

**MINUTES  
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2009**

**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, June 2, 2009, at 8:03 P.M. Eastern Time by William McTigue, President.

**PERSONS PRESENT** –Maryann Barnes Vice President; Donna Cianci; Sharon Gimpel; William McTigue; President, Steven Yourtee; Robert Byrne, Mayor; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer and Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor.

**PERSON ABSENT** – David Badgley; Nicholas Pizzola;

At this point in the meeting, Mayor Byrne led us in the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

Mr. Pizzola entered the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to approve the minutes of May 5, 2009 as presented and amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Mrs. Cianci abstained

**3. POLICE REPORT** –Mayor Byrne gave the police report for the month of May 2009.

**4. INSPECTOR’S REPORT**- Mr. Peet gave the Inspector’s report for the month of May 2009.

**5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS** – Dr. Thomas Dienna (310 West Fairview Avenue) spoke again about the proposed fence for their property located at the corner of Fairview and Hulmeville Avenues. The problems with the proposed fence are they want the height to be fifty-four inches instead of the forty-eight inches allowed and the set back requirements.

Mr. Profy referred to the Fence Ordinance #2004-01 Chapter 72 section f-Borough Council shall have the power to waive the strict application of requirements of Subsections (b) and (c) of this section 8.01 where by reason of area or shape of a specific piece of property or by reason of topographic conditions or other conditions on such piece of property the strict application of the regulations contained in said Subsections would place undue hardship upon the owner of such property. Mr. Profy told Council that they are not required to, but they do have the authority to grant some relief. Mr. Profy stated that the fence height is stated at forty-eight inches.

Mr. McTigue asked Council how they feel pertaining to the fence issue. Mrs. Barnes stated that she is against changing the height of the fence. Mr. Yourtee said that he is not against changing the fence height, but he would like a better solution on the set back. Ms. Gimpel said that she has a problem with the fence running along the neighbor’s front yard.

Mr. Profy recommend that they start with building set back lines and see if some kind of concession can be reached.

Mr. Pizzola stated that if the neighbors accept the plan for the fence that had been submitted, he would go along with it, but he would like to hear from the neighbors as to their opinion on the fence.

Mr. McTigue asked Dr. Dienna to get his neighbors to come to the July 7, 2009 Council meeting so Council can hear their opinions on the proposed fence.

Mr. Mark Shapcott (108 Langhorne Avenue) stated that people are not stopping at the stop signs at the corner of Pine Street and Langhorne Avenue and he would like the police to start enforcing the stop signs that were installed three years ago.

Mr. & Mrs. John Bravo (111 Langhorne Avenue) submitted plans for a second story addition to their home. The plans include three bedrooms, living room, and a full bath, snack bar area with a sink and refrigerator, and a laundry area.

Mr. Profy stated that Mr. & Mrs. Bravo are looking for direction from Council whether Council will oppose or not oppose their request for an addition to their home before they go before the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. Peet referred to the refrigerator and sink on the second floor, according to the building code any dwelling with a full bath and kitchen sink is a dwelling unit and that would make it a two dwelling unit. It was decided that the kitchen sink would be removed from the plans.

It was agreed by Council that they would not appear at the Zoning Board Hearing in opposition of Mr. & Mrs. Bravo's request.

Ms. Jane Boyle (308 Gillam Avenue) asked if there were any plans for maintenance for the Northeast side of the Borough Hall before winter.

Mr. McTigue replied that outside work on the Borough Hall had been discussed, and the work would have to go out to bid and Council would have to secure a loan to fund the improvements, as the amount will exceed \$10,000.00.

Mr. Yourtee stated that it is unlikely the work would commence before winter since they have to go through the bidding process. Plans are to do all the work that is needed on the Borough Hall at one time.

Ms. Boyle asked if the front steps are included. Mr. Yourtee replied that he had asked for a separate quote for removal of the steps, prices ranged from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00. If the steps are to be kept, you will have to add in the cost of re-pointing them, and they will need to be repaired first due to their poor condition.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Mrs. Barnes had no report.

Mr. Badgley was absent and no report.

Mrs. Cianci had no report- she will check on a light at Station Avenue and the Access Road.

Ms. Gimpel reported that the insurance will be renewed in July and there is also a CD that will mature next month.

Mr. McTigue stated that the Police Regionalization Resolution was passed at the June 2009 Council meeting, authorizing three people from Langhorne Manor Borough Council to attend the meetings along with representatives from Langhorne Borough and Pennel Borough. At the present time there are no meetings scheduled.

Mr. McTigue stated that Council members had received and they are to review the spreadsheets regarding the sewer rates.

Mr. McTigue reported that he is working on trash/recycling receipts with Allied Waste.

Mr. McTigue had contacted Middletown Township and was told that they have Waste Management picking up the trash at the property they own next to the Borough Hall. Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to instruct our Tax Collector, that she is not to assess a fee for trash for the property located next to the Borough Hall owned by Middletown Township. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Pizzola-No report.

Mr. Yourtee reported that J.B. Construction would be doing pothole repairs on June 8, 2009 and June 9, 2009. Mr. Yourtee will notify the police so they can be present when they do the Access Roads on June 9, 2009.

Mr. Yourtee contacted Pickering Corts and Summerson requesting them to put together a bid package for the repair work on the outside of the Borough Hall and have them put it out to bid, they declined, as they would prefer not to get involve in this type of work. He contacted Mary Werner who had worked with the committee in 2006, but he had not heard from her. Mr. Profy has a person that will contact Mr. Yourtee about putting together a bid package.

Mr. Yourtee stated that Council might want to consider having roof work done at the same time and include this cost when obtaining the loan. Mr. Yourtee was told to include the roof work when getting a bid package.

Mario Canales from Pickering Corts and Summerson said that he would have Langhorne Manor Borough included in Middletown Township's bid package for Highland Avenue road repair.

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

**8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – Mr. Profy reported that Ordinance # 2009-01 of the Borough of Langhorne Manor, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, approving in part, certain regulations adopted by the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority related to the installation and regulation of oil and grease interceptors and/or traps for all industrial, commercial and institutional establishments and providing penalties for same in the event of violations of the ordinance that had been advertised. Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to adopt Ordinance #2009-01 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy reported that all of the Planning Commission requirements for 629 Bellevue Avenue had been completed and he figures that the executed plans will be received within the next two weeks.

Mr. Profy had received a phone call from Mr. Savitz asking about Council's opinion to his plan to build a duplex on the lot located on Comly Avenue between Bellevue and Station Avenues.

Mr. McTigue stated that he personally does not feel that there is any advantage to the Borough for them to proceed with those plans and Council members also were not in favor of the plans submitted by Mr. Savitz. Mr. Profy stated that it would be a fundamental change in the Borough's zoning.

Mr. Pizzola asked if two single homes could be built on the lot if the lot was sub-divided. Mr. Profy replied no, the lot would not meet the requirements.

Mr. Profy stated that Council received a copy of the annual MS4 report from Pickering Corts and Summerson for review and if it is to be adopted, a motion to authorize the adoption of this report is needed this evening. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to adopt the annual MS4 report as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee referred to property located on Bellevue Avenue where the walkway is overgrown with brush and it presents a dangerous condition with people walking, as they have to walk out on Bellevue Avenue in this area. The house is empty and Mr. Profy has a call into the Sheriff's office, to see who owns the property as there has been a mortgage foreclosure on the property. Mr. Profy asked if this is a safety condition and what it would cost to correct the problem. Mr. Yourtee replied that it is dangerous and the cost would probably be \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00. Mr. Profy is to try and find out who the owner is.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE** – No correspondences

**10. APPROVAL OF BILLS & TREASURER'S REPORT 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. Cianci to pay the bills as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Mr. McTigue stated that all Council members had received a copy of the Treasurer's report and does anyone have any comments.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to accept the Treasurer's report for May 2009 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**11. SECOND MEETING** – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 16, 2009; at the present time there is no business for the agenda. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Pizzola 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 Mrs. Cianci to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday July 7, 2009 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Langhorne Manor Borough