

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF JUNE 5, 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, June 5, 2007, at 8:00 P.M. Eastern Standard 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; Steven Yourtee; Francis Farmer, Mayor; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer and Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor.

PERSON ABSENT – William McTigue; Nicholas Pizzola;

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Mr. Badgley and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to approve the minutes of May 1, 2007 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried

3. POLICE REPORT – Mayor Farmer introduced Michael Kaminski who had been interviewed on May 29 along with two other applicants to fill the vacancy on Langhorne Manor Borough Police Department.

Mr. Pizzola entered the meeting at 8:04 P.M.

Mayor Farmer read Mr. Kaminski's qualifications as a police officer. He has worked for the Yardley Police department and is currently working for the Upper Southampton Police Department. Mrs. Barnes asked if Mr. Kaminski would be qualified on elder abuse. Mr. Kaminski replied he is sure that there are classes that he could take pertaining to elder abuse. Mr. Yourtee asked if the use of the taser gun needs certification. Mr. Kaminski replied that it does need certification. Mr. Yourtee asked if any of the other police officers beside Chief Bumm was certified on the taser gun, Mayor Farmer replied that all of our police officers are certified and Mr. Kaminski will be getting his certification on the taser gun.

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to hire Mr. Kaminski. No objections were made. Motion carried.

4. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS –Mrs. Mildred Smith (156 Manor Avenue) asked if a handi-cap sign could be installed in front of her house as her husband is handi-capped and he can only enter their house from the front and people are always parking in front of their house.

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

Mr. Profy stated that he would do some research to see if a sign could be posted in that area.

Mrs. Barnes told Mrs. Smith that council would contact her when Mr. Profy finds out if a handi-cap sign can or can not be posted in front of her house.

Mr. McTigue took over the meeting at this time.

Ms. Betty Linington (308 Gillam Avenue) suggested that the property behind the Borough Hall (618 Hulmeville Avenue) be posted so the residents know that there is to be no dumping allowed.

Mr. Profy stated that a sign could be posted behind the Borough Hall stating "No Dumping".

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barnes had no report for the Planning Commission. Mrs. Barnes reported that Mr. Bush was requesting a leave of absences and Mr. Profy stated that Mr. Bush is currently hospitalized and maybe hospitalized for sometime. Mrs. Barnes recommended that we ask Mr. Jim Peet to fill in while Mr. Bush is on sick leave. Mr. Peet is our Plumbing inspector and he is also the Zoning Officer for Middletown Township and if he cannot take on this responsibility, maybe he can recommend someone. Mrs. Barnes stated that this could be for a short time, maybe thirty days or less, she does not know.

Mr. Badgley had no report on grant applications

Mrs. Cianci reported that a bulb had been replaced on pole #25 on Station Avenue; lights had been repaired at 305 Prospect Avenue and pole #90 on Comly Avenue.

Ms. Gimpel had no report for the Shade Tree commission or insurance issues. Ms. Gimpel reported on obtaining a higher rate of interest on the Borough's sewer investments, she reported that Plgit's interest rate is 5.1% on their money market account, Invest is also 5.1% and First National Bank is 2.5%. Ms. Gimpel will check with First National Bank to see if we can get a better interest rate with them.

Mr. McTigue had no report for recycling or trash collection. Mr. McTigue stated that the Police committee recommended the hiring of Mr. Kaminski to fill the vacancy on our police department.

Mr. Pizzola had no report on the budget, he reported that the new street sign poles that had been behind the Borough Hall had been placed in the basement of 616 Hulmeville Avenue.

Mr. Yourtee is to order two high intensity "No Dumping" signs from Municipal Supply.

Mr. Yourtee asked what should be done with the debris that had been dumped behind the Borough Hall. Mr. McTigue stated that this matter will be taken under advisement with Mr. Profy.

Mr. Profy stated that Mr. Yourtee should put together as much data of investigation that he can and get the information to Mr. Profy so he can check it out.

Mr. Profy referred to the dumping problem behind Borough Hall and Mr. Profy stated that since this is a potential litigation matter, it may be best to put together all the information so Council can decide how they want to proceed after they review it.

Mr. Yourtee reported that people are starting to dump debris at the ends of the overpass where there are no guide rails. Mr. Yourtee wants to go on record, that it has been six months that he has been bringing the problem of the missing guide rails to Council's attention due to accidents, he has brought the amount that it would cost to replace the guide rails and it keeps getting put off waiting to see if the state has hired anyone that we can convince to make these repairs. Mr. Yourtee would like to be relieved of this particular job, as it is up to Council to make a decision of replacing the guide rails on both ends of the overpass on Hulmeville Avenue. The cost for this project would be in excess of \$10,000.00. Mr. McTigue stated that there will have to be three written proposals.

Mr. Yourtee referred to the turfing of the property at the north end of the Hulmeville Avenue overpass; our police department had caught the person who did the turfing and never informed Middletown Township who maintains this area, so they could also charge the person. Middletown Township will not mow this area any more as it is too rough.

Mr. Yourtee asked if this person could be charged with the turfing at this point. Mr. Profy stated that the citation was issued against the operator and asked what disposition has there been made. Mr. Yourtee replied that he does not know. The person received a \$500.00 fine and he probably did \$5,000.00 worth of damage. Mr. Profy stated that the criminal citation has been determined and fines had been imposed. Mr. Profy stated that Middletown Township should be advised of the individual's name and incident and the basis that this police department had for bringing the citation against this person, and then Middletown Township can proceed against the operator, and our police department should know what disposition was made of the criminal matter.

Mr. Yourtee reported that the new pedestrian signs had been used on the Election Day and he noticed stop bars were being painted at the end of the overpass at Gillam Avenue by Middletown Township. Mr. Yourtee reported that the pot holes had been patched by Langhorne Paving at a cost of \$3,830.00 and it should be added to the bill list.

Mr. Yourtee had contacted Mr. John Swenson from Carroll Engineering pertaining to the paving of Hulmeville Avenue by Miller & Sons Paving as the manholes are now lower than the road. Mr. Swenson explained that the process was to put a finished coat of paving within a quarter inch of the elevation of the top of the manhole and this was not done. Mr. Swenson stated that they should not be signed off on their paving project and he will inspect the manholes and if he feels that there are any manholes that aren't done correctly, he will contact them and inform the Council that the state needs to get them within specifications.

Mr. Yourtee reported that Reilly Sweeping did five and one half hours of sweeping along the access roads and removed nine loads of debris from the roads at a cost of \$511.50 and this bill should be added to the bill list for payment.

Mr. Yourtee reported that Langhorne Paving had put new sod at the corner of Langhorne Avenue and Pine Street and the homeowner is very pleased with the job that was done at that corner.

Mr. McTigue asked how the guide rail bids should be handled. Mr. Profy suggested that Mr. Yourtee contact the Borough Engineer, Mario Canales from Pickering Corts and Summerson, as they have shelf specs and they can tell Mr. Yourtee exactly what is needed and Mr. Yourtee can get this information to Mr. Profy.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Farmer gave the police report for the month of May 2007.

7. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Profy referred to Mr. Yourtee's question as to whether a street sweeping contractor is required to obtain a contractor's license at a cost of \$100.00. Mr. Profy referred to the Contractor Licensing Ordinance adopted February 1, 1994, as amended, defines a Contractor as any person, other than a bona fide employee of the contractor, who undertakes or offered to perform construction, repair, roofing, re-roofing, remodeling, rehabilitation, demolition, paving, electrical and any other residential or nonresidential construction or demolition work in the borough whether as general contractor, subcontractor or home improvement contractor. Street sweeping is not construction or demolition work and thus, the entity doing the street sweeping does not have to obtain a license under the Ordinance.

Mr. Profy stated that after the meeting adjourns Council will go into executive session and no action will be taken at that time.

8. INSPECTOR'S REPORT –No report as Mr. Bush is ill

9. CORRESPONDENCE – No correspondence

Mr. McTigue stated that all Council members had received a copy of the NPDES- phase II MS 4 permit report that had been completed by Pickering Corts and Summerson for review. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to approve the report as presented and also ask Mario Canales to keep the council informed of dates that we have to complete in 2007-2008. 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. To be added to the bill list was Reilly Sweepinp-\$511.50 and Langhorne Paving-\$3830.00 Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to pay all bills as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Badgley to approve the Treasurer's report for May 2007. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. SECOND MEETING – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 19, 2007; 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.

Motion was made by Mrs. Cianci and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to change the July 3, 2007 Council meeting to July 9, 2007. 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 Mr. Yourtee to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

The next meeting will be Monday July 9, 2007 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough