

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF JUNE 1, 2004**

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, June 1, 2004, at 7:35 P.M. Eastern Standard Time by Maryann Barnes President.

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

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

PERSON ABSENT Robert Byrne and Steve Yourtee

Mrs. Barnes opened the meeting of Langhorne Manor Borough Council at 7:35 P.M. for the purpose of filling the vacancy of Mayor, due to the illness and resignation of Gerry Seader. Mrs. Barnes stated that the position had been advertised in the Bucks County Courier as required by law.

At this time Mr. Profy explained the duties of the Mayor.

Mrs. Barnes stated that she received one letter of interest for the position of Mayor from Mr. Francis Farmer.

Mr. Farmer explained his reasons for wanting to be Mayor of Langhorne Manor Borough; he stated that Mayor Seader had done a wonderful job as Mayor. He would like to be considered for Mayor because of the interest and support he has given to the police department during all his years on Council. There are things he would like to see the police department do that are not being done at the present time.

Mrs. Barnes asked if any of the Borough Council Members had any questions for Mr. Farmer/

Mr. McTigue stated that he had worked with Mr. Farmer on Council for at least 13+ years and he appreciates Mr. Farmer's interest for the position of Mayor and for all the work he has done in the past for Langhorne Manor Borough.

Mr. Profy stated that the meeting would recess till 8:00 P.M. and the position for Mayor would be filled at that time.

Meeting recessed at 7:53 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 8:00 P.M.

Mrs. Barnes stated that there was one person interviewed for the position of Mayor was Mr. Francis Farmer. Mrs. Barnes stated that a motion is needed to appoint Mr. Farmer as Mayor of Langhorne Manor Borough. Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to appoint Mr. Farmer as Mayor of Langhorne Manor Borough.

Mr. Profy explained that before action is taken on the motion he had discussed with Mr. Farmer that prior to being appointed as Mayor he would have to resign as Borough Councilman.

Mr. Farmer stated that his resignation as Borough Councilman had been submitted.

Mr. Profy stated that on June 1, 2004 at 8:02 P.M. Mr. Farmer submitted his resignation as a member of Borough Council to Council President Mrs. Barnes and at this point he is no longer a member of Council. It was stated that Mr. Farmer's resignation was accepted with regrets.

Mrs. Barnes stated that there is a motion on the floor to appoint Mr. Farmer to the position of Mayor of Langhorne Manor Borough. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy stated that the Oath of Office for the position of Mayor is administered by the District Justice and is to be filed with the Borough records.

Mr. Byrne entered the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mrs. Barnes entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2004 Borough Council Meeting.

Mr. Profy apologized for missing the meeting on May 4, 2004 due to a meeting of his being changed from Wednesday to Tuesday and there had been a mix up as to who was suppose to attend the Borough Council Meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to approve the minutes as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Barnes stated that the Borough Council would be going into executive session. Mr. Profy explained that the discussion would pertain to a personel matter and the regular meeting will reconvene following the executive session.

Meeting reconvened at 8:43 P.M.

3. **POLICE REPORT** – Chief Bumm gave the police report for the month of May 2004.

4. **COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS** – Ms. Linington inquired if the woods are going to be sprayed this year as they are having a problem with bugs in her area. She stated that she would be willing to contact the proper authority to spray the woods. Mrs. Barnes stated the Bucks County Board of Health had been given permission to spray the wet areas through out the Manor for West Nile Virus.

Mr. Yourtee entered the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Ms Linington mentioned in the April 2004 minutes Mr. McTigue changed what was written in the minutes pertaining to what Mr. Profy had said at that meeting. She asked if a Councilperson could change the minutes with out the person giving permission to do so when they are not in attendance. Mr. Profy stated that he would review the two copies of the April 2004 minutes.

Ms. Linington stated that Mr. McTigue said that Mr. Profy said something other then what was in the minutes and proceeded to change the wording in the minutes. She asked Mr. Mctigue if she was right or wrong. Mr. McTigue replied if he knew what she was talking about he would comment on it, but she was not being specific. Ms. Linington asked Mrs. Luff if she remembered what was said. Mrs. Luff replied that she knows there were some corrections, but she does not remember exactly what they were. Mrs. Luff stated that she does not have a copy of the April minutes with her.

Ms. Linington asked Mr. Profy if that is permissible, Mr. Profy replied that he was not at the meeting and he would review a draft form of the minutes. Mr. McTigue stated that Council reviews a draft form of the minutes at the Council meeting. Mr. Profy stated that he added to Ms. Gimpel's paragraph the word table to the second paragraph and he feels that that is an acceptable correction.

Ms. Boyle stated that it was more than a word change it was almost a paragraph.

Ms. Linington asked if a Councilperson could change what is written in the minutes if that person is not present at the meeting.

Mrs. Barnes stated that changes were made and Council approved the minutes.

Ms. Linington stated then it is all right for a Councilperson to speak for another person who is absent from the meeting.

Mr. Profy replied yes. If he was to say something and it is recorded in the minutes by the Secretary and whether he is present or not a Councilperson says that is not what that person said and Council approves the change. It is changed. They are not changing what I said, what is changed is what was recorded in the minutes. Mr. Profy stated again the answer to Ms. Linington's question is yes they can make changes, but he would review what Mr. McTigue changed for him last month.

Mrs. Beth Bartnikowski spoke on the quality of service BFI is providing for trash collection. At least once a month trash or recycling is not collected on Central Avenue.

Mr. McTigue replied that he would contact BFI concerning this problem.

Ms. Krista Conkle inquired if the meeting with Penn Dot had been scheduled concerning the drainage problem on Hulmeville Avenue.

Mrs. Barnes stated that she had been in contact with State Senator Tomlinson and Representative Wright and a meeting should be scheduled within the week concerning several issues including the access roads.

Ms. Conkle asked where the thirteen storm drains from Hill Avenue go to.

Mrs. Barnes stated that Mr. Bush would have all that information. Mr. Bush stated that there are several outlets. Ms. Conkle asked if they all go to 214 Hulmeville Avenue. Mr. Bush replied that some of them do and the Borough Engineer would have all that information. Ms. Conkle asked if she could contact the Borough Engineer for that information. Mrs. Barnes stated that Council would have to get those studies from Pickering Corts & Summerson.

Ms. Conkle asked who would be attending the meeting with Penn Dot and Mrs. Barnes replied that she would be along with Representative Wright and Mr. Profy.

Mr. Profy replied that by the July 2004 Council meeting there should be a report from this meeting.

Ms. Conkle stated that she and her neighbor are willing to do anything to help resolve this problem.

Mrs. Barnes stated that their comments from May 2004 minutes pertaining to the drainage problem on Hulmeville Avenue and the access roads will be very helpful at the meeting. Ms. Conkle asked if the information from the Borough Engineer pertaining to the thirteen storm drains would be available at the July 2004 Council meeting. Mr. Profy asked Mr. Bush if he could get that information. Mr. Bush replied that he could.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barnes stated that she had no report from the Planning Commission. Mrs. Barnes stated that she had received a letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development informing Council that the application submitted for the street name signs had been approved for the amount of \$18,000.00. Mrs. Barnes thanked Mr. McTigue for all the work he had put into completing the applications making the two grants that we received possible.

Mrs. Barnes also received a letter from Langhorne Middletown Fire Company announcing their 175th anniversary. They will be having a black tie cocktail party on Friday June 25, 2004 and a Community Day Parade to be held on Saturday September 25, 2004. Mrs. Barnes had spoken to Chief Farry and He told her Langhorne Manor Borough would be included in this celebration. The parade may start somewhere in our Borough, as they want to include all the areas they serve. Mrs. Barnes will review their request for contributions and she feels that the borough should put an ad in their program book.

Mr. Byrne reported that he would call Precision Electric concerning the light on Hulmeville Avenue that comes on late.

Ms. Gimpel reported that she and Mrs. Bradin cleaned all the debris out of the stream and it was picked up on bulk pickup day. Penn Dot had cleaned out the storm drain on Route 1.

Mr. McTigue reported that he had contacted BFI about obtaining a dumpster, they will provide any size dumpster we need at no charge. There is a one time hauling charge of \$150.50, a disposal fee of \$69.00 a ton. The \$69.00 fee is the highest if all disposal options, because it could consist of mixed debris, some of which would have to go to the landfill and not the incinerator.

Mrs. Barnes asked what the dumpster would be used for. Mr. Yourtee replied it would be used for the Borough Hall cleanup, the fence from 616 Hulmeville Avenue, picnic table and items from the police garage and any debris behind the Borough Hall.

Mr. Yourtee reported that he had contacted Mr. Gubernick from the Bucks County Prisons to find people who have to perform community service work. He left two messages at his office and Mr. Yourtee had no response. Mr. Yourtee spoke to a woman at Judge Falcone's office whether he sentence people to community service and he was told that Judge Falcone usually doesn't She was going to have Judge Falcone call Mr. Yourtee.

Mr. Profy told Mrs. Luff to check with Paist & Noe and find out if community service work is covered under the volunteer endorsement for workers through the court system or a community group.

Mr. Byrne stated that Boy Scouts could do this kind of work for merit badges and they could have adult supervision.

Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to order a thirty cubic yard dumpster at a date to be determined at the cost of one time hauling charge \$150.50, and disposal fee of \$ 69.00 per ton. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee is to over see the project for the getting volunteers for the clean up day and setting a date.

Mrs. Bartnikowski asked if she could put on the web site that volunteers are needed for the clean up day.

Mr. Yourtee stated that would be a good idea after a date is set.

Mr. McTigue reported that the web site domain registration will expire in October 2004, he received a notice from Domain Registry of America and their cost is \$25.00 for one year or \$85.00 for five years. He will discuss this with Mrs. Bartnikowski.

Mr. Byrne inquired about street sweeping which Reilly Sweeping had done. Mr. Byrne was wondering if a deal could be made with a Township that owns a sweeper. Mayor Farmer explained a deal had been made with Middletown Township when their sweeper is available at no charge. Reilly charged us \$85.00 an hour, which is very reasonable.

6. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Profy explained the May 27, 2004 proposal submitted by Carroll Engineering for the Municipal Infiltration/Inflow Removal Plans for the Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority Neshaminy Interceptor. Each municipal customer is required to submit an Infiltration/Inflow Removal and Implementation Plan in accordance with their agreement with Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority. It would be done in three phases.

Phase I Summary of specific activities, investigations including mapping of monitoring locations, past and present studies and copies of data collected. This includes a detailed report of flow metering, investigation and studies performed.

Phase II - This will include a detailed listing of efforts that are in progress or planned, and the results of these efforts

Phase III - This should include what other investigations, evaluations or repairs that should be done.

It is recommended by Carroll Engineering that Council proceed with Phase I of the Project at a cost of \$5000.00 and after the completion of the flow metering evaluation, it would be determined if there is a need for further steps to be taken.

Mayor Farmer asked if Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority is going to check their meters. Mr. Profy replied that the city of Philadelphia could check Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority meters.

Mr. Profy stated that a motion is needed to approve Carroll Engineering as the consulting engineer for doing this work not to exceed \$5000.00 as shown in the May 27, 2004 proposal.

Mr. McTigue asked if we do not approve this work then we would not be allowed additional sewer hookups. Mr. Profy replied that is correct.

Mr. McTigue inquired what is the time period by which we have to act on this.

Mr. Profy replied the pressing issue is responsible proper management of the sewer system. This investigation is necessary, until you take the first step, you will not be able to address the issues. Mr. Profy stated that we now have a ten to twelve year old sewer system and the maintenance level might need to be increased due to its age.

Mr. Yourtee stated that the concern is that we might be getting rainwater infiltration into the sewer system. Is the best time to do the study during the summer months when it doesn't usually rain very much? Mr. Profy replied that he would speak to John Swenson from Carroll Engineering as to the best time for the study.

Mrs. Barnes stated that the proposal reads that the study would be done during wet weather events.

Mrs. Barnes asked if we have to pay the \$5000.00 prior to the study. Mr. Profy replied no.

Mr. Yourtee asked what other problems could contribute to the infiltration beside loose manhole covers. Mr. Bush replied that the missing white caps on the residents' sewer lines, water from sump pumps running into the sewer lines and loose manhole covers.

Mr. Yourtee stated that Newtown Township and Northampton Township use a company who inspects their lines with a camera.

Mr. McTigue recommended that Borough Council table the proposal until more information can be obtained.

Mr. Profy stated that it does not have to be tabled as no motion was made. He recommended that a representative from Carroll Engineering attend a Council meeting. He will write to John Swenson concerning this matter.

Mr. Yourtee asked if this could be put on the web site to notify residents about the excessive water flow rate and what they can do to help correct this problem. Mr. Profy recommended that the Council first have a Representative from Carroll Engineering attend a meeting, explain all the problems, and then put it on the web site.

7. INSPECTOR'S REPORT –Mr. Bush gave the Inspector's report for the month of May 2004. Mr. Bush reported that he received a copy of the Delaware River South Watershed Act 167 Storm Water Management Plan it is available for public inspection at the Borough office. A public hearing on the Plan will be held on June 16, 2004 at 10:00 A.M. at the Silver Lake Nature Center.

8. CORRESPONDENCE – A thank-you card from the family of William Carlin thanking the Borough Council for the donation to the Bucks County Boy Scouts in Mr. Carlin's memory.

9. APPROVAL OF THE BILL AND TREASURER'S REPORT –Mrs. Barnes stated that all Council members received a copy of the bill list for payment. She asked if there were any questions or discussion. Questions were asked pertaining to certain payments and what they were for. Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to approve the bill list as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Barnes entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. McTigue stated at the April Council meeting, the Treasurer's report had not been approved due to an issue that Ms. Gimpel brought up concerning the Federal Tax Liability, he wanted to know if the correction was reflected in the May 31, 2004 report. Ms. Gimpel explained that they did not have a chance to get together and the correction would be made this month.

Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to table the April and May 2004 Treasurer's report till the correction is made. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

10. SECOND MEETING –Mrs. Barnes stated that a second meeting is planned for June 15, 2004 at 8:00 P.M. Mr. Profy explained that there is a vacancy on Borough Council and thirty day period to fill the vacancy will expire before the July 6, 2004 Borough Council meeting. Mr. Profy

stated that a second meeting is necessary on Tuesday June 15, 2004. He will advertise the meeting for 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of interviewing for the position of Borough Councilperson.

MS. Gimpel asked if any information had been received pertaining to the Borough doing their own sewer billing. Mrs. Barnes replied that they are working on it.

11. ADJOURNMENT – Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough