

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF JULY 15, 2008**

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, July 15, 2008 at 8:02 P.M. Eastern Time by William McTigue, President. The meeting scheduled for July 1, 2008 was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.

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

PERSONS PRESENT –David Badgley; Donna Cianci; Sharon Gimpel; William McTigue, President; Nicholas Pizzola; Steven Yourtee; Francis Farmer, Mayor; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer and Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor.

PERSON ABSENT – Maryann Barnes, Vice President

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to approve the minutes of June 3, 2008 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried

3. POLICE REPORT – Mayor Farmer gave the Police report for the month of June 2008.

4. INSPECTOR’S REPORT- Mr. Peet gave the Inspector’s report for the month of June 2008.

5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS – Mr. William Abbott (803 Hulmeville Avenue) thanked Mayor Farmer as he had seen our police officer writing tickets during the month of May.

Mrs. Lois Abbott (803 Hulmeville Avenue) referred to a newspaper article in the month of May that Mayor Farmer told her to read as it would tell her what our police department is involved in. She had to read the article twice to see that Langhorne Manor Borough’s police department was on surveillance in Penndel for a drug raid. Her question was why is our police department doing surveillance in Penndel, as we are a small Borough with a small police department. Why wasn’t Middletown Township police asked to do that, as they have a special unit that does that kind of work? Mayor Farmer replied that Middletown, Penndel and Langhorne Manor Borough were all involved, and Middletown Township police department asked for our help. Mrs. Abbott replied as big as Middletown Township’s police department is, don’t they have enough officers to do this kind of work and not have Langhorne Manor Borough give up their police officers. Mayor Farmer stated that there has to be cooperation between the police departments.

Mrs. Abbott stated, all she would like is accountability of our police department.

Mayor Farmer told Mrs. Abbott to put her concerns in writing and he and Chief Bumm would respond to them. Mrs. Abbott stated that she would do that.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barnes was absent and there was no report.

Mr. Badgley reported that it is official; the Langhorne Manor Borough School at 618 Hulmeville Avenue was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on June 10, 2008. The address has to be changed from Hulmeville Road to Hulmeville Avenue.

Mr. Badgley referred to an article in the Philadelphia Inquirer pertaining to grant money that had been donate for schools by Henry and Rita Rowan and they are from Bucks County.

Mr. Badgley referred to an organization called Len Fest which also provides grant money for schools, libraries etc. Mr. Badgley stated that he had been waiting for the Borough school to be placed on the National Registry before pursuing grant money.

Mayor Farmer stated that Beth Bartnikowski suggested that a plaque be put on the Borough school; she received a quote for a bronze plaque in the amount of \$106.00 plus shipping and mounting hardware. The plaque is eleven inches by eight inches and the inscription will be “This property has been placed on the National Registry of Historical Places by the United States Department of the Interior”. Mayor Farmer figures that the cost of the plaque should be about \$250.00.

Mayor Farmer also reported that Mrs. Bartnikowski suggested a dedication ceremony in the fall and she would be willing to organize it.

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to authorize the amount of \$250.00 for the purchase of a bronze plaque as described for the National Registry of Historical Places. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee suggested that the date of 1891 which was when the building was built be added to the plaque.

Mrs. Cianci reported that the light at the corner of Langhorne Avenue and Pine Street is on all the time and Precision Electric will be out to fix it.

Ms. Gimpel reported that the insurance policies were renewed and the premiums for 2008-09 were \$204.00 less, the total premium is \$16, 381.00, the reduction is in the property and liability policies.

Ms. Gimpel reported that the second CD would be maturing on July 16, 2008 and we can renew it at The First National Bank and Trust Company at a 3.05 annual percent.

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Badgley to renew the CD at 3.05% for one year. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee asked Ms. Gimpel if she had been able to get an answer about the shade tree in the 400 block of Station Avenue, the last time he had asked about it, he was told that it had already been

taken care of, and if Ms. Gimpel knew what had been taken care of pertaining to this tree. Mr. Yourtee stated that the tree has lost two major pieces in two different storms, he had gone over and removed one of the pieces out of the roadway with his equipment, and what is left of the tree is rotted and only one center part remains and this part is also going to fall down.

After a discussion Mr. McTigue asked Mr. Yourtee what he would recommend being done with this tree. Mr. Yourtee replied that he had only asked Ms. Gimpel, if there had been a follow up with the Shade Tree Commission regarding the tree. Ms Gimpel is to take a look at the tree and report her findings at the August Council meeting.

Mr. McTigue had no report on recycling or trash collection or for the Police Committee.

Mr. Pizzola suggested that the Borough banking accounts that are insured by the FDIC for \$100,000.00 should be checked as we have more than \$100,000.00 in different accounts in one bank. Mr. Pizzola suggested that the Borough should not allow only one bank to have our funds. Mr. Pizzola will discuss this with Ms. Gimpel.

Mr. Yourtee reported that the street reconstruction project that was done by A.H. Cornell & Son Inc. was completed in three days. He only received two complaints, one from Mr. John Brodbeck who did not like the transition of the asphalt from an existing sidewalk on his property to the new asphalt and he feels that it is the Borough's responsibility and he should not be liability if someone falls in that area. Mr. Yourtee brought this complaint to Mario Canales attention from Pickering Corts and Summerson and he will check on this complaint. The other complaint was someone who was parked along the road at James McMeeking's house claimed that the contractor got liquid tar on their car. Mr. McMeeking stated that they had received an estimate of \$250.00 to remove the tar. Mr. Yourtee suggested to Mr. McMeeking that he should contact A.H. Cornell & Son and he did and they told him to bring the car up to their office in Jamison and they would remove the tar for nothing. Mr. McMeeking told A.H. Cornell that he feels that they should come to his residence and A.H. Cornell said that they would not do anything about, it if the car was not brought to their office.

Mr. Yourtee reported that he had received two proposals from Long Fence; the first proposal is to sort through PennDot's stockpile at Tyburn Road then load and deliver to Langhorne Manor Borough, 50 panels, 220 posts for 2S and cable repairs, 20 offset blocks and 2 single terminals. In addition to the used salvaged material, Long Fence will supply and deliver 66 new offset blocks and following assembly hardware: 368 each 5/8" x 1-1/4" splice bolts, 86 each 5/8" x 10' post bolts, 454 each hex nuts and 2 each single terminal sections at a cost of \$3450.00

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to accept the proposal of \$3450.00 from Long Fence to do the work as previously described. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

The second proposal from Long Fence is to replace existing cable guide rail with used PennDot 2 Style material and install material as follows: Gillam Avenue, west side-325 LF Type 2S @ \$7.40 per linear foot for a total of \$2,405.00, 2 each single terminal @\$25.00 each for a total of \$50.00, Highland Avenue, East Side, 200 LF type 2S @ \$7.40 per linear foot for a total of \$1,480.00 and 2 each single

terminals @ \$25.00 for a total of \$50.00. \$1480.00 and 2 each single. The total for this proposal is \$3985.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Badgley to accept the proposal of \$3985.00 from Long Fence to do the work as previously described. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee would like to have somebody clear the vegetation and spray along the guide rails areas where the work is going to be done. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Ms. Gimpel authorizing Mr. Yourtee to contact a company and to spend up to \$300.00 to remove and spray the vegetation along the guide rail areas on the overpass. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee stated that due to PennDot resurfacing of Route 1, there is more debris on the raised medium and on the access lanes now, then there was prior to the Borough having the access lanes swept in the spring.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Farmer described the Enradd EJU-91 Wireless System, it is the first wireless infrared speed timing device at a cost of \$3995.00. Mayor Farmer stated that the device would pay for itself in time. Mayor Farmer stated that Chief Bumm is already trained on this device. Mr. Yourtee asked if it would require training at additional expenses. Mayor Farmer replied yes. Mr. Yourtee asked how often the device has to be certified and would it have to be taken to Harrisburg. Mayor Farmer stated that it has to be certified every sixty days and he does not know the cost of certification, Mayor Farmer stated that it might have to be certified in Harrisburg. Mr. Yourtee stated that there are some hidden costs, Mayor Farmer replied yes, there are some hidden costs, but the fines from the speeding cars will cover these costs.

Mr. Yourtee asked if this is the right time to purchase a \$3995.00 piece of equipment when there is the prospect of regionalization between PennDel, Langhorne, and Langhorne Manor police departments. Mayor Farmer stated that regionalization would not happen within the next year.

After a discussion a motion was made by Mrs. Cianci and seconded by Mr. McTigue to purchase the Enradd EJU-91 Wireless System at a cost of \$3995.00. Voting in favor of the purchase was Mrs. Cianci, Mr. Badgley, Mr. McTigue and Ms. Gimpel. Mr. Yourtee and Mr. Pizzola abstained.

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Profy reported that he had reviewed the Open Space Program material; he determined that the entitlement that the Borough would receive would be \$220,566.00, that is the seventy-five percent share from the County and the Borough has to contribute twenty-five percent. The plan must be submitted by December 31, 2010. There is a \$10,000.00 component from the County's money that you would use to pay for your planning costs if the open space plan is submitted by December 31, 2010, the Borough has until December 31, 2014 to spend the money it receives. Multi municipal projects are permitted and encouraged. The first step is to form an Open Space committee exactly the same as the Borough had for the 1998 Open Space program. Committee members were Mrs. Barnes, Mr. Brodbeck, Mr. Cote and Mayor Farmer. Mr. Profy suggested that this does not have to be done this month, you may want to have the committee formed and then engage the

County Planning Committee as it was done in 1998 to act as the consultant with the \$10,000.00 he had referred to and it would count toward the twenty-five percent of the Borough's share.

Mr. Profy reported that the Philadelphia Biblical University (PBU) is considering an emergency notification system plan. There will be an out door siren system and there will be periodic testing of the system. Mr. Profy stated that the Borough does not have a noise ordinance. There are two things that Mr. Profy can consider doing, put together a general noise ordinance and carve out the emergency notification system of PBU. Mr. Profy will have this information for the August 5, 2008 Borough Council meeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE –Mr. McTigue read a letter from The Sierra Club who will be launching a Clean Energy Bus Tour on Saturday August 1, 2008 to highlight the positive steps taken in Bucks County to create green jobs, slash energy costs and cut global warming pollution.

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. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to pay all 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 were there any questions. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Badgley to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Cianci and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to send a basket of fruit to Mrs. Barnes who has recently had surgery at a cost of \$65.00. No objections were presented. Motion carried

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

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 5, 2008 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough