

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF MARCH 7, 2006**

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 7, 2006 at 8:08 P.M. Eastern Standard Time by William McTigue President.

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

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

PERSON ABSENT - Francis Farmer, Mayor

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to approve the minutes of February 7, 2006 as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Mrs. Barnes abstained.

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

4. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS – Ms. Jane Boyle referred to the storm drain by their driveway area that was removed when the sewers were put in about twelve years ago. Since the February Council meeting, an engineer from Pickering Corts and Summerson was out inspecting the area of the storm drain two times, and she was wondering if Council had any information from Pickering Corts and Summerson.

Mr. McTigue stated that an estimate for engineering services and construction totaled \$30,390 for the storm drain project that Ms. Boyle referred to. Pickering Corts and Summerson stated that they were not able to locate the pipe that came out into the woods. He was not sure if it was or was not covered by debris, and they did not see an inlet during the field inspection.

Ms. Boyle, 308 Gillam Avenue, inquired as to who is on the Preservation Committee for the Borough Hall. Mr. McTigue replied Beth Bartnikowski, Charles Lauble, Steve Yourtee, Otto Grupp, Joe Bush, Steve Galazin and Harvey Spencer has also expressed interest. Ms. Boyle asked as to when the meetings are held and if there were going to be reports given at the Council meetings.

Ms. Betty Linington, 308 Gillam Avenue, stated that the meetings are not posted.

Mr. McTigue stated that he was not sure if they are subject to public notice. Ms. Linington stated that any meetings should be open to the public.

Mr. Yourtee replied that a meeting was held in February 2006, and a meeting is to be held on March 14, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Yourtee stated that this committee is an advisory committee for

collecting data. At the meeting in February 2006 they put together a five-year plan on how to proceed with restoration of the Borough Hall.

Ms. Linington reported that two men were inspecting the fire hydrant near the corner of Gillam and Hulmeville Avenues. They actually wanted Hulmeville Road not Hulmeville Avenue. Ms. Linington spoke on the condition of the fire hydrants in the Borough. They were supposed to be flushed, but she does not think that it was ever done.

Ms. Linington also wants something done with the storm drain that Ms. Boyle spoke on.

Ms. Boyle addressed a problem with the snow plowing by K. E. Seifert, Inc. that they are not plowing as close to the curb area as they should be. They left six to eight feet of unplowed area from the curb. Ms. Boyle feels that she should not be expected to shovel all that area. It used to be that the road was to be plowed within so many inches from the curb. Ms. Boyle asked that K. E. Seifert, Inc. be told of this problem.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Ms. Barnes reported that the Langhorne Manor Borough Planning Commission will be meeting on Thursday, March 30, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. to consider the Comprehensive Plan, and at 8:00 P.M., they will be discussing the minor sub-division for the Mathai property at 1006 Bellevue Avenue.

Mrs. Cianci thanked Borough Council for sending her to the seminar in February for new elected Council persons.

Mrs. Cianci reported that the light belonging to Middletown Township on Gillam Avenue at the Hulmeville Avenue overpass was fixed on February 8, 2006, and the three lenses, two on Hulmeville Avenue and one on Fairview Avenue, had been replaced.

Ms. Gimpel reported that a tree had been removed on the corner of Bellevue and Manor Avenues. The Shade Tree Commission and Mr. Bush agreed that it was not in the right-of-way and the contractor was supposed to apply for a Contractor's License.

Ms. Gimpel reported that there was an estimate of \$850.00 damage and \$65.00 for towing for the police car that was damaged in December. The insurance company still needs a bill for two tires that had been damaged in that accident, and they will hold the claim open for further repairs if needed for an alignment.

Ms. Gimpel spoke on the accident involving the guardrails on the overpass. The insurance agent stated if she could provide the date and the police department that had investigated the accident; they would contact the police department and file a claim under the Borough property coverage.

Ms. Gimpel had provided a copy of the PLIGIT to each Borough Council member. We are currently in PennVest at a rate of 4.1%. The problem is we do not have easy access to the money. PLIGIT Class Account is paying 4.2%. Ms. Gimpel would like Council to review the information and discuss it at the April 2006 Borough Council meeting. She had contacted First National Bank and

Trust Company concerning the 4.5%. She was told that that was for a certain time period and that time had already passed for a ten-month CD. The bank offered us 4% for a twelve-month CD if we invested the money within the next couple of days.

Ms. Gimpel reported that the missing fire hydrant at the corner of Manor Avenue and Pine Street had been replaced. A leaking fire hydrant at Station and Park Avenues should be repaired by March 4, 2006.

Mr. McTigue referred to a letter from Paist & Noe concerning insurance coverage for volunteers performing services for the Borough. It states that a volunteer would be covered as well as the Borough under the Borough's General Liability policy for damage caused by the volunteer's work. There is also a policy for Excess Volunteer Liability. It provides \$1,000,000 per occurrence over and above any collectible insurance that the volunteer would have. There is also a policy available for a volunteer for medical expenses up to \$25,000 per accident.

Mr. Galazin reported that he and Mr. Yourtee are working on getting quotes on signs. The three quotes are for 196 safety signs, from United Rental - \$6,700, Prison System \$7,200, and U.S. Municipal Supply \$4,401. The poles will be \$4,500 additionally.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to purchase the traffic safety signs according to PennDot's specifications at a cost not to exceed \$7,200. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee presented specifications on the different style poles. Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to purchase 160 2-inch galvanized square poles not to exceed \$26 each. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to purchase 50 - 10-foot round galvanized poles for the street signs at \$14 each. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee explained how the 50 10-foot poles were to be installed. Mr. Yourtee figures that it will cost between \$100 and \$150 per pole. He will have to get three quotes as the cost will be between \$5,000 and \$7,500.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to obtain three quotes for the installation of 50 street sign poles, according to the specifications explained by Mr. Yourtee, not to exceed \$10,000, and Mr. Yourtee is to proceed with the work with the contractor with the lowest quote. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. McTigue stated that due to the snowstorm, the last leaf pickup was cancelled. He would like to schedule two spring yard waste collections. The dates would be Saturday, April 1, 2006 and May 6, 2006. It was decided to have the community yard sale on Saturday May 13, 2006 followed by bulk pickup on Saturday, May 20, 2006.

Mr. McTigue read a thank-you from Police Officer Greg White who returned to work on March 1, 2006.

Mr. McTigue reported that he, Mayor Farmer, Chief Bumm, and Officer Shuck had attended former Mayor Gerry Seader's funeral.

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to contribute \$250 to the Brian Siebert Memorial Fund in memory of Gerry Seader. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. McTigue reported on the proposal submitted by Pickering, Corts, and Summerson, Inc. pertaining to the Hulmeville Avenue Cross Pipe Project. Cost for professional service is \$8,500; total estimated construction cost is \$21,890. Total estimated project cost is \$30,390.

Mr. Yourtee asked if there is a copy of the sewer plans showing where the storm sewer inlets are. Mr. McTigue replied yes, and that he would review the matter with Carroll Engineering.

Mr. Pizzola reported that he had received a list of signs that need to be replaced, mile per hour sign, street sign, speed sign on access road, and a leaning pole.

Mr. Yourtee spoke on the proposal that he had received from Winter's Best, LLC from Levittown for outside maintenance. It consists of 28 mowings at \$55 per visit, spring clean up - \$260, landscaping maintenances - \$235 per visit in June and October, total \$2,034.99, in nine monthly installments of \$226.11.

Motion was made by Mr. Galazin and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to accept the proposal by Winter's Best, LLC for outside maintenance for 2006. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee stated that he had received a letter from Pennsylvania Environmental Council pertaining to meetings they had on Hulmeville and Hill Avenues regarding the drainage problems in those areas. The letter listed the recommendations through their engineer. A copy of the report is on file at the Borough office.

Mr. Yourtee stated that there will be a conference in Doylestown on March 15, 2006 on storm water management retrofitting for the Neshaminy Water Shed.

Mr. Yourtee inquired about the cable consortium which Langhorne Manor Borough belongs to, involving the negotiations with Verizon, as they want to be a competitive cable provider. He wanted to know why negotiations are not continuing at the present time.

Mr. Profy replied that he has received copies of communication with the consortium's counsel and Verizon. Mr. Profy stated that he would review the documents and will report on it at the April 4, 2006 Council meeting.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT – Mr. McTigue reported that the Police Department's new police car a 2006 Ford Explorer had finally arrived on February 24, 2006. The \$500.00 credit from Winner Ford is to be applied to the police equipment account.

7. SOLICITOR'S REPORT –Mr. Profy had no report and left at 9:07 P.M. due to illness.

8. INSPECTOR'S REPORT –Mr. Bush gave the Inspector's report for the month of February 2006. Mr. Bush referred to the report from Pickering, Corts & Summerson. Mr. Bush discussed a letter he received from Pickering, Corts & Summerson regarding the Department of Environmental Protection review of Langhorne Manor Borough's Year 2 MS4 annual report and some of the items that the Borough will have to address.

Ms. Gimpel asked Mr. Bush if there will be additional money deposited in the Mathai escrow account. Mr. Bush replied that it is between Mrs. Luff and Mr. Profy, he does not handle that. Mrs. Luff replied that Mr. Profy handles that.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – New dates for household hazard waste collection, which will be posted on our Web site.

A letter from American Red Cross asking for an update of the Borough information.

A letter from Langhorne Middletown Fire Company asking for Langhorne Manor Borough to consider raising the fire tax mill from one to three

A thank-you card from Mrs. Barnes thanking the Council for flowers that had been sent upon the death of her mother.

10. APPROVAL OF BILLS & TREASURER'S 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 Mr. Galazin and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to pay all bills with the addition of the donation of \$250.00 in memory of the former Mayor, Gerry Seader.

Mr. McTigue asked if there were any questions or discussion on the Treasurer's report for January 2006. Motion was made by Mr. Galazin and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to approve the Treasurer's report for January 2006. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Mr. McTigue asked if there were any questions or discussion on the Treasurer's report for February 2006. Motion was made by Mr. Galazin and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to approve the Treasurer's report for February 2006. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. SECOND MEETING – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting scheduled for Tuesday March 21, 2006. At this time there are no items for the agenda for the meeting.

Motion made Mr. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to dispense with the second meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Executive session was held at 9:23 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 9:42 P.M.

Ms. Gimpel explained the Costar Program and asked if the Borough could register under this program, permission was given.

Mrs. Gimpel asked if the increasing of the fire tax from one mill to three mill be put as a referendum on the May or November ballot.

Mr. McTigue stated that he would contact the Board of Election and see if it could go on the May or November ballot.

12. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. McTigue entertained a motion to adjourn this meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Galazin and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. This meeting adjourned at 9:43 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday April 4, 2006 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough