, 2005 with the Borough Council and the Planning Commission to review and hold a public hearing on the Neshaminy and Little Neshaminy Watershed Stormwater management ordinance and the Delaware River South watershed Act 167 Stormwater ordinance and authorization is need to advertise both ordinances for adoption on March 1, 2005 as adoption of Act 167 must be by March 9, 2005. Motion was made by Mr. Galazin and seconded by Mr. McTigue to advertise both ordinances as presented by Mr. Profy in a summary form. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy reported that Philadelphia Biblical University (PBU) and Personal Care Builders have made an application for a change of zoning of Brighten at Lakeside property from RC zoning to

Institutional zoning. A Planning Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday March 15, 2005 at 8:00pm at the Borough hall. Under the municipalities planning code you must advertise a hearing of the Borough Council prior to any action on the application for a zoning change. Giving the Borough engineer, Bucks County Planning Commission, and the Langhorne Manor Planning Commission time to review the application prior to the hearing before Council on April 5, 2005 and he needs authorization to advertise the Borough Council meeting that is scheduled on April 5, 2005. A copy of submission of the PBU pertaining to the traffic study, description of the project, map and other related documents were distributed to members of the Planning Commission to review prior to the April 5, 2005 hearing.

Motion was made by Mr. Galazin and seconded by Mr. McTigue to give Mr. Profy authorization to advertise the notice of the public hearing for April 5, 2005. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy stated every four years prior to the first day of filing petitions for election to the office of Tax Collector, Council has to officially fix the Tax Collector's salary for the next four years. A motion is needed for fixing the salary for the four years at \$4,200.00 Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to fix the salary of the Tax Collector for the next four years at \$4,200.00 as presented by Mr. Profy. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy reported that the Higher Education Authority closed the second ten million dollar financing for the Peter Becker community project on January 21, 2005.

Mr. Profy was in contact with the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority (BCW&SA) and this cycle of billings goes out at the end of January to the first of February. BCW&SA is working on a proposal for the administrative and maintenance/service components of their contract. BCW&SA will provide information for at least the past year or longer. The Council can decide if they want to take over the billing for the sewers or continue to have BCW&SA do the billing.

8. **INSPECTOR'S REPORT**- Mrs. Luff gave the inspector's report for the month of January 2005 due to the absence of Mr. Bush

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**-There was no correspondence

10. **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS AND TREASURER'S REPORT**-Mrs. Barnes stated that all Council members had received a copy of the bills for payment. She asked if there were any questions or discussion. After Ms. Gimpel answered Mr. McTigue's inquiries, motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to pay all bills. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Barnes entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for the Sewer account and Highway Aid account. Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. **SECOND MEETING**-There is no business for the agenda for February 15, 2005 meeting at this time. Motion was made by Mr. Galazin and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to dispense with the February 15, 2005 meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried.
  
12. **ADJOURNMENT**-Motion was made by Mr. Galazin and seconded by Mr. McTigue to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. This meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday March 1, 2005 at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Langhorne Manor Borough