

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF MARCH 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, March 1, 2005, at 8:03 P.M. Eastern Standard Time by Maryann Barnes, President.

At this point in the meeting Mayor Farmer led us in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

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

PERSON ABSENT- Nicholas Pizzola.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to approve the minute of February 1, 2005 as amended. No objections were made, motion carried.

3. POLICE REPORT – Mayor Farmer gave the police report for February 2005.

Mr. Pizzola entered the meeting at 8:08 P.M.

4. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS –Ms. Linington feels that Council should be doing more to find volunteers and she is against paying someone to do the extra work.

Mrs. Barnes replied that this had been discussed several times. All volunteers are welcome. It is advertised on the Langhorne Manor website that volunteers should contact the Borough office. Mrs. Barnes stated this work has accumulated for many years. Mr. Farmer replied that as soon as new files are obtained the work will get done.

Ms. Linington complained about the people parking on the overpass on Hulmeville Avenue when it snows as they are sledding and it is very dangerous. She asked if no parking signs could be installed. Mrs. Barnes replied an ordinance would have to be passed in order to erect No Parking signs.

Mrs. Donna Cianci spoke about the cars speeding on the access roads. The police told her there would have to have lines painted on the roads so they could clock the cars. Mayor Farmer stated that as soon as the weather gets warmer, they would be painting the lines on the roads.

Mr. Argenti again spoke on the construction of the structure at 404 Hulmeville Avenue. He read from his letter dated March 1, 2005. He questioned the height of the structure. Mr. Argenti has requested to see the files, plans, etc on the structure at 404 Hulmeville Avenue and he was told to

put his request in writing for review for Mr. Bush. Mrs. Barnes asked if any Council member wanted to comment on Mr. Argenti's letter.

Mr. Byrne stated he feels that this matter is between Mr. Argenti and Mr. Bush and Mr. Byrne puts his trust in Mr. Bush's decisions as the zoning officer.

Mrs. Barnes called for committee reports. Mrs. Argenti stated that their questions had not been answered. Mrs. Barnes replied that there are no answers. Mr. Bush is the zoning officer and he represents the Borough Council. If Mr. Bush says that the structure at 404 Hulmeville Avenue is within the zoning code, we, as a Council, will go along with his recommendation.

After much discussion between Mr. and Mrs. Argenti and Mrs. Barnes pertaining to Mr. and Mrs. Argenti being allowed to review the plans for the structure at 404 Hulmeville Ave, they feel that this is an accessory building since it is not connected to the house. They want to know what the time frame is for completion of this project.

Mr. Pizzola explained when he put an addition on his house there was no time limit as to when it had to be finished. Mr. Pizzola told Mr. Argenti that there is no conspiracy on the Council and he relies on and supports Mr. Bush as the zoning officer.

Mr. Argenti state that he has issues that are not answered like where the smoke stack is going to be and what is the intended use of the building.

Mr. Profy stated that the permit and plans on the project at 404 Hulmeville Ave are public record. An ordinance was adopted in December 2001 or December 2002 that set forth the procedure for a form for requesting a public document. Mr. Argenti is to put in writing what documents he wants to review and Mr. and Mrs. Argenti will pay the cost of reproducing the plans.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS-Mrs. Barnes stated that a planning commission meeting would be on Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at 8:00PM for the review of the zoning change for Philadelphia Biblical University and Personal Care Builders. Mrs. Barnes received an application for \$1,000.00 College Scholarship from the Robert C. Edwards Foundation. This scholarship comes through the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs.

Mr. Byrne-no report

Ms. Gimpel report was scanned see next page

SHADE TREE COMMISSION REPORT FOR MEETING MARCH 1, 2005

Shade Tree Commission met on February 3, 2005 for the purpose of discussing the following topics at the request of Council:

- 1- List of Non-compliant properties from the newsletter sent out on August 4, 2004
- 2- List of Tree removed and not replaced and
- 3- Emergency Tree Service Contractors

It is the consensus of the Shade Tree Commission that the intention of letter sent out and as it states in the first paragraph that it is a **NEWSLETTER** addressing the safety of our street. The letter also states that properties not in compliance will be referred to the Code Enforcement Officer. The Shade Tree Commission reviewed the Memo provided by the Langhorne Manor Borough Police Department dated June 23, 2004 and any other requests received by Shade Tree members.

The concerns may warrant further possible review by the Code Enforcement Officer:

- 1- An obstruction of view at the corner of Prospect and Hulmeville Ave by overgrowth of arborvitae.
- 2- An obstruction of view at Comly and Hulmeville Ave by a large holly tree.
- 3- An obstruction of view both north and south as well as the stop sign on the north side at Elm Ave. and Hulmeville Ave.
- 4- On the service road between Hill and Station Ave in the north bound direction there is a tree limb overhanging the road
- 5- A possible safety issue was discussed concerning a tree on the vacant lot at Prospect and Hill Ave. Not sure if tree is in the right of way and request that Code Enforcement officer made the determination if letter need to be sent.

Second topic – (ie. Trees that have been removed and not replaced) Shade Tree Commission has request Council to determine how far back in time should Shade tree report encompass. Please advise and then a list will be provided.

Finally, three contractor have been faxed a request to provide;

- 1- Provide rates for emergency service for both normal business hours, after hours and any other rates, if applicable. Rate for labor, equipment or combination.
- 2- Provide Certificate of Insurance for both General Liability and W/C
- 3- Indicated emergency response time and emergency phone number to be contacted.
- 4- Acknowledgement that Langhorne Manor Borough License will be obtained.

Fax to Rick's Tree Service

Incollingo Tree Service Inc.
Tom Gifford Tree and Landscape Service

- a. Ricks Expert Tree Service-minimum charge to come out is \$250.00. If job is small they will continue to work with the Borough as best they can in the future.
- b. In Collingo Tree Service Inc.-Rate during regular hours \$185.60 minimum charge two hours. After hours rate is \$270.40 minimum charge for two hours.
- c. Tom Gifford Tree & Landscape Service-emergency service during normal business hours is \$185.00 per hour. Emergency service after hours is \$260.00 per hour.

Mrs. Barnes asked if the Shade Tree Commission had a preference on which tree service to use. After discussion on the quality of work and how dependable Ricks Tree Service had been in the past, a motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to enter into an agreement with Ricks Expert Tree Service. Mr. Yourtee will be the contact for the service based upon them being in compliance with insurance for emergency service. They are to be called first. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy stated that Mr. Bush would contact the four corner properties that are obstructing the view with overgrowth and a limb overhanging the access road.

Another topic discussed at the shade tree commission meeting was shade trees that had been removed in the past and not replaced right away. They want Council to determine how far back in time should tree replacement be enforced. Council agreed as of March 1, 2005, the shade tree commission will enforce tree replacement for trees removed in the right away and the trees replaced must be from the approved list of trees.

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Byrne to have Mr. Bush, code enforcement officer, contact the four property owners whose property had been identified as dangerous intersection and as of March 1, 2005 the shade tree commission will be enforcing replacement trees for trees that have been removed in the right away. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Galazin reported on the volunteer program through the youth services agency in Pennel. He discussed with Mrs. Cianci the possibility of using children to do volunteer work in Langhorne Manor Borough. Complete supervision is provided for the program, two to four children are provided for small jobs and six to eight are provided for large jobs. They feel that this program could include helping residents to get items out for bulk pick up, raking leaves, painting and cleaning debris along the roads.

Mr. Galazin stated that a flier could be sent to the residents telling them to contact Mrs. Luff if they are in need of any help and she will relay the information to Mrs. Cianci or Mr. Galazin.

Mr. Galazin reported on a seminar on Grant writing on April 21, 2005 that costs \$60.00 per person. He would like two people to attend. Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded to send Mr. Galazin and Beth Bartnikowski to the Grant Writing seminar. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. McTigue reported on the Bucks County Planning Commission for the regional household hazard waste collection dates and Computer Recycling Program.

- May 21, 2005-Lower Makefield Corporate Center
- June 18, 2005-Upper Bucks Vocational School
- July 23, 2005-Middle Bucks Institute of Technology
- August 13, 2005-Bucks County Technology High School
- September 17, 2005-Quakertown Community Pool.

Mr. McTigue is planning on a newsletter to be sent to the residents informing them of these dates along with the spring leaf pick up, bulk pick up and the community yard sale dates. This information will be put on the Borough website.

Mr. McTigue reported that the police committee along with Mayor Farmer, met with the police officers and they had discussed different issues and they feel that the meeting was very productive.

Mrs. Barnes stated that there have been some problems with the alarm going off. Mrs. Barnes wants Mrs. Luff to find out whom the alarm company has on the list to be contacted when there is a problem. Mrs. Barnes asked who had keys for 618 Hulmeville Ave. Mrs. Barnes wants keys made for whoever is on the list.

Mr. Pizzola stated that he can finally read the finance statement with the new format and everyone should be able to understand it.

Mr. Pizzola inquired about the bill from Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC for the Audit they had done for the Borough. He understands that \$7,500.00 had been approved for the audit. Mrs. Luff explained that she received two bills totaling \$5,500.00. They have paid \$3,250.00. We have paid Weiss \$5,147.50 making a total of \$13,897.50. The total amount of \$7,500.00 was approved by the Council for the audit to be completed by the firm of Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC.

Mr. Yourtee reported that Langhorne Paving was going to patch the pothole at the corner of Highland and Station Avenues. They gave an estimate for the repair work on Hill Ave between Highland and Prospect Avenues. His estimate is \$4,100.00 for 1,860 sq feet of asphalt. Mr. Yourtee will get additional bids for this job.

Mr. Yourtee called PennDot about missing guardrails on Hulmeville Ave overpass and also about potholes on Hulmeville Ave, north and south of Route 1. He also notified PennDot about the sinking drain at the corner of Hill and Comly Avenues. Mr. Bush stated that Mr. Yourtee should call Rep. Matt Wrights office about the work that needs to be done on state roads. Mrs. Barnes told Mr. Yourtee that there are two large potholes on Manor Avenue.

Mr. Yourtee also reported a sign down at the corner of Fairview and Bellevue Avenue.

Mr. Cianci will try and have the kids from the Youth Service Agency replace the signs. She will work with Mr. Yourtee.

Mr. Yourtee reported repairs are needed on the Borough Hall. He will be getting estimates for this work.

Mr. Yourtee reported on a letter received from the Pennsylvania Environment Council announcing their Stormwater Retrofit Technical Assistance Program. This program will provide resources and expertise to municipalities interested in upgrading old stormwater facilities or installing stormwater management practices in developed areas. Mr. Yourtee is submitting the form for the need for stormwater management along Hulmeville Ave between Richardson Ave (in Langhorne Borough) and Gilliam Ave.

Current drainage situation is prone to road and property flooding. Mr. Yourtee asked for permission to submit the form to the Pennsylvania Environmental Council.

Mrs. Barnes asked that under site #2 could Hill Ave between Richardson and Gilliam Avenues be added. Motion was made by Mr. Galazin and seconded by Mr. McTigue to file the application to the Pennsylvania Environmental Council in partnership with the Bucks County planning commission. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee reported that he had attended the meeting in Penndel regarding the Penndel Revitalisation Authority. They will be contacting the surrounding municipalities to provide ideas for their project on the redevelopment program.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT-Mayor Farmer reported that the police officer that was injured on his full time job will be returning to work and one officer has taken a full time job with Amtrak.

7. SOLICITOR'S REPORT-Mr. Profy reported ordinance # 2005-001-Neshaminy Creek Watershed Stormwater management ordinance that is now under the Department of Environmental Protection and this ordinance is to be adopted by March 9, 2005. A hearing was held and the Borough engineer made a presentation on Stormwater management. The Borough engineer and Mr. Profy worked out the compliance issues and the specific terms of the ordinance. This is an ordinance of the Borough of Langhorne Manor. Bucks County Pennsylvania designated as the Neshaminy Creek Watershed Stormwater management ordinance.

Motion was made by Mr. Galazin and seconded by Mr. Byrne to adopt ordinance 2005-001-Neshaminy Creek Watershed Stormwater management ordinance as described by Mr. Profy. Mr. McTigue opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy spoke on the ordinance 2005-02-The Delaware River South Watershed management ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Byrne to adopt the ordinance 2005-02 as described by Mr. Profy. Mr. McTigue opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy stated as part of the stormwater management process, it requires that Borough Council amend the sub-division and land development ordinance. The Borough engineer, Mr. Canalis, has prepared the recommended changes. This ordinance comes under the municipality planning code, it is to be advertised, have a public hearing, and it also has to be referred to the local planning commission. A motion is needed to authorize Mr. Profy to initiate this process.

Motion was made by Mr. Galazin and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to authorize Mr. Profy to initiate the amendment to the sub division and land development ordinance of the Borough. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy stated on the Philadelphia Biblical University's request for zoning ordinance and zoning map amendment. A hearing of the Borough planning commission is March 15, 2005 at 8:00pm. Both hearings have been advertised.

Mr. Profy reported that Philadelphia Biblical University has made an application to the Higher Education and Health Authority to act as the insurer for up to 7.4 million dollar bonds on behalf of the University for acquisition and renovation of Brighton. It will come before the Borough Council on April 5, 2005.

8. INSPECTOR'S REPORT-Mr. Bush gave the Inspector's report for the month of February 2005.

9. CORRESPONDENCE-The general membership meeting of the Bucks County Boroughs Association will be held on March 22, 2005.

10. APPROVAL OF THE BILL AND TREASURER'S REPORT-Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. McTigue to pay the bill list as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Barnes entertained a motion to approve the January 2005 Treasurer's report as presented. Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to accept the January 2005 treasurer's report as presented. Ms. Gimpel opposed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to approve the Treasurer's report for February 2005. Ms. Gimpel opposed. Motion carried.

11. SECOND MEETING-Mrs. Barnes stated that there is a second meeting scheduled for Tuesday March 15, 2005. At this time there are no items for the agenda for the meeting. Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to dispense with the second meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

12. ADJOURNMENT-Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. This meeting adjourned at 10:31 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough