

**MINUTES  
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING OF APRIL 1, 2008**

- 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, April 1, 2008, at 8:01 P.M. Eastern Time by Maryann Barnes, Vice 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; Francis Farmer, Mayor; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer and Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor.

**PERSON ABSENT** – Nicholas Pizzola, William McTigue; President, Steven Yourtee;

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion was made by Mrs. Cianci and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to approve the minutes of March 4, 2008 as presented and amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried

Mr. Yourtee entered at 8:05 P.M.

- 3. POLICE REPORT** –Mayor Farmer gave the police report for the month of March 2008.
- 4. INSPECTOR'S REPORT**-Mr. Peet gave the Inspector's report for the month of March 2008.

Mr. Profy presented R. A. Hoffman Architects Inc. who is the architect for Mr. & Mrs. Judge(1004 Hill Avenue) who are requesting a variance for a proposed addition which will increase the impervious surface ½ of 1 percent.

Mr. Pizzola entered the meeting at 8:12 P.M.

Motion was made by Mrs. Cianci and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to refer this to the Zoning Hearing Board and Council will not oppose the matter when it comes before the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Pizzola abstained. Motion carried.

- 5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS** – Betty Linington (308 Gillam Avenue) asked why Council is keeping the sewer rate at \$125.00 per quarter. She asked why the sewer bill couldn't be based on the usage of water instead of a flat rate for everyone since the Borough has one million dollars in the sewer fund.

Mr. McTigue entered the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

Mr. McTigue stated that Council's position hasn't changed since the many times Ms. Linington has spoken about the sewer rate. Mr. McTigue stated that the money in the sewer fund is for repairs to the sewer system. Mr. McTigue stated that it is a Council decision as to how the sewers are billed.

Ms. Linington asked if Council could vote as to how the sewers are billed. Mr. McTigue replied that this is not on the agenda for this evenings meeting.

Ms. Gimpel stated that she would be willing to look into the rate of usage the Borough uses and report on it next month.

Jane Boyle (308 Gillam Avenue) asked when the two pictures showing the maps of Langhorne Manor Borough would be hung up.

Ms Boyle asked about the articles in the papers pertaining to the police regionalization between Langhorne Manor Borough, Langhorne Borough, Penn del Borough, and Hulmeville Borough. She asked if Council has had any discussion pertaining to regionalization. Mr. McTigue replied that Council had not discussed this and he and Mrs. Barnes had attended a meeting pertaining to this and he will report on it later in the meeting.

Ms. Boyle asked that the Borough makes sure that the contractor who is paving the roads that are slated to be repaired, paves the width of the roads.

Ms. Boyle asked Mr. Peet about the Properties located at 600, 602 and 604 Hulmeville Avenue and if Philadelphia Biblical University students are living there. Mr. Peet replied that there are five students in one of the units and four students in the other unit with a family of five in the middle unit. Ms. Boyle stated that they have three edus and three trash pick-ups and there are a total of nine people living in two of the units, this is a good reason to change the sewer billing to usage.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Mrs. Barnes had no report for the Planning Committee. Mrs. Barnes stated that Langhorne Borough Business Association is sponsoring a 5K Run and a One Mile Fun Walk on Saturday April 19, 2008. Registration fee prior to the day of the race is \$10.00, the day of the race it is \$15.00

Mrs. Barnes stated that she has the proclamation for Our Lady of Grace Church who is celebrating its 100 year anniversary. The proclamation is based on the history of the church and the celebration dinner will be Sunday April 27, 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to have Mrs. Barnes attend the dinner and present the proclamation on behalf of Langhorne Manor Borough. She is to have the Proclamation framed at a cost not to exceed \$50.00. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Badgley reported that his trip to Harrisburg was very successful as the Schoolhouse (618 Hulmeville Avenue) had been approved unanimously as having local historical significance.

Mrs. Cianci reported that there are two lights out, one at 203 Prospect Avenue and pole #84698 on Hill Avenue.

Ms. Gimpel reported that she has the newsletter ready to be mailed out.

Mr. McTigue stated that it has been three or four months that he had been after Allied Waste to send the letter out to the residents regarding trash and recyclables schedule. Allied Waste told Mr. McTigue that the letter would be going out today (April 1, 2008)

Mr. McTigue reported that he and Mrs. Barnes attended the regionalization meeting which was conducted by Ron Stern to discuss the possibility of combining the four Boroughs of Langhorne Manor, Langhorne, Pennel, and Hulmeville. The study of police regionalization would be performed at no cost to the Borough. To proceed with this the Borough would have to issue a letter of intent. Mr. McTigue wants Mr. Profy to review this letter. A copy of the booklet "Regional Police Services in Pennsylvania is to go to each Council member so they can review it and be ready to discuss this at the May Council meeting.

Mr. Pizzola reported that he was not able to put the two "No Parking" sign up on Hill Avenue; he will do after April 15, 2008.

Mr. Yourtee reported that Harvey Spencer removed a tree that had fallen down during a storm on the Access Road and Station Avenue.

Mr. Yourtee reported that a tree came down on Pine Street and the owner removed it from the roadway, also a limb was hung up in the wires at 1006 Bellevue Avenue and the owner took care of it, but PECO had to come out first before anything could be done as it was in the wires. A tree at 407 Station Avenue has now lost two large limbs due to storms and it is diseased and in his opinion it is very dangerous. Mr. Yourtee thinks that the Shade Tree Commission should take a look at the tree at 407 Station Avenue and contact the homeowner and try to have them take it down or at least inform them that they have a very dangerous situation.

Mr. Yourtee had a meeting with Mario Canales from Pickering Corts and Summerson and a representative from Long Fence who was very helpful with what the Borough can do with the existing guide rails system. Mr. Yourtee is to receive cost option on the guide rail repairs.

Mr. Yourtee stated that heavy vegetation is growing up on some of the cables and it is causing decay. This is something that should be addressed if and when repairs are done on the guide rails. Future maintenance should include removal of the vegetation on a regular basis.

Mr. Yourtee would like to get a list of pot holes, so they can all be repaired at the same time. We will have to get a new contractor for repair work as Langhorne Paving has gone out of business.

Mr. Yourtee reported that the bid opening date for the street resurfacing project is April 14, 2008 at 11:00 A.M. and Mrs. Luff will be attending.

Mr. Yourtee asked about having the streets swept again this year, last year Reilly Street Sweeping did it at \$125.00 per hour, this year's quote for a four-hour minimum is \$384.00, and an additional hour is \$96.00. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to hire Reilly Sweeping Inc. for a four hour minimum not to exceed eight hours. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**7. MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Farmer had no report...

**8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – Mr. Profy reported that he was authorized to advertise the adoption of Ordinance No. 2008-0001 amending Realty Transfer Tax Ordinance of the Borough adopted December 2, 1986 as Ordinance No. 86-2, enacting the realty transfer tax and other tax related provisions pursuant to article XI-D of the tax reform code of 1971 and authorizing the Department of Revenue of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to determine, collect and enforce the tax interest and penalties. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to authorize the adoption of Ordinance 2008-0001 as presented by Mr. Profy. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE** – A letter was received from Daniel Baranoski, Magisterial District Judge pertaining to the use of people who have been sentenced to community service. Mr. Profy suggested that Mr. McTigue contact Judge Baranoski and see what type of people the Borough would be getting.

Mrs. Luff discussed budgeting the oil bills with Meenan Oil at a monthly cost of \$467.00 for both 616 and 618 Hulmeville Ave. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded Mr. Pizzola to budget the oil bill with Meenan Oil. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**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. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to pay the bills as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**11. SECOND MEETING** – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 15, 2008, 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 Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:29 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday May 6, 2008 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Langhorne Manor Borough