

MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF JANUARY 2, 2007

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 January 2, 2007, at 8:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time by William McTigue, President.

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

PERSONS PRESENT – David Badgley, Maryann Barnes, Vice President; Donna Cianci; Sharon Gimpel; William McTigue, President; Steven Yourtee; Francis Farmer, Mayor; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer and Thomas J. Profy IV, Solicitor.

PERSON ABSENT –Nicholas Pizzola.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Ms. Barnes to approve the minutes of December 5, 2006 as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to approve the minutes of December 19, 2006 as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

3. POLICE REPORT – Mayor Farmer gave the police report for the month of December 2006.

Mrs. Cianci inquired about an accident where a car went through the guardrail on this side of the overpass on Highland Avenue. After a discussion as to when this accident happened and the amount of damage that had been done it was decided to contact the State Police and Middletown Police department to see if there was a police report pertaining to this accident.

Mr. McTigue read and presented a proclamation from Langhorne Manor Borough to James M. Niwinski II for obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout in November 2006. He built a bridge over a drainage ditch for the residents of Chandler Hall Nursing care facility making areas of the courtyard accessible that previously had not been due to their personal and physical limitations.

4. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS –Ms. Jane Boyle (308 Gillam Avenue) complimented Mr. Yourtee on the condition of the Borough Hall grounds. She also stated that she appreciates the floodlight located behind the Borough Hall, she was wondering if the angle of the light could be changed so it illuminates the far corner of the parking lot, as it is dark in that area. Mr. Yourtee replied ok. Ms. Boyle commented on the area of the steps where the weeds and vegetation is growing, she was wondering if a weed killer could be put on the weeds so there is no additional damage done to the Borough Hall. Ms. Boyle also noticed that the driveway between 616 and 618 Hulmeville Avenue is paved so it slopes towards the Borough Hall, she feels that it should have been paved differently so the water could run behind the Borough Hall. Ms. Boyle also spoke on the storm drain that needs to be replaced near her property on Hulmeville Avenue. She stated that there is \$25,000.00 budgeted for services and repairs of the sewer system and as of November 2006 there had not been any money used from this fund. She wanted to know if this money could be set aside with

an additional \$5,000.00 for the replacement of the storm drain located near her driveway? Ms. Boyle does not think that when Mr. Seifert builds his house on Hulmeville Avenue and puts in the drainage pipes he needs, that the pipes will extend to her property to include the replacement of the storm drain. She would like their storm drain pipe put back. Mr. McTigue said that he would approach council members as to how this problem should be handled between now and the February Council meeting.

Ms. Betty Linington (308 Gillam Avenue) stated that last month she asked for help from Council regarding the storm drain that had been broken by the contractor who was putting in the sewers, she would like that drain put back in the condition it was in prior to the sewers being installed. Ms. Linington also referred to the rainwater problem from Highland Avenue down Station Avenue due to the residents filling in their gutter areas. Ms. Linington asked Mr. McTigue and Mr. Profy as to the amount of money in the sewer accounts. She referred to a coffee club where they discuss different things and she has not received an answer when she has asked previously. The reason she is asking about this is that she understands Council is going for a grant and in order to obtain this grant, Council will have to spend some money. Some unidentified residents wanted her to ask council as to what account would this money be taken from, and would council have to repay the money back to that account. Ms. Linington asked Mr. Profy if the money could come from the sewer account. Mr. Profy replied that he does not know the amount in the sewer accounts and what the limitations are for the use of money from those accounts. Mr. McTigue replied that the financial statements are available for the public to review, and the totals in the accounts are \$123,699.00 in sewer checking, \$291,521.00 in sewer savings, and \$442,735.00 in PennVest.

Ms. Linington asked about the money that might be used for acquiring the grant for improvements to the Borough Hall, could it come from the sewer accounts, she does not think that this could be done. Mr. McTigue replied that there are no plans as to what is going to be done, nor has a timetable been established for work to be completed.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barnes had no report for the Planning commission.

Mr. Badgley reported that he had received information pertaining to a recycling grant and a subscription order form for a listing of grants that are available. Mr. McTigue asked Mr. Badgley to let Council know at the February meeting more information pertaining to a request for a recycling grant.

Ms. Cianci reported that pole #84540 on Hill Avenues out and pole #4845 on Highland Avenue was out again and Precision Electric will check the wiring as this light had been fixed in September 2006.

Ms. Gimpel read the Shade Tree Commission report for 2006 and a copy was put in the files.

Ms. Gimpel reported that after reviewing the grant information she received at the December Council meeting with the Shade Tree commission, they agreed that this grant does not apply to our Borough at this time.

Ms. Gimpel reported that she checked the areas where street signs were removed for holes along the road. There were not one hundred ninety-one holes; there were approximately eight holes that she and Mr. Yourtee filled in. If there are any holes that were missed the residents are to call Ms. Gimpel or the Borough office. Mr. McTigue thanked Ms. Gimpel and Mr. Yourtee for taking care of filling in the holes.

Mr. McTigue stated that he had no report on trash or recycling. Mr. McTigue asked that in the next newsletter if an article could be put in, informing the residents of the increase in the trash assessment fees, which went from \$226.00 to \$290.00 due to the increase in the contract fees for trash pick up.

Ms. Gimpel asked if we could put the Christmas trees out for pick up. Mr. McTigue said that he would call allied Waste to make sure that they will still pick them up. Ms. Gimpel stated that she received an e-mail stating that Middletown Township is recycling Christmas trees at the Department of Public Works on Veterans Highway on January 3rd, 4th, and 5th and the chips will be used in their parks.

Mr. Pizzola – absent, no report

Mr. Yourtee stated that he met with Mario Canales from Pickering, Corts and Summerson and he approved the work to be completed at the corner of Langhorne Avenue and Pine Street as proposed by Langhorne Paving. Mr. Yourtee reported that Harvey Spencer had completed the tree work and Langhorne Paving had started the roadwork. Mr. Yourtee is to follow up with Langhorne Paving to be sure the corner is graded properly.

Mr. Yourtee is to get a list of venders to clean out the storm sewers for the February Council meeting. Mr. Yourtee stated that the report that showed a photograph and gave a detail report of each manhole would be a good reference source to start with as there are nine inlets identified as totally clogged and would need to be cleaned prior to determination if the pipes are functioning.

6. **MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Farmer reported that Officer Wynne Cloud would be acting Police chief from January 19th thru January 28th while chief Bumm is on vacation and he will receive the same hourly rate as Chief Bumm does.
7. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – Mr. Profy stated no formal report.
8. **INSPECTOR'S REPORT** –Mr. Bush gave the Inspector's report for the month of December 2006.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Mr. McTigue read a letter from Begley, Carlin & Mandio pertaining to the contract for 2007, the terms and provisions of the Contract are exactly the same as for Professional Services dated January 2, 2006, with the exception of subparagraph b. of 3. Compensation wherein the compensation to the firm has been increased from \$130.00 per hour to \$140.00 per hour for work performed in connection with court litigation, zoning hearing appeals, land development and subdivision applications.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to approve the contract for 2007 for Begley, Carlin and Mandio. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Luff read a thank you from Chief Bumm and family for the flowers that had been sent for his Grandmother's funeral.

10. APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT & TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. McTigue stated that all Council members had received a copy of the bill list for payment. He asked if there were any questions or discussions. Two bills were added to the bill list, \$25.00 to Associated Imaging and \$316.36 to Staples. Motion was made by Mrs. Cianci and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to pay all bills. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Barnes reported that she had attended the Bucks County Boroughs Association's Christmas Dinner and it was a wonderful affair. She spoke on the meetings to be held in the future, and she hopes that some of the Council members will consider attending

Motion was made by Mrs. Cianci and seconded by Mr. Badgley to approve the Treasurer's report for December 2006 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. SECOND MEETING – Mrs. Barnes stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16 2007; at the present time there is no business for the agenda. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to dispense with the second meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

12. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. McTigue entertained a motion to adjourn this meeting. Motion was made by Mrs. Cianci and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday February 6, 2007 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough