

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF MARCH 6, 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, March 6, 2007, at 8:03 P.M. Eastern Time by William McTigue, President.

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

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

PERSON ABSENT – Maryann Barnes

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Badgley to approve the minutes of February 6, 2007 as amended. Mr. Pizzola abstained. No objections were presented. Motion carried

3. POLICE REPORT – Mayor Farmer gave the police report for the month of February 2007

4. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS – Mrs. Lois Abbott (803 Hulmeville Avenue) spoke about the speed of the traffic on Hulmeville Avenue and she would like something done about it. She also stated that her husband who works the second shift and walks after he gets home from work has not seen a police car in weeks. She wants to know what the police are doing when they are on duty. She wants the police to enforce the thirty-five mile an hour speed limit on Hulmeville Avenue.

Ms. Jane Boyle (308 Gillam Avenue) stated in her opinion the Borough Council had no intention of replacing the storm drain that they said had been removed when the sewers were installed. She is grateful and thankful for the drain and the work that had been done at the corner of Gillam and Hulmeville Avenues a few years ago. She still feels that there is a need for the drain to be replaced.

Ms. Betty Linington (308 Gillam Avenue) thinks that there are some individuals that do not think that there was a storm drain on Hulmeville Avenue near her property. She asked Mr. McTigue if he remembers one being in that area, he replied that he does not deny that there was one there. She stated that there are many members on Borough Council that knew a drain was in that area by her home. The pipe is in the woods, she does not know why the pipe is not being replaced, and she feels that something should be done.

Ms. Linington also referred to the pothole at the corner of Elm and Hulmeville Avenues that she reported three months ago, it still has not been fixed and it is getting a lot larger and dangerous.

Mr. Gary Wiley from the Langhorne Middletown Fire Company brought a copy of their budget for 2007 and a copy of their expenditures from January 1, 2007 through February 27, 2007 to show how the tax money from Langhorne Manor Borough is used. He also gave a copy of the Skyline Fire District Association, which Langhorne Middletown Fire Company belongs to, Agree Upon Procedures Report.

Mr. McTigue stated that over a year ago there was a discussion pertaining to the condition of the Borough Hall and how the repairs that are needed would be funded. He stated that a committee had been formed and he introduced Mrs. Beth Bartnikowski who chaired this committee to bring her presentation this evening.

Mrs. Beth Bartnikowski reported that the Borough had received notification for listing on the National Registry and we had received approval for historical certification for the Borough Hall and that things are moving forward.

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to spend \$5000.00 to prepare task two which is to prepare the final draft of the National Registry Combination form and to begin the preparation of task three for the final draft in order to keep the process going. No objections were presented. Motion carried. The funds are to come out of the General Fund.

Mr. Charles Lauble (Prospect Avenue) showed a map dated 1938 showing the lay out of Langhorne Manor Borough. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to authorize the spending of \$200.00 to have Mr. Lauble mount the original map and the up dated map of Langhorne Manor Borough. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Maryann Barnes absent.

Mr. Badgley reported that he would be working on the Grundy Grant Application for funds to be used for repairs on the Borough Hall.

Mrs. Cianci reported that all the streetlights are working.

Mrs. Cianci stated that she agrees with Mrs. Abbott that the police department is not doing their job and somebody should address this problem.

Mrs. Cianci stated that Ms. Linington should be made aware of the Letter from Pickering Corts and Summerson stating that there is no need for a drain to be located on Hulmeville Avenue near her property. Mr. McTigue replied that he had a conversation with Ms. Linington pertaining to the letter.

Ms. Gimpel had no report for the Shade Tree commission.

Ms. Gimpel reported that she had spoke to Paist & Noe pertaining to the damaged guardrails. They recommended that she find out from our police department if there was an accident report filed before they would start to investigate this matter. In terms of coverage it is questionable whether the guardrail would be covered under our property insurance policy, especially if it is over one thousand feet from the Borough Hall. We can measure the linear foot and adding it on as a possibility, and see how much it would cost for insurance to repair the guardrail. Ms. Gimpel stated that she will need the cooperation from our police department to see if there was an accident report for the day of the guardrail damage, if there is a report our insurance agent can start working on it as they will know that there is a subrogation involved.

Ms. Gimpel reported that an actual bill had been received for sewers for Langhorne Gardens Nursing Home. She is trying to get the figures for the prior three quarters, so the Borough can pursue what needs to be done for billing purposes.

Mr. McTigue reported that bulk trash pick-up would be Saturday May 19, 2007. Mr. McTigue stated that he would make arrangements for the spring leaf pick-up before the April council meeting.

Ms. Gimpel stated if anyone has information for the newsletter to get it to her before the April Council meeting.

Ms. Gimpel stated that she is having a problem getting her trash picked up. Mr. McTigue stated that he would follow up on her problem with Allied Waste.

Mr. Pizzola stated that there is a type written mistake in item 409 of the budget and it will be corrected.

Mr. McTigue stated that he had the names of the five people to be re-appointed to the Council committees, Gary Mucklow and Ron Bartnikowski to the Zoning Hearing Board, Frank Farmer to the Higher Education Authority, Maryann Barnes to the Planning Commission and Steve Yourtee to the Shade Tree Commission.

Motion was made by Mrs. Cianci and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to approve the above names to serve on the Council committees. Ms. Gimpel abstained on the Zoning Hearing Committee appointment only and Mr. Yourtee abstained on the Shade Tree Commission appointment only. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee reported that Tree Tenders is sponsoring a free course on tree care, to be held on March 29, April 5th and 12th in Teleford Borough Hall.

Mr. Yourtee reported two snow events in February, the bill for February 14th was \$2543.00 and on February 26th the bill was \$904.00.

Mr. Yourtee reported that there is a light out near the fire exit on the Borough hall and the parking lot light is also out, he will get Precision Electric to check it out.

Mr. Yourtee reported that the partition in the Borough Hall had been removed. He thanked Ms. Gimpel, Mrs. Cianci, Dave Silcox and Ron Bartnikowski for their help. Mr. Yourtee spoke on the repair of the floor area and he would like a professional to do the repairs. He reported that there is a full bundle of flooring and three loose pieces he feels that there should be enough flooring for the repairs. Mr. McTigue stated that he had contacted a contractor to get a quote for the work on the floor.

Mr. Yourtee reported that he had contacted three companies for bid for the inlet clean out and he had not heard from any of them.

Mr. Yourtee reported on obtaining the free pedestrian signs from PennDot, an application has to be filled out along with a traffic study in the area where the signs are to be used.

Mr. Yourtee wants a list of potholes that are in need of repairs.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Farmer reported that on March 15, 2007 the Community Leaders Breakfast for Cares will be held and he will not be able to attend. He also reported that he was invited to the annual breakfast for the Bucks County Chiefs Association to be held on April 19, 2007

7. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Profy reported that the Borough Engineer has reviewed and signed off on the plans for Wood Services new medical and training facilities. The plans are to be signed by all the Borough Council members.

Mr. Profy reported that the Bucks County Conservation District has some issues with the erosion and sediment control plan for Wood Services medical and training facilities and it is understood with Middletown Township that there will not be any building permits issued until the problem is addressed.

Mr. Profy asked the Borough Council to approve the waiving of the posting of escrows for the completion of the public improvements for Wood Services. Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to wave the posting of escrows for Wood Services as recommended by Mr. Profy. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

A report had been received from Pickering Corts and Summerson pertaining to the NPDES stormwater outfall inspections and it was reported that there are some mistakes in the report, Mr. McTigue will contact Pickering Corts and Summerson and discuss this with them.

8. INSPECTOR'S REPORT –Mr. Bush gave the Inspector's report for the month of February 2007.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – Mrs. Luff read an invitation for Mike Fitzpatrick 12th annual St. Patrick's Festival to be held on Sunday March 11, 2007 at 4:00 P.M., cost \$60.00 per person. Notice from the Bucks County Borough Association that the general membership meeting will be held on March 27, 2007.

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. To be added to the bill list was National Fire Protection Association membership dues in the amount of \$150.00, and Infratech Industries in the amount of \$ 4,575.00. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to pay all bills as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Badgley and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to amended the December 2006 Treasurer's report. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Cianci and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to approve the Treasurer's report for January 2007. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Badgley and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to approve the Treasurer's report for February 2007. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. SECOND MEETING – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 20, 2007; at the present time there is no business for the agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Ms. Gimpel 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 Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday April 3, 2007 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough