

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF MAY 1, 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, May 1, 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; Maryann Barnes, Vice President; Donna Cianci; Sharon Gimpel; William McTigue; President, Steven Yourtee; Francis Farmer, Mayor; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer and Thomas J. Profy IV, Solicitor.

PERSON ABSENT – Nicholas Pizzola

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to approve the minutes of April 3, 2007 as amended. Mr. McTigue abstained. No objections were presented. Motion carried

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

4. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS – Mr. William Abbott (803 Hulmeville Avenue) spoke about the piece of concrete on the gutter at the corner of Park and Hulmeville Avenues as it is blocking the flow of water when it rains.

(Mr. Pizzola entered the meeting at 8:05 P.M.)

Ms. Jane Boyle (308 Gillam Avenue) spoke about the corner of Hill and Highland Avenues where the water is laying on top of the storm drain when it rains. She asked if this could be looked into, as it probably needs cleaning out. Ms. Boyle asked if there is any kind of a maintenance plan that can be put in place for the storm sewers so they are maintained every five or ten years.

Mr. McTigue replied that this could be a part of our compliance with the storm water regulations of the Pennsylvania Environmental Protection. Mr. McTigue stated that we might be able to contact our local State Representative Chris King and see if there is anything that can be done.

Ms. Betty Linington (308 Gillam Avenue) stated that the storm water problems have been brought on by Council allowing the property owners to fill in their gutters (aka, property right-of-way swell). Ms. Linington stated that she goes around the Borough every day, sometimes two or three times a day and she feels the Borough is going down hill where the rain problems are concerned as a lot of damage is being done as the water is not going into the gutters since they are filled in. She also stated that the pothole at the corner of Elm and Hulmeville Avenues was fixed when the State paved Hulmeville Avenue last week. She feels that with all the taxes our roads should not be in the condition that they are.

Mayor Farmer stated that except for the trash increase there has been only one tax increase in the past thirty years. He acknowledged that the Borough is strapped for cash to do a lot of things, but the alternative is a tax increase and no body wants that. The Council has done some very creative things to generate funds, and this Council is doing a decent job by not increasing taxes.

Ms. Gimpel stated that an article was in the newsletter that had just been mailed pertaining to the filling in of the gutters and that it is against the ordinances to do so.

Mrs. Abbott (803 Hulmeville Avenue) asked if the ordinance pertaining to the filling in of the gutters was being enforced. It was stated that if the ordinance were enforced on a few of the residents, maybe the rest of the residents would start paying attention. She also stated that the Borough is not like it was thirty-five years ago when she moved here.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS –Mrs. Barnes had no report for the Planning commission.

Mr. Badgley reported that he had requested a grant application from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). He reported on the seminar for grant application that he had attended on April 5, 2007 that was conducted by the Pennsylvania state Association of Boroughs. Mr. Badgley reported that funding is available for storm water, police, recycling, and signals. They do not provide funds for Municipal Buildings and roads.

Mrs. Cianci reported that light pole # 174 on Highland Avenue is out and she will have it repaired.

Mrs. Cianci asked if Mr. Profy had checked to see if the interest from the sewer accounts could be used for the police department. Mr. McTigue stated that he had spoke to Mr. Profy III and he is currently working on it and he will report on it at the June 2007 Council meeting.

Ms. Gimpel had no report for the Shade Tree Commission. Pertaining to insurance, she reported that the uninsured and under insured coverage was purchased. Ms Gimpel reported that she is waiting for the figures for the sewer bill from Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority (BCW&SA) for the Langhorne Gardens Nursing Home so the Borough can bill them; she hopes to have the figures by next week.

Ms. Gimpel reported that the newsletter had been mailed on April 15, 2007 and in the newsletter residents were notified pertaining to ordinances that council has concerns about.

Mr. Yourtee spoke about a tree adjacent to Mr. Jonathan Howell's property in the 300 block of Hulmeville. Mrs. Shirley Harris stated that she lives across the street from Mr. Howell and the tree is rotten and some of it has fallen into the wooded area, but there is a large partition that has decayed and if it falls it will fall on Mr. Howell's house. Middletown Township had come out to look at the tree and marked the tree. Mrs. Barnes stated that Middletown Township has the forestry rights for the woods. Mrs. Harris stated that the tree should be cut down in a week or two.

Mr. McTigue stated that leaf collection will be on Saturday May 5, 2007 and bulk trash pick-up will be on Saturday May 19, 2007.

Mr. McTigue acknowledged Wood Services for their contribution in the amount of \$6000.00.

Mr. Pizzola stated that there is an error on the financial statement under "per capita" and "pay roll".

Mr. Yourtee reported that the paving on Hulmeville Avenue is completed. The pothole list is completed and he will be getting it to the paving contractor for them to be repaired.

Mr. Yourtee reported that the nine manholes that had been identified by Pickering Corts and Summerson that needed cleaning and also the curb area had been cleaned at an additional cost of \$800.00 by Tall Pine Tree Company. There was a discussion on the contractor cleaning of the curb area.

Mr. Yourtee stated that Pickering Corts and Summerson should be contacted and informed that the nine inlets had been cleaned in case they want to inspect them.

Mr. Yourtee reported that he found out that it will cost about \$400.00 for a minimum of four hours at \$100.00 per hour to hire a street sweeper and an operator. Mr. Yourtee asked if the contractor for the street sweeper would be required to obtain a contractor's license as the \$400.00 will become \$500.00

Mr. McTigue stated that Mr. Yourtee should tell the contractor that the Borough will accept their rate, but they will be required to submit paperwork for a contractor's license and if they refuse there would be no reason to proceed with the work by them.

Ms. Gimpel stated that she sees no reason for a contractor's license since the Borough is employing them not a home owner, but they should provide us with their proof of insurance.

After a discussion pertaining to a contractor's license for a contractor doing a service for the Borough it was decided to get legal advice if a license is required.

Mr. Yourtee reported that they new pedestrian signs are in and they will be used on Election Day.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Farmer reported that the Council is invited to the Delaware Valley Regional Global Warming Conference on May 19, 2007.

Mayor Farmer stated that the Borough will be receiving an invoice for repairs that had been made to the speed board that is shared by the four Boroughs as it had been vandalized in the amount of \$125.00.

Mayor Farmer reported that they will be looking into hiring additional police officers.

7. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Profy reported that he had no formal report.

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

Mr. Bush stated that Mr. Profy will be speaking to someone from PennDOT pertaining to the guard rails that are damaged.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – **There was no correspondence.**

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. To be added to the bill list the amount of \$ 600.00 for Robert's Renovation for repairs to the Borough Hall floor. Motion was made by Mrs. Cianci and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to pay the bill for Roberts Renovation. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to pay all bills as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to approve the March 2007 Treasurer's report as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to approve the April 2007 Treasurer's report with one change each in "payroll" and "per capita". No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. SECOND MEETING – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 16, 2007; at the present time there is no business for the agenda. Motion was made by Mrs. Cianci and seconded by Mrs. Barnes 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 Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday June 5, 2007 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough