

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1, 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, September 1, 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; Sharon Gimpel; William McTigue; President, Steven Yourtee; Robert Byrne, Mayor; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer and Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor.

PERSON ABSENT – Donna Cianci; Nicholas Pizzola,

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to approve the minutes of August 4, 2009 as presented and amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried

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

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

Mrs. Cianci entered the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS –Mr. Stephen Cloak (207 Elm Avenue) asked if Council had made any decision as to how to handle the problem of the water that is flooding his property. Mr. McTigue replied that Mr. Peet will be sending a letter to the residents at 208 Elm Avenue informing them that they are to install a swale at the end of their driveway within thirty days.

Mrs. Lois Abbott (803 Hulmeville Avenue) thanked Ms Gimpel for taking the time to do all the research pertaining to basing the sewer bill on the amount of water used. Mrs. Abbott stated that she had called the police department informing them that their cars would be parked on Park Avenue over night as there driveway was being sealed and she was pleased that they had returned her call.

Mr. Roland Vaughn Jr. from The Vaughn Collaborative Architecture and Planning explained their proposal for the outside restoration of the Borough Hall at 618 Hulmeville Avenue. Their quote for the work to be put out to bid is \$15,055.00. Mr. Vaughn stated that they would like to be able to put the bid out this winter and be ready to have the work started in the spring

Mr. Pizzola entered the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barnes had no report for the Planning Commission. Mrs. Barnes stated that the Transportation Management Association (TMA) is having a membership

breakfast at 8:00 a.m. on September 3, 2009 at the Bensalem Township Country Club. Representatives from PennDot District 6 will be discussing Act 44.

Mr. Badgley will be applying to Lenfest to see if any grant money would be available for the restoration of the Borough Hall.

Mrs. Cianci reported that she had no report of any street lights being out. Mr. McTigue stated that he had a call that a light was out across from 102 E. Park Avenue. Mrs. Cianci said that she would take care of it.

Ms. Gimpel has no report for Shade Tree or insurance issues.

Mr. McTigue stated that he had received a detailed print out from Otter Recycling as to the amount of material they brought in from 2007 till 2009 from Langhorne Manor Borough and he is going to try and figure out why our check amounts have decreased as much as they have.

Mr. McTigue reported on the police regionalization, he said it would cost between \$760,000.00 to \$800,000.00 to get the project started and Langhorne Manor Borough would pay 18% with Langhorne Borough and PennDel Borough paying their share of the cost. Mr. McTigue spoke on funding of the police chief salary. Mr. McTigue asked Council if they would want to proceed with the regionalization meetings or make the decision not to proceed with it any further. After a discussion it was agreed that our three representatives will continue to attend the meetings on police regionalization.

Mr. Pizzola reported that a stop sign had been replaced at Gillam and Hulmeville Avenues. He also stated that he had ordered some stop signs from Municipal Supply. Mr. Pizzola stated that he would be meeting with Ms. Gimpel to discuss the budget for 2010.

Mr. Yourtee reported that a limb had fallen on Station Avenue and the police from Langhorne Borough stated that they would take care of removing it and the work was completed by the next morning.

Mr. Yourtee reminded the residents to keep shrubs and limbs trimmed back from right of ways and stop signs.

Mr. Yourtee reported that Middletown Township's Solicitor told Middletown Township not to include Highland Avenue in their bid package for road repairs, and Mr. Yourtee had not been informed that Langhorne Manor Borough was not included in their bid package. Mr. Yourtee asked Middletown Township if they were going to live up to their promise that they would spray the base of the guide rails on their side of the overpass.

There was a discussion of the two architectural proposals from The Vaughn Collaborative and John Milner Architects, Inc. The Vaughn Collaborative proposal was \$15,055.00 for roof, built-in gutter, downspouts—all components, reclamation of wood fascia and soffits—remove aluminum, incidental wood trim and sill replacement—paint all, masonry—repair cracks, rake joints and re-point entire building. Their list of services are, architectural survey, schematic design, design development, construction documents with technical specification, bidding support and construction administration.

They requested an allowance of \$1,500.00 be allocated for any destructive investigation and to rent a lift to review existing conditions.

The John Milner, Inc. proposal is in two phases. Phase I - remove existing slate roofing on north, east and south roof surfaces and south dormer, remove existing asphalt from shingles from west roof, examine all wood roof sheathing and replace deteriorated material. Examine east dormer flat-seam metal roofing and sheathing for condition, replace in-kind if necessary. Repair and in some cases rebuild the roof sheathing, soffits boards, rafter tails, flashing, pole gutters and downspouts on all four principal elevations. Re-point brick masonry chimney and install new flashing and gusset at roof surface. Install new asphalt roofing paper and slate roof shingles. Repaint the exterior wood components with historically appropriate colors. Cost \$9,630.00.

Phase II - Restore and repair windows and doors including lintels, sills, sashes and running trim, including at a minimum: Repair deteriorated existing components of window sashes or replace in-kind, repair selected window and door frames and woodwork, repair the front porch ceiling and related woodwork, repair / restore south entrance gable fish-scale wall shingles and wood trim, repaint the exterior wood components with historically appropriate colors, re-point the exterior stone masonry with matching ribbon joint at 100% of the wall areas, investigate and if appropriate, remove or restore the original steps connecting the front porch to yard, Cost \$11,800.00.

Phase I-The Architect will survey the building and prepare measured drawings to document the existing configuration of the roof and associated elements. These plans will be a scale of ¼"= 1' -0", in AutoCAD digital drafting format.

Phase II- Large format digital photographs will be taken of the building's exterior elevations to document the existing conditions. These photographs would be formatted onto AutoCAD digital drafting sheets of 11 x 17 size. It might be more cost effective to document exterior elevations with photographs rather than measured drawings. The elevation photograph-drawings would be made available to the Client on electronic media and paper copies.

After a discussion the Vaughn's proposal of \$15,055.00 and Milner's proposal of \$9,630.00 for phase I was comparable. Motion was made by Mr. Badgley and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to accept John Milner Architects, Inc. proposal of \$21, 430.00. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Byrne reported that he had been told by representatives from Septa that they would try to attend the October Borough Council meeting.

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Profy explained what portion of land along Comly Avenue is owned by Langhorne Manor Borough pertaining to the Septa parking lot. Mr. Profy explained that the thirty year lease for that property expires on January 31, 2010; a good portion of the parcel on the east side is rented to Septa by the Borough. Mr. Profy stated that in 1980 the property had been appraised at \$25,000.00, he said the time has come for Septa to seriously consider purchasing this property. Borough Council authorized Mr. Profy to pursue the purchase of this property by Septa.

Mr. Profy reported that Michael Wielehowski had submitted all the paper work that had been required for the construction of the three condominiums.

Mr. Profy was authorized to put the bids out for snow removal for 2009-2010 and the three year contract for trash collection.

9. CORRESPONDENCE –Mrs. Luff stated that the General Membership Meeting for Bucks County Boroughs Association would be held on Tuesday September 22, 2009 and the cost would be \$30.00 per person.

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 Ms. Gimpel 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 Mr. Yourtee to accept the Treasurer’s report for August 2009 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. SECOND MEETING – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 18, 2009; at the present time there is no business for the agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Badgley 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 9:35 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday October 6, 2009 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough