

MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2010

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 2, 2010, at 8:03 P.M. Eastern Time by William McTigue, President.

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

PERSONS PRESENT- Maryann Barnes Vice President; Sharon Gimpel; Edward Hanisco; William McTigue; President, Patricia Silcox; Steven Yourtee; Robert Byrne, Mayor; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer and Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor.

PERSON ABSENT –Nicholas Pizzola

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mrs. Silcox to approve the minutes of January 4, 2010 as presented. No objections were presented. Ms. Gimpel abstained. Motion carried.

3. POLICE REPORT – Mayor Byrne gave the police report for the month of January 2010.

4. INSPECTOR'S REPORT-Mr. Peet gave the Inspector's report for the month of January 2010.

5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS –There were no comment requests.

Mrs. Barnes thanked Mr. Peet for getting the neighbor at 308 Hill Ave to move the boat and trailer that was located in the front of the property.

Mr. McTigue introduced Mr. Dan Campbell from John Milner Architect who spoke about the two projects for the restoration of the Borough Hall, one is for the roof work and the second one is for the exterior stone work. They are formulating the bid documents. There are to be separate bids for the two projects. A tentative schedule for both projects are, February 16 to 23, 2010 for advertising of the bids, March 2, 2010 opening of the bids, March 9th to March 16 have Milner Architect review the bids and at a second meeting on March 16, 2010 the awarding of the bids. On April 15, 2010 the roof work is to commence and by June 15, 2010 the work is to be completed.

Mr. Profy stated that the documents look fine to him.

September 1, 2010 is the starting date for the second project which is the exterior work.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mrs. Silcox to advertise for the bids for the restoration work on the Borough Hall as presented by John Milner Architect. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

There was a discussion pertaining to, opening up the original stairs that had been closed off when the handi-cap ramp had been installed in front of the Borough Hall. Mr. Campbell explained the work that would have to be done to bring the steps up to the current building code. Mr. Yourtee stated that the wing walls and the existing treads would have to be maintained as they are exposed to the weather. Mr. Yourtee asked Mr. Campbell as to his thoughts on removing the original steps. Mr. Campbell replied that this is a hard question to answer because the historical nature of the steps comes in, as to whether the reviewing agency would want them to be saved at all costs.

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to add as an alternative feature to the bid package the restoration of the original steps. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barnes had no report for the Planning Commission. Mrs. Barnes reported on an article in the TMA newsletter pertaining to the new calming traffic pattern on Route 413 near the blinking light.

Mrs. Barnes asked about the installation of cameras by PennDot in the right of way along the access roads. Mr. Yourtee stated that the Borough had been contacted by Jacobs Engineering, who works for PennDot and their intent is to do this fiber optic system from I95 down to the turnpike, which also will tie into North East Philadelphia and this will be tied into PennDot's monitoring system in King of Prussia. It will consist of warning boards and traffic monitoring via cameras. There will be no cost to Langhorne Manor Borough.

Ms. Gimpel had no report.

Mr. Hanisco had no report.

Mr. McTigue reported that he had received a year end report from the County of Bucks Emergency Health Services pertaining to Ambulance Squads in-service times and average time response to locations.

Mr. McTigue stated that he had received the Household Hazardous Waste Commitment form and it will cost the Borough \$159.45 per year for years 2010, 2011, and 2012. Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to approve participation in the Household Hazardous Waste Program for years 2010, 2011, and 2012 at a cost of \$159.45 per year. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. McTigue spoke again about the Police Regionalization Program and if Langhorne Manor Borough wants to continue to participate in this program along with Penndel and Langhorne Boroughs. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mrs. Silcox for

Langhorne Manor Borough to withdraw from participating in the Police Regionalization Program. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. McTigue made the committee assignments:

Mrs. Barnes will serve on the Planning commission; Sub-Division & Land Development and Grant Application Coordinator.

Mr. Hanisco will serve on the Street Light Committee; Safety Code Review; Building Code Review; Plumbing Code Review and Outside Cleanup and Special Projects Committee.

Mrs. Silcox will serve on the Police Committee; Grant Application Coordinator; and on Building Maintenance Preservation Committee.

Ms. Gimpel will serve on Insurance Issues, Tax Collector Liaison, Assessment Liaison; Shade Tree Commission Liaison, Newsletter Committee and Budget Committee.

Mr. Pizzola will serve on Penn Vest Finance; Chairman of Budget Committee; Ordinance Review other than Zoning & Sub-Division & Land Division; Rescue Squad Liaison; Fire Department Liaison, Newsletter committee and Street Signs.

Mr. McTigue will serve as Emergency Management Coordinator; on the Refuse Collection; Recycling Program; Leaf Pickup; Landfill Issues; Police Committee Chairman and Newsletter.

Mr. Yourtee will serve on the Borough Streets; Snow Removal and Borough Grounds Coordinator.

Mr. Yourtee suggested that the sign replacement work be contracted out so they would be replaced in a timelier manor.

Mrs. Silcox had no report.

Mr. Pizzola sent a report stating that the W2 forms had been completed.

Mr. Yourtee reported that there had been an accident at the corner of Hill and Highland Avenues. The mail box and stop sign been damaged. An accident report had been done by the State Police and Mr. Yourtee will try to get that information. Mr. Yourtee had replaced the stop sign.

Mr. Yourtee reported that the storm sewer pipe at the corner of Station and Elm Avenues is clogged due to the residents not keeping their gutters free of leaves. Mr. Yourtee stated that there is an ordinance pertaining to keeping the gutters cleared and it should be enforced.

Mr. Yourtee would like a list of where pot holes are located through out the Borough.

Mr. Yourtee stated that he had heard that where the police cars had been serviced is no longer in business and would like to have Thompson's Motors be considered for the work. It was stated that Paul Bertrand has a garage located at his residence and does the work from there and a mechanic that Mayor Byrne knows and spoke to works with Mr. Bertrand.

Mr. McTigue does not see any problems with continuing to have Bertrand's service the police cars. Mayor Byrne will make sure that Bertrand's has insurance.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Byrne had no report.

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Profy reported that an offer of \$175,000.00 from SEPTA had been received for the purchase of 28,000 Square feet of property along Comly Avenue and he recommended that Mayor Byrne sign the memorandum of understanding subject to a definitive contract. This is also going to require a sub-division/lot line change as they are not buying the entire parcel of ground owned by Langhorne Manor Borough along the railroad right of way, but they are buying the portion that is adjacent to their train station.

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded By Mr. Hanisco to approve the recommendation as presented by Mr. Profy for the sale of the Property to SEPTA for \$175,000.00. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Barnes asked if the program from the dedication of the Borough Hall could be used for the Be Part of History Brochure that had been received from the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – Mrs. Luff stated that the information for the Robert C. Edwards Scholarship Foundation is available and she also had it posted on our web site.

Mr. McTigue spoke about all the work Ms. Gimpel had done pertaining to sewer rates and expense information. Mr. McTigue stated that this information would be discussed at the second meeting on February 16, 2010.

10. APPROVAL OF BILLS & TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PAYMENT – 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. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mrs. Silcox to pay the bills as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Mr. McTigue stated that all Council members had received a copy of the Treasurer's report and does anyone have any comments. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Ms. Gimpel explained that Mrs. Luff had requested a third week of vacation instead of a pay raise this year.

11. SECOND MEETING – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 16, 2010;

12. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. McTigue entertained a motion to adjourn this meeting. Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mrs. Silcox to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:09 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday February 16, 2010 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough