

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF AUGUST 4, 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, August 4, 2009, at 8:03 P.M. Eastern Time by William McTigue, President.

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

PERSONS PRESENT – David Badgley; 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 – Nicholas Pizzola,

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to approve the minutes of July 7, 2009 as presented and amended. No objections were presented. Mr. Badgley, Mrs. Cianci and Mrs. Barnes abstained. Motion carried.

3. INSPECTOR'S REPORT-Mr. Peet gave the Inspector's report for the month of July 2009.

4. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS –Stephen Cloak (207 Elm Avenue) referred to the neighbor's property across from his property where the water runs down the neighbor's driveway and floods his property along with the two neighbors behind Mr. Cloak's property and his neighbors next to him. The swale at his neighbor's driveway across from him has been filled in and this causes the problem.

Mr. Pizzola entered the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Mr. McTigue stated that he would work with Mr. Yourtee and Mr. Profy to get information to the homeowner pertaining to the water problem.

Ms Jane Boyle (308 Gillam Avenue) asked if a swale is required when a new driveway is put in. Mr. McTigue replied that he does not know and maybe Mr. Peet would know.

Ms. Boyle referred to cars that have been parked in the same spot in the roadway for days at a time. Ms. Boyle would not say where the cars are parked; she feels that the police should be aware of these cars when they are riding around. Ms. Boyle asked if there is still an ordinance prohibiting over night parking from 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Mr. McTigue replied yes, there is. Ms. Boyle asked if a notice could be posted on the cars informing them of the ordinance. Mr. McTigue stated that they will have the police follow up with her concerns and try to figure out where the cars are parked.

Ms. Boyle asked if there was still a curfew ordinance, Mr. McTigue replied that he is not aware of it expiring.

Ms. Betty Linington (308 Gillam Avenue) would like to know why the sewer bill cannot be based on the amount of water the residents use. Mr. McTigue replied that this would be discussed this evening.

Ms Linington referred to the article in the Courier Times pertaining to Buddy, the dog that belongs to the Badgley's who had been shot with a bb gun. She thinks the people that did this should be held accountable because if they could do this to an innocent animal, they could do this to a child.

5. POLICE REPORT –Mayor Byrne gave the police report for the month of July 2009. He reported that the police would be getting one air card for the computers in the police cars at a cost of \$42.99 per month. The air card had been approved months ago and they only need one card.

Mr. Yourtee stated that someone was to look into how the Courier Times reports the police activity, and when they report that there is no activity, when Chief Bumm has sent in information and they choose not to print it, that makes it look like Chief Bumm is not doing his job. Mr. McTigue replied that Council has no control over what the Courier Times does and he feels that this has been addressed the best it can be.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barnes had no report for the Planning Commission. Mrs. Barnes asked about the State required Contractors License. Mr. Profy stated that a person doing home remodeling is under the statute of the regulations required by the state. Contractors' other than home remodelers are subject to and under the requirements of the Borough Contractors license.

Mr. Badgley-No report.

Mrs. Cianci-No report.

Ms. Gimpel reported that a sewer investment was renewed on July 16, 2009 at 1 1/2%.

Mr. McTigue reported that there was no progress on the recycling issues.

Mr. McTigue explained the possibility of having the sewer bills based on the amount of water used by the residents. Mr. McTigue thanked Ms. Gimpel for the research she did to get the necessary information.

Ms Gimpel discussed the minimum usage levels and the impact of costs/revenue to the residents. Mr. McTigue stated that there would be more details on this at the September 1, 2009 Council meeting.

Mr. Pizzola reported that all street signs on his list would be fixed by the September Council meeting.

Mr. Yourtee reported that A.H. Cornell & Sons replaced the sewer inlet at 308 Hill Avenue at a cost of \$3800.00.

Mr. Yourtee reported that Green-Up Turf Care had sprayed the weeds along our side of the overpass and he would be contacting Middletown Township to see when they would be spraying their side as promised.

Mr. Yourtee stated that he had received two architectural proposals for the Langhorne Manor Borough Hall exterior restoration from John Milner Architects, Inc. at \$21,430.00 and the Vaughn Collaborative Architecture and Planning at \$15,055.00. Mr. Yourtee explained what the two proposals are based on the best he could as he had just recently received the paper work.

Mr. McTigue stated that Council will need time to review the two proposals and be able to discuss it at the September 1, 2009 Borough Council meeting. Mr. McTigue asked Mr. Yourtee to invite representatives from the two firms to attend the September 1, 2009 Council meeting to make a brief presentation.

Mr. Yourtee reported that information was received from John Milner Architects, Inc. pertaining to small government energy efficiency projects. The grants are for energy conservation projects which could amount to energy savings of a minimum of 25%. This grant money may or may not assist with the exterior restoration of the Borough Hall. It might qualify for the window restoration. The application deadline is August 14, 2009.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Byrne reported that he had met with representatives from Septa and that the bid will go out this week for construction of the new Langhorne train station. Mrs. Barnes stated that as a group they opposed a new station, they wanted it restored. Mr. Yourtee stated that Septa were supposed to attend one of our Council meetings and explain their plans for the Langhorne train station. Mr. Profy stated that he would contact Middletown Townships Solicitor pertaining to construction of the new train station.

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Profy reported that the Zoning Hearing Board had approved the two variances for Mr. & Mrs. John Bravo (111 Langhorne Avenue) on July 30, 2009.

Mr. Profy stated that Michael Wielehowski (629 Bellevue Avenue) agreed to the form of the financial security, it is going to be a letter of credit in the amount of \$40,000.00, also a check in the amount of \$6,000.00 for the escrow account and a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the waivers that were granted from the Sub-division and Land Development.

Mr. Profy reported that the escrow money from the Beloyan property (308 Hill Avenue) in the amount of \$6,785.00 will be turned over to the Borough to pay any outstanding bills pertaining to the inlet work and the balance of the money to be returned to Begley, Carlin and Mandio

Mr. Profy reported that a check in the amount of \$22,230.00 had been received to satisfy the three sewer liens for 101 Prospect Avenue.

Ms. Gimpel asked Mr. Profy about the property on Bellevue Avenue where the brush is blocking the walk area. Mr. Profy replied that Mayor Byrne had cleared the area.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – A report had been received from Armour & Sons stating that they had completed their annual maintenance for the blinking light.

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. Bills added to the bill list for payment are Begley, Carlin and Mandio--\$1,713.00 and A. H. Cornell & Sons--\$3,800.00, both to be paid out of the escrow account for 308 Hill Avenue. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Badgley to pay the bills as amended. 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 Mr. Bradley to accept the Treasurer’s report for July 2009 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. SECOND MEETING – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 18, 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 Mr. Pizzola to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:29 P.M.

Executive session was held with no action taken

The next meeting will be Tuesday September 1, 2009 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough