

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF MAY 2, 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, May 2, 2006 at 8:03 P.M. Eastern Daylight Savings Time by William McTigue, President.

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

PERSONS PRESENT – Maryann Barnes, Vice President; Donna Cianci; Sharon Gimpel; William McTigue, President; Steven Yourtee; Francis Farmer, Mayor; Beth Bartnikowski, Assistant Secretary and Thomas J. Profy IV, Solicitor.

PERSON ABSENT - Thomas J. Profy III, Loretta Luff, Stephen Galazin, Nicholas Pizzola

Mr. Pizzola entered the meeting at 8:09 P.M.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Ms. Cianci to table approval of the minutes of April 4, 2006 to allow Mrs. Luff to review the tape and revise the minutes, as necessary. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

3. POLICE REPORT – Mayor Farmer gave the police report for April 2006

4. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS – Ms. Jane Boyle, 308 Gillam Avenue, reported on the Shade Tree Commission and that a tree in the right-of-way at Station and Elm was being removed. She stated that she had tried to contact Joe Bush, and asked Mrs. Luff if the Borough was aware of the trees removal. Mrs. Luff indicated that they had not been aware. The contractor stated that the homeowner wanted the tree removed because they had small children, and the fact that the tree was dead.

Ms. Boyle notified Council that a spotlight for the Borough Hall sign was out.

Ms. Boyle asked if Council had reviewed the sewer plans and inquired as to the status of the meeting between Joe Bush and the engineer from Pickering, Corts & Summerson about the storm drain near their driveway on Hulmeville Avenue. Mr. Bush responded that due to his unexpected absence, he was unable to meet with the engineer. Ms. Boyle inquired as to the delay in addressing the storm drain near their driveway. Mr. McTigue responded that because of the initial cost estimate of \$30,000 from the engineer, the need to review all options was prudent. Mr. Bush explained that there are other factors affecting this project and that the project should be done right.

Ms. Betty Linington, 308 Gillam Avenue, feels that the sewer rate should be lowered. She also stated that with Election Day approaching, the Borough needs to get the flag installed.

Ms. Linington also spoke about the same storm drain near her driveway. When it rains, water gushes down Gillam Ave., from Hill Ave. towards Hulmeville Ave. She asked why her neighbors have received more from the Borough than she has. Ms. Linington and Ms. Boyle both inquired about work done at their neighbors; remove and disposal of a very large tree, stump ground and disposed of, the sidewalk was removed and taken away, a cement curb installed, front yard landscaped, top soil and seeding, driveway apron removed and taken away, and new driveway apron. Neighbor next store to them got red tippel. They had gutter removed and a storm drain put back, which they are thankful for. Where did this money come from? Mayor Farmer responded that he was in charge of that project, when on Council, and that Council worked very hard to make sure that project was done correctly. He stated that to address the concerns of Ms. Linington and Ms. Boyle, the Borough had a storm drain installed and built a curb around the corner of their property to help alleviate the water problem and that they are being very ungrateful for what the Borough did to cure the problem for everyone affected.

Ms. Linington stated "I think that Langhorne Manor Borough Council does not perform their duties that they should. You say I am not grateful; I am very thankful for everything I have."

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barnes had nothing to report on the Planning Commission.

Ms. Cianci reported that the three (3) street lights reported last month have been fixed.

Ms. Cianci asked if letters have been sent to residents along the Access Road concerning cleaning of debris. Mr. McTigue responded that the letters had not yet been sent due to Mr. Bush's unexpected absence.

Ms. Cianci asked if Mrs. Luff had contacted PennDOT to see if Liquid Fuel money can be used to clean up the debris and cinders along the access roads. Mr. McTigue responded that in a review of the budget, there are monies available for street cleaning and that Mrs. Luff had not left word of her findings. Mr. Bush also responded that, he believed that Liquid Fuel monies can be used for street cleaning, but that we should wait to hear back from Mrs. Luff.

Mr. Yourtee reported on his findings concerning the sharing of street sweeping services. Pennel Borough is interested in sharing the services and cost, as well as Langhorne Borough having a potential interest. However, Pennel is not interested in this being delayed and would hope to schedule the work in the very near future.

After a discussion of timing, enforcement and volunteers helping with this project, Mr. McTigue re-stated that letters will be sent, and will include a copy of the ordinance, to the resident's along the Access Road, from Hulmeville Ave. to Bellevue Ave.

Ms. Gimpel stated that the Shade Tree Commission report was already given by Ms. Boyle.

Ms. Gimpel reported that the Borough's insurance company, Paist & Noe, will need a receipt of the repair bill for the guardrail in connection with the automobile accident that damaged it, so that they may subrogate to get the Borough reimbursed.

Mr. Yourtee stated that this old style guardrail may be a problem to repair. Mr. Bush replied that it can be repaired and that he will provide the name and number of a contractor who does this type of work to Mr. Yourtee.

Ms. Gimpel stated that she will contact Paist & Noe and inform them of the delay in providing the receipt.

Ms. Gimpel distributed and explained to Council, calculations and analysis for the new sewer rate structure. The new rate structure is based on residential, apartment, educational and other dwellings, usage and EDU.

Mr. McTigue stated that the Sewer Committee would be meeting in the near future and they will review the calculations and analysis and make a recommendation.

Ms. Gimpel inquired about Verizon fiber optic being offered in the Borough and asked if the Borough should be receiving revenue from Verizon for their use of the telephone poles. Mr. Bush explained that the poles are owned by Verizon. Mr. Yourtee stated that any revenue from Verizon would be from a franchise fee, which the Borough has entered into a consortium to negotiate. Mr. Profy asked if a copy of the Verizon letter could be provided to him.

Mr. McTigue reported on street signs in Mr. Galazin's absence. Mr. McTigue stated that production and delivery problems are causing a delay in the street signs. Both Mr. Galazin and Mr. McTigue have been in contact with the vendor and the signs should be delivered shortly.

Mr. McTigue stated that trash and recycling collections seems to be going well; he has received very few complaints. Also, a reminder that bulk trash is May 20, 2006.

Mrs. Barnes asked if an advertisement for the May 13 Borough Yard Sale was being placed. Ms. Gimpel explained that Mrs. Luff usually places an ad in the Buck's County Courier Times.

Mr. McTigue reported on the recent Local Government Grant Workshop hosted by Senator Tomlinson and attended by Steve Galazin, Beth Bartnikowski and himself. There are opportunities available that are worth pursuing.

Mr. Pizzola had nothing to report of the budget, and nothing on street signs, but will have a street signs report for next months meeting.

Mr. Yourtee reported that the new outside Borough properties contractor is doing a good job. Additionally, the street sign installation contractor is ready to proceed, once the street signs are delivered.

Mr. McTigue inquired about bids to install the traffic safety signs. Mr. Yourtee responded he has not received any response from his solicitation, and since time is of the essence, he is concerned. He feels that the Borough should advertise an invitation to bid. Mr. McTigue asked if Mr. Profy would handle the advertisement.

Mr. McTigue stated that the Borough will advertise an invitation to bid in trade publications (Carroll Engineering can recommend) and The Advance with a "not to exceed \$250" limit.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to authorize the advertisement for bids for the traffic safety signs with a "not to exceed \$250" limit. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Farmer had no additional report and asked for Council to adjourn to executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

9:10 PM Council adjourns to executive session. They reconvened at 9:19 PM.

7. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Profy reported that his office received written confirmation from Charles Marte, Esq. of the acceptance of the conditions imposed upon the approved plan of the minor sub-division of the Mathai property.

8. INSPECTOR'S REPORT – Mr. Bush gave the Inspector's report for the month of April 2006.

Mr. Yourtee inquired about the Borough being reimbursed for the emergency tree branch removal service for the branch that fell on Langhorne Ave. Two homeowners are stating the tree is the other homeowner's responsibility. Mr. Bush explained that without a survey, we cannot determine which property owner is responsible for the tree. He will see if there is a monument to determine the property line, but he suggests that Council bill the homeowners.

Mr. Yourtee stated that it was his understanding that the McGrath construction site, involving two homes, was to be done in two stages. McGrath was to only build one home at a time, which is not the case. Mr. Bush explained that that was a condition of the project, but McGrath had received a letter from Buck's County Conservation District saying it was OK to proceed.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – Mrs. Bartnikowski indicated that no correspondence was left by Mrs. Luff. Mr. McTigue stated he received a questionnaire from Matric's concerning natural gas pipelines, and will work with Mrs. Luff to complete. Mr. McTigue stated he received "of interest" correspondence from the following:

- Twp. Of Lower Makefield, How's and Why's of Rain Garden lecture - May 4, 2006
- Art and Cultural Center of Bucks County workshop and lecture - May 10

10. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND 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. Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to pay bills as presented with the exception of any check drawn on the Mathai escrow account, as it is in arrears.

Mr. McTigue asked if there were any questions or discussion on the Treasurer's report for March 2006 and April 2006. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Ms. Cianci to table

the approval of the March 2006 and April 2006 Treasurer's reports until a review of the re-printed April check detail and any needed line item adjustments are made. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. SECOND MEETING – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 16, 2006. May 16, 2006 is general primary election day. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Ms. 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 Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. This meeting adjourned at 9:37 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday June 6, 2006 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Bartnikowski
Assistant Secretary
Langhorne Manor Borough