

**MINUTES  
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING OF OCTOBER 2, 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, October 2, 2007, at 8:00 P.M. Eastern Time by William McTigue, 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; William McTigue; President, Steven Yourtee; Francis Farmer, Mayor; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer and Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor.

**PERSON ABSENT** – Nicholas Pizzola

Mr. Paul Beckert attorney for Rose Simonangeli spoke on a variance application for property located at 1002 North Avenue. The property is located on Hill Avenue and the lot is to be divided between 1007 Hill Avenue and 207 Elm Avenue. This change will not create a new lot it will only add land to 1007 Hill Avenue and 207 Elm Avenue.

Mr. Pizzola entered the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

After much discussion a motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Yourtee that based on information that was received this evening, Council extends a neutral position to the Zoning Hearing Board. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to approve the minutes of September 4, 2007 as amended. Mrs. Barnes abstained. No objections were presented. Motion carried

**3. POLICE REPORT** – Mayor Farmer gave the police report for the month of September 2007.

Mayor Farmer reported that the police department had received a computer that gives them access to the police radio and it had been installed in the ford explorer. The number of computers provided to each police department was based on the population of each department. Our police department is in the process of trying to obtain another computer through a grant. Mayor Farmer also reported that all of our officers have been trained on the taser gun.

Mayor Farmer spoke on the Tactic Response Team, based on ten cents per resident to have one of our police officers on the team. We have 1023 residents and 1700 students at the Philadelphia Biblical University, the cost would be approximately \$272.30. If we do not join and there is an incident where the Tactic Response Team is called in. it would cost the Borough thousands of dollars. Mayor Farmer is to ask Detective Ted Krimmel to attend the November 13, 2007 Council meeting to discuss the Tactic Response Team.

**4. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS** – Mr. William Abbott (803 Hulmeville Avenue) stated that he had called 911 about activity in the wooded area along Hulmeville Avenue and he had not heard from the police officer that had investigated it. Mr. McTigue stated that Council would have a response for Mr. Abbott at the November Council meeting.

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Mrs. Barnes had no report for the Planning Committee. Mrs. Barnes stated that in the beginning of the year she had asked Langhorne Middletown Fire Company to explain their budget and how the tax dollars from Langhorne Manor Borough are used. Mrs. Barnes will try to get this information.

Mr. Badgley reported that in the first week of September State Representative Chris King's office had contacted him pertaining to a grant opportunity with the Pennsylvania Department of Economic and Development in the amount of \$5000.00 that could be used for the Borough Hall. Mr. Badgley had filed all the paper work for this grant application and a copy of on file in the Borough Office.

Mr. McTigue explained that the guard rail that State Representative Chris King reported that would be installed on the bridge overpass and on Highland Avenue by PennDot will not be installed as PennDot says that the Borough owns the roads. Ms. Gimpel stated that she is in the pursuing this problem and she hopes to have a report for the November Council meeting.

Mrs. Cianci reported that all the street lights are working and the lights at the Borough Hall and the Parking area behind the Borough Hall were fixed.

Ms. Gimpel had no report for the Shade Tree Committee and insurance. Ms. Gimpel reminded the Council members that she will be doing the newsletter and if anyone has any thing for the newsletter they are to get it to her as she hope to have it in the mail in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. McTigue reported that the leaf pick-up dates are November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. McTigue reported that Mr. David Kimberly from the Heritage Conservancy would like to interview any of the residents who may have gone to school in the Borough Hall.

Mr. McTigue reported that he had received a request from Allied Waste asking the Borough to change the recycling pick-up day from Wednesday to Monday. Mr. Yourtee stated that he would like to have the recycling picked up every week. Mr. McTigue is to ask Allied Waste in exchange for changing our recycling day would they consider picking our recycling up every week. The change will start the week of November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. McTigue would like the residents to be aware that the old street signs are for sale and he would like this added to the newsletter.

Mr. Pizzola reported that the reserved parking sign had been installed on Manor Avenue in front of the Smith Property.

Mr. Pizzola reported that he and Ms. Gimpel had completed the preliminary budget for 2008 and they would like Council to review it this evening. The preliminary budget for the General Fund is \$322,000.00 for revenue and expenses, \$456,500.00 revenue and expenses for the Sewer Account, and \$69,500.00 revenue and expenses for the Highway Aid Account. There was a discussion pertaining to increasing the police budget for extra coverage at certain times during the day.

Mr. Yourtee reported that it was time to advertise for snow removal for 2007-2008. Mr. Profy stated that it would be advertised for bid opening at the November 13, 2007 Council meeting.

Mr. Yourtee stated that the cost of having the "No Dumping to River" decals installed could cost many times more than the original cost of the decals. He thought that maybe it could be an Eagle Scout project or get the Volunteer Community Service Program involved as it could save the Borough several hundreds of dollars. It was decided that Mr. Yourtee is to get a quote for the installation of the decals from a contractor for the November Council meeting.

Mr. Yourtee reported that he and Ms. Gimpel rated the streets block by block, rating them on a scale of one being the best and five being the worst. They have two lists, one list with nine locations that needs to be repaired before winter. The second list are areas that need to be rebuilt and they feel that these areas should be reviewed by the Borough Engineer as some of these problems with the roads are due to the installation of the sewers. Mr. McTigue stated that he will see if a copy of the soil boring plans from Carroll Engineering would be of any use. A copy of the ten areas that Council wants repaired should be given to the Borough Engineer from Pickering Courts and Summerson for a visual assessment.

**6. MAYOR'S REPORT** – No report

**7. SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – Mr. Profy reported that on a letter he sent to the Borough Council members pertaining to the Local Services Tax Act 207 of 2007 amends the Local Tax Enabling Act. Act 511 of 1965 permits municipalities and school districts to impose a combined Local Services Tax up to \$52.00 per year beginning on and after January 1, 2008. After a discussion pertaining to the Local Services Tax it was decided the Borough Council would not take any action on this Local Enabling Act at the present time.

Mr. McTigue referred the adoption of the preliminary budget that was presented this evening, Council will have to decide either to make a motion this evening to advertise the preliminary budget or hold a second meeting on October 16, 2007. Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to advertise the adoption of the preliminary budget for the November 13, 2007 Council meeting. Voting in favor of the motion was Mr. Pizzola, Mr. Badgley, Mrs. Barnes, Mr. Yourtee, and Ms. Gimpel. Mrs. Cianci voted against the motion and Mr. McTigue abstained.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to advertise the Tax Ordinance for 2008. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. McTigue spoke on the new fee schedule for building permits. Mr. McTigue spoke to Mr. Bush and he thought the fees were appropriate since they had not been increased since 1993. Motion

was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Badgley to adopt the new building permit fee structure document #379037/1 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried

**8. INSPECTOR'S REPORT** –Mr. Peet gave the Inspector's report for the month of September, 2007.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE** – No correspondence

**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. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to pay the bills as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

The October Treasurer report was tabled.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to accept the amended August and September 2007 profit and loss budget report for the sewer account and rescind both statements. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**11. SECOND MEETING** – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 16, 2007; 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 Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday November 13, 2007 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff

Secretary/Treasurer  
Langhorne Manor Borough



