

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF MAY 3, 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, May 3, 2005, at 8:08 P.M. Eastern Standard Time by Maryann Barnes President.

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

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

PERSON ABSENT - Robert Byrne and Francis J. Farmer Mayor.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –Mrs. Barnes entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2005 Borough Council Meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to approve the minutes of April 5, 2005 as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

3. POLICE REPORT – Mr. McTigue gave the police report in the absence of Mayor Farmer

4. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS –Mrs. Claudette Dalton asked if a stop sign could be installed going south on Station Ave at the corner of Station and Elm Avenues because the traffic goes very fast down Station Avenue.

Mrs. Jane Boyle asked about the proposed financial report being posted for residents, and a check listed on the April 2005 financial statement.

Mrs. Donna Cianci provided a status report on the work that had been done on April 19, 2005 and the upcoming bulk trash assistance by the children from the youth development center. She also asked about when the lines would be painted on the Access Roads.

Mr. Yourtee reported that Tire City would dispose of the tires that had been collected on April 9, 2005 for free if the borough brings them down to their place of business.

Mrs. Beth Bartnikowski read a statement concerning the April 10, 2005 Borough newsletter and the April 5, 2005 Council meeting.

Mr. Jeff Sauder asked about the purchase of 616 Hulmeville Avenue

Mr. McTigue reported on the Motor Carrier Task Force Detail. It was held on April 25, 2005. Langhorne Manor's share of the fines is \$1,075.00

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**-Mrs. Barnes had no report from the Planning Commission. She received a letter from Penn State Urban & Community Forestry looking for articles, pictures related to tree preservation.

Mr. Byrnes-No Report

Ms. Gimpel inquired if there had been any resolution on how the four properties on the Shade Tree Commission's list would be handled. Mr. Profy stated that he was authorized to research the potential for selective enforcement of the ordinance and designation of a certain number of properties. Such a practice could under certain circumstances provide the affected person with a cause of action and expose the Borough to liability. Mr. Profy recommends that Council take the current clear sight triangle which can be up to 75' x 75' depending upon the width of the right-of-way from which the measurement is made to determine the clear sight triangle and reduce that for study determination purposes to 25' x 25' or a lower number and then enforce the ordinance with the specified lower number. Council would have to make a determination as to what the parameters of the enforcement would be and define it with specific distances. Council could then decide to enforce that in a limited area.

Mr. Yourtee asked if this should be assigned to Mr. Bush whom we have to pay or have the Shade Tree Commission identify the properties. The Shade Tree Commission is to compile a list of properties that are in violation of the 25' sight triangle.

Ms. Gimpel asked if the police department could recommend properties that fall into the 25' clear sight triangle. Mr. Profy replied that they could have input into the report, but the Shade Tree Commission should be responsible for the report.

Ms. Gimpel asked about the status of the requested list of items that had been presented to PBU such as stop bars, stop signs, etc. Mr. Profy stated that the next stage would be for PBU to obtain an occupancy permit and that those issues would be addressed at that time. PBU has agreed to comply with the list of items presented to them.

Ms. Gimpel recommended that the tax collector send out the bill for their contribution in lieu of taxes to PBU for their property on 705 Bellevue Avenue. Ms. Gimpel spoke to Mrs. Reid, the tax collector, and she had no problem handling it.

Mr. Profy reported that the 2005 County and Borough taxes for Brighton at Lakeside had been paid, and since the billings for the 2005 had already been processed Mr. Profy will write a letter to PBU for their in lieu of taxes for 705 Bellevue Avenue. Next year, if council wants the tax collector can send the bill for 705 Bellevue and 250 Manor Ave to PBU.

Mr. Galazin-No Report

Ms. Gimpel stated that she had attended the grant writing seminar and recommended that the Borough get involved in the grant program.

Mr. McTigue reported Bulk Trash Pick Up will be Saturday May 21, 2005. May 14, 2005 will be the community yard sale. There is a list of dates for the Hazard Waste collection available at the borough office and also on our website.

Mr. Pizzola-No Report

Mr. Yourtee reported on the poor condition of the front lawn of Borough Hall. He recommended a six step program for 616 & 618 Hulmeville Ave; late spring, early summer, mid summer, early fall and late fall would consist of fertilizer, weed control and insect control at a cost of \$254.40 to be done by Green-Up Turf Care.

Green-Up Turf Care recommends for 618 Hulmeville Ave a total kill of existing vegetation using round up and proposes slit seeding of the front lawn at the cost of \$175.00 and \$90.00 for the kill for a total of \$265.00. It was discussed about waving the contractor's license fee for contractors that do work in the borough.

Mr. Bush replied Act 44 requires the municipalities to verify that all contractors have both Liability and Worker's Compensation Insurance before doing work or issuing a permit and this is the reason for a Contractor's License, to protect the municipalities.

Mr. McTigue recommended that we pay the \$100.00 contractors license fee for Green-Up Turf Care to do the lawn work at 616 & 618 Hulmeville Ave.

Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Galazin to authorize the lawn work proposed by Green-Up Turf Care at 616 & 618 Hulmeville Ave at the cost not to exceed \$620.00. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee spoke to Penn DOT concerning potholes on Hulmeville Ave. Mr. Yourtee was informed that Hulmeville Avenue is on Penn DOT's list to be repaired. Mr. Yourtee spoke to Penn DOT about the guardrails on the overpass and he was informed that the borough is responsible for the road up to the bridge and Penn DOT is responsible for the bridge; part of the road and guardrail is in Middletown Township. Mrs. Barnes told Mr. Yourtee to talk to Middletown Township.

Mr. Yourtee reported on the collapsed drain at the corner of Hill and Comly Avenues. He is getting three written estimates on replacing the drain that crosses Hill Ave at Comly Ave.

Mr. Yourtee spoke to Penn DOT about the cinders in a two block area that had not been swept up and he was told about the resident at the corner of Hill Ave and the access road put all his debris in the gutter along the access road and they were unable to sweep it.

Mr. Bush was asked to speak to the resident who puts the debris along the access road.

Mr. Yourtee spoke on hiring a sweeper company to sweep the access roads. There is usually a four hour minimum rate. He stated there is less than an hour's work involved.

Mr. McTigue addressed the traffic issues when using volunteer on the access roads. Mr. Yourtee is to contact Pennel and Langhorne to see if they would have use of a sweeper at the time we hire one and to split the cost.

Mr. Yourtee asked Penn DOT why Comly Avenue is going to be milled and repaved when Hulmeville Avenue is in such poor condition. He was told that Penn DOT thought that it could use repaving and it was put on a list to be done. Penn DOT will look into taking the square footage of Comly Avenue that is to be paved and apply it to Hulmeville Ave.

Mr. Yourtee has been trying to get bids from contractors for road repairs in the borough. He received two bids from Langhorne Paving for repair of potholes on the access roads and on Hill Ave between Highland and Prospect Avenues. He did not receive a bid for the work that needs to be done on the gully on Pine Street between Fairview and Park Avenues.

The bid from Langhorne Paving for repair work on Hill Avenue is \$3,900.00. They will cut transition edges, repair bad areas in existing surfaces, clean and tack coat areas to be paved, overlay with 2" ID2 top and hot seal edges. Total area is 1860 sq. ft.

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. McTigue to have Langhorne Paving pave Hill Avenue as explained at a cost of \$3,900.00. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee reported that the bids from Langhorne Paving for pothole repairs on the Access Roads include nine areas northbound and two areas southbound of a total of 205 sq ft. They will mill out and remove loose materials, clean and tack coat, fill with minimum 3" ID2 top and compact and hot seal edges at a cost of \$3,675.00. Langhorne Paving estimates it will take six hours to complete this work. Mr. Yourtee asked if our police department could do traffic control.

Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Galazin to accept the bid of \$3,675.00 from Langhorne Paving to repair the potholes on the access roads. No objections were presented. Motion carried. The roadwork on Pine Street will be tabled until a bid is received.

Mr. Yourtee stated that repair work on Manor Ave from Pine Street to Langhorne Gardens Nursing Home will have to be repaved in the near future.

Mrs. Barnes stated that there are three or four properties in Middletown Township. Mr. Profy will check on what responsibility Middletown Township has pertaining to Manor Avenue. Mr. Profy stated someone should check to see if we receive liquid fuel money for all of Manor Avenue.

Mr. Yourtee reported a clogged pipe at the corner of Elm and Station Avenues. Mr. Yourtee is to get an estimate for this work to be completed.

Mr. Yourtee spoke on repairs that are needed on the roof at 618 Hulmeville Ave. Mr. Yourtee received an approximate bid of \$1,350.00 from Histan Brothers on time and material which includes inspection, and repair the state, flashing, gutters and downspouts. Actual repair work would be done on the actual time and materials used. Mr. Yourtee never received a detailed estimate from DeFrehn Roofing for this evening meeting, as promised.

Mr. Bush is to contact by certified letter the resident at the corner of Hill and the northbound Access Road where the limb that is hanging down over the road and it must be removed by May 15, 2005 by certified letter.

Mr. Profy explained that the borough has a non-exclusive cable franchise with Comcast. Verizon is proposing to deploy a fiber optic system throughout a number of municipalities in lower and central bucks county. There is a consortium of twenty-six municipalities participating and Langhorne Manor can join in at a cost of \$34.86. Mr. Profy recommends that we join the consortium. Motion made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Yourtee that we join the cablevision consortium at a cost of \$34.86 as recommended by Mr. Profy. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

6. **MAYOR'S REPORT**-No report due to Mr. Farmer being absent from the meeting.

7. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**-Mr. Profy stated that he has the sewer ordinance amendment that replaces the \$800.00, which is presently charged with \$500.00 individual dwelling unit fee. All other terms and conditions in the ordinance remain the same. The ordinance was duly advertised.

Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to adopt the sewer ordinance 2005 amendment. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

8. **INSPECTOR'S REPORT**-Mr. Bush gave the inspector's report for the month of April 2005.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**-A letter was received from Jesse W. Soby, Post #148, of the American Legion, inviting all council members to participate in their parade on May 30, 2005.

10. **APPROVAL OF THE BILL AND TREASURER REPORT**-Mrs. Barnes stated that all council members had received a copy of the bill list for payment. She asked if there were any questions or discussions.

Mr. McTigue asked about check#4189 in the amount of \$64.50 which reimbursed Mr. Yourtee for grass seed. Ms. Gimpel spoke on corrections to be made to the cash receipts journal. Two checks in the amount of \$569.10 and \$100.00 should go into account #320-03 not 392-00. She also inquired about check #4154 in the amount of \$25.00, also #4183 to Fire Safety Plus and #4156 for repair of garage door #4161-CSX for \$120.48 and #4168 should come out of account 459-20, and check #4124 should come out of account #427-00.

Ms. Gimpel asked if we billed PBU for the actual time Mr. Bush spends reviewing their plans. Mr. Profy replied that we get the permit fees. Mr. Bush stated that the plan review fees are one of the fees included in figuring the permit fee.

Ms. Gimpel inquired about lien fees listed in the sewer accounts. Mr. Profy is to check on outstanding sewer liens.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to approve the bill list for payment. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Barnes entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The trial balance for General account was missing. Motion made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to table the Treasurer's report to the June 7, 2005 meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. SECOND MEETING-Mrs. Barnes stated that there is a second meeting scheduled for Wednesday May 18, 2005. At this time, there are no items for the agenda for the meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Galazin to dispense with the second meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. McTigue thanked Mr. Profy for all the work he does for Langhorne Manor.

12. ADJOURNMENT-Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:18pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday June 7, 2005 at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough