

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF APRIL 3, 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, April 3, 2007, at 8:04 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; Nicholas Pizzola; Steven Yourtee; Francis Farmer, Mayor; Beth Bartnikowski; Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor.

PERSON ABSENT – William McTigue, Loretta M. Luff

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to approve the Minutes of March 6, 2007 as amended. Mrs. Barnes abstained. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

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

Mrs. Barnes informed Council and the Mayor about an incident on Hill Avenue on April 2, 2007 at approximately 5:30 PM; individuals in a vehicle were seen video taping children playing in the neighborhood. Police were called and the PA State Police responded. She also indicated that school children attending Oliver Heckman Elementary School had recently been sent home with letters for their parents concerning, what may be a warning to a similar situation. Mr. Profy suggested that Police Chief Bumm contact the Principal of Oliver Heckman Elementary School concerning this letter.

Ms. Linington stated that she was informed of another incident approximately one week prior, where individuals were observed on Station Avenue, using a scanner in an attempt to intercept unencrypted wireless internet connections. Mayor Farmer responded that he will follow up with Chief Bumm on both incidents.

4. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS – Ms. Betty Linington (308 Gillam Avenue) commented on the need for repairs to the Hulmeville Overpass guardrail and the condition of the streets within the Borough, specifically Elm Street and Hulmeville Avenue. She asked if Sewer funds could be used to fix the streets.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barnes had no report concerning the Planning Commission. Mr. Profy added that the Borough's engineer will be inspecting the storm drainage improvements of the Wood's Services project located within the Borough. Mrs. Barnes stated

she received a letter for FEMA concerning updating the flood insurance map and passed this letter onto Joe Bush.

Mr. Badgley reported on a conversation with the Grundy Foundation concerning a grant application and was informed that 2007 funding dollars have been earmarked. He will follow up with the Regional Foundation Center and DCNR for funding possibilities. He will be attending a grant preparation seminar sponsored by the PA State Association of Boroughs on April 5 in Allentown, PA.

Mrs. Cianci stated that no street lights out at this time.

Mrs. Cianci issued a proposal to address the increasing traffic and subsequent speeding within the Borough. After speaking with Mayor Farmer, she is proposing two (2) officers on duty at a time, at least twice a week to perform speed enforcement duties. These duties would cost approximately \$11,000 for the year and is asking if the interest from the Sewer funds can be used to cover this cost. Mr. Profy responded that he will provide formal guidance concerning the use of the interest from the Sewer funds for this and other purposes at the next meeting, as well as resurrect an opinion on the Emergency Municipal Services Tax for the next meeting.

Ms. Gimpel informed Council of a letter and quote she received from Paist & Noe, Inc. concerning increasing the Borough's uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage. Currently the Borough carries \$35,000 non-stacking, and Paist & Noe are suggesting increasing the coverage to \$1,000,000 non-stacking, at a cost of \$196 annually.

Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to increasing the Borough's uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage to \$1,000,000. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Ms. Gimpel reported that she is waiting on figures for one additional quarter in an attempt to resolve the Langhorne Gardens Nursing Home sewer billing issue.

Ms. Gimpel distributed a draft newsletter for Council to review and provide feedback on and/or additions to prior to the April 11 mailing date. Ms. Gimpel asked Mrs. Barnes if Mr. McTigue had indicated the leaf pick-up date for the newsletter. Mrs. Barnes responded that Mr. McTigue asked if we should have only one or possibly two pick-ups. The feeling of Council was that one was sufficient and in keeping with past year spring leaf pick. Ms. Gimpel will contact Mr. McTigue to finalize the one leaf pick-up date for the spring of 2007.

Mr. McTigue - No report.

Mr. Pizzola stated that the mistake in the budget with item 409 has been corrected.

Mr. Yourtee reported on the past two snow event in March; costs for the two events were \$1,071 and \$2,500, for a year to date total of \$8,500.

Mr. Yourtee discussed the dumping of debris and the general condition of the guard rails at the Overpass. He has received a quote from Collinson Inc. to replace the old out-of-date guard rails; \$900 mobilization fee, \$19-\$21/lf guard rail depending on length needed, \$1,800-\$2,500 per end depending on typed needed. As an estimate, the borough has between 3,000 - 4,000 lf of guard rail and eight ends, which would cost approximately \$100,000 to replace. To replace the approximately 500 lf on either end of the Overpass that are currently down would cost between \$12,000 - \$15,000 per end. Mrs. Barnes asked if this was the Borough's responsibility. Mr. Bush responded that PennDOT's District 6 engineer has now been appointed and that it is worth discussing with PennDOT the fact that the costs for replacing the guard rail and repaving the access roads would far exceed the liquid fuel money the Borough received from the State, it is just too expensive. Mr. Yourtee stressed the need to receive police reports for accidents that damage Borough property. Mr. Profy suggested that nothing be done at this time until Mr. Bush contact PennDOT.

Mr. Yourtee spoke to the road repairs needed and again asked for a list of potholes that need to be addressed. No road repair work could be done during the cold weather, so we now need to start to address these needs. Hulmeville Avenue is scheduled to be repaired in June. Potholes have been identified at Access Roads, Elm & Hulmeville, Highland, and Bellvue Avenue, Pine and Park (caused by PECO, Mr. Bush will contact PECO). Mr. Yourtee asked for authorization to fix the pot holes identified.

Motion was made by Mrs. Cianci and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to authorized Mr. Yourtee to spend up to \$4,000 to repair the potholes. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee discussed the cross walk signs being offered by PennDOT, but after researching the process determined that it is less costly and time consuming to purchase the signs ourselves. Mr. Yourtee suggested purchasing 2 signs from Municipal Signs. Mr. Yourtee received estimates from Municipal Sign for \$588.86 and Newman Traffic Signs for \$592.

Motion was made by Mrs. Cianci and seconded by Mr. Badgley to authorized Mr. Yourtee to spend up to \$588.86 plus freight to purchase 2 cross walk signs from Municipal Sign. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee presented two bids for lawn maintenance of Borough Hall and Office properties. Shades of Green bid \$6,300 and Winter's Best bid LLC \$2,500.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to award Winter's Best LLC the Borough properties lawn maintenance for a cost of \$2,500. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee spoke to the MS4 report and the 9 inlet boxes identified by the Borough engineer that are clogged and need cleaning as well as curbs that are chocked with debris. Mr. Yourtee presented 3 bids; Infratech bid \$3,790, Trenchless Rehab bid \$9,174 and Brian J. Mason - Tall Pines bid \$2,875.

Motion was made by Mr. Badgley and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to award Brian J. Mason - Tall Pines the contract to clean the 9 inlet boxes and clean identified curbs for \$2,875. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT – No report.

7. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Profy, at Mr. McTigue's request, presented a Resolution supporting Penndel Borough revitalization efforts in order to petition the Commonwealth of PA for funding.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to adopt the resolution expressing support for the Penndel revitalization development plan. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

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

Due to the Pennsylvania Legislature's failure to grandfather into the recently enacted Uniform Construction Code (U.C.C.) existing building inspectors with 10+ experience, effective April 9, 2007 Mr. Bush will no longer be able to perform the residential building inspections for the borough required by the U.C.C., but will be able to continue the other residential inspections outside the U.C.C. He is recommending that the borough approve a contract with Keystone Municipal Services, Inc. (KMS) at a rate of \$52/hour for these services. Mr. Bush explained the need to review the borough's permit fees to insure that these new third party service fees are substantially covered. He and Mr. Profy will review the borough's permit fee schedule and make recommendations at a later date after. Mr. Bush stated that he will be able to continue as the Zoning Officer and Code Enforcement Officer, which is not covered by the U.C.C. Mr. Bush will follow up with Jim Peet concerning the plumbing inspections.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to approve entering into a contract with Keystone Municipal Services, Inc. to perform the residential building inspections in the borough at a rate of \$52/hour. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee asked if Mr. McTigue had left a quote for the flooring repairs at the Borough Hall. Mrs. Barnes responded, no. Mr. Yourtee would like to have the floor repaired prior to Election Day on May 15. Hopefully, Mr. McTigue will be able to provide the quote at the May 1 Council Meeting. Additionally, Mr. Yourtee commented on the vandal who is tearing up the overpass grass. He recognizes that this property is Middletown's, but the police should be watchful.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – Mrs. Bartnikowski read an invitation and announcement from Jesse W. Soby Post No 148, American Legion concerning the Memorial Day parade. All Council members are invited to participate in the parade on May 28, 2007 beginning at 9:00 am. If interested, please contact Loretta.

10. APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT & TREASURER'S REPORT – Mrs. Barnes stated that all Council members had received a copy of the bill list for payment. She asked if there were any questions or discussions. Motion was made by Mrs. Cianci and seconded by Mr. Badgley to pay all bills as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to table the Treasurer's report. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. SECOND MEETING – Mrs. Barnes stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 17, 2007; at the present time there is no business for the agenda. Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mr. Badgley to dispense with the second meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

12. ADJOURNMENT – Mrs. Barnes entertained a motion to adjourn this meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday May 1, 2007 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Bartnikowski
Acting Secretary
Langhorne Manor Borough