

MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8, 2006

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 Wednesday, November 8, 2006, at 8:14 P.M. Eastern Standard Time by William McTigue, President.

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

PERSONS PRESENT –Maryann Barnes, Vice President; 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 – None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to approve the minutes of October 3, 2006 as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

3. POLICE REPORT – Mayor Farmer gave the police report for the month of October 2006.

Mr. Profy stated that it was advertised that the bid for snow removal for 2006-2007 would be opened at 8:00 P.M. this evening; one bid has been received from K. E. Seifert Inc. Plumbing and Heating, Langhorne, PA. Their bid is for start up cost for initial call \$60.00, start up cost for second call within twenty-four hours of initial start up \$35.00, hourly service rate \$78.50, and combination mixture of cinder, sand, and salt per ton \$110.00 The quote for 2006-2007 is the same as 2005-2006.

Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to award the snow removal contract for 2006-2007 as of November 8, 2006 to K.E. Seifert, Inc, as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

4. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS – Mr. Kevin Transue (324 Hill Avenue) referred to the leaves being placed by property owners who live along the access roads and it is causing a dangerous situation. Mr. Transue would like to know why Mr. Yourtee put the street sign at the corner of Hill and Gillam Avenues seven feet in from the corner at 324 Hill Avenue, but the sign at Mr. Yourtee’s property is only four inches in and the standard is four to twelve feet. Mr. Transue referred to the one hundred ninety-one holes that were left from the removal of the old signs where somebody could get hurt.

Mr. William Abbott (803 Hulmeville Avenue) asked why the information pertaining to crimes committed in Langhorne Manor Borough is not reported under police reports in the Courier Times, Mr. Abbott is aware that there has been burglaries in the Borough.

Mayor Farmer replied that the Courier Times does not always contact the Borough, since we are a part time police department, the Courier Times may not get a reply back in time so it can be put into the newspaper. The person who had committed the burglaries in the Borough has been arrested.

Ms. Boyle (308 Gillam Avenue) asked if the moratorium had been lifted. Mr. Swenson stated last month that he would write a letter to the Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority on behalf of the Borough to have the restriction lifted. Mr. McTigue replied that would be addressed in Mr. Profy's report.

Ms. Boyle asked if anyone was aware that the floodlight illuminating the flag was out. Mrs. Luff replied that she was aware of it and it would be taken care of.

Ms. Boyle stated that the residents are not aware that there is parking behind the Borough Hall; she asked if a sign stating parking in the rear could be put up.

Ms. Betty Linington (308 Gillam Avenue) stated that she is concerned about where all the rain water is going as there are some streets that do not have gutters; particularly the area of Hill and Prospect Avenues. This is one area that should be taken care of.

Ms. Linington asked what is going to be done with the storm drain located on Hulmeville Avenue near her property which needs to be repaired as the water has no place to go and it is ruining her driveway. Ms. Linington stated that she rides around the Borough in the morning, afternoon, and evening and she has seen how bad the stormwater problem is and she thinks the Council people should also ride around the Borough and they would see what she is talking about.

Ms. Linington stated that she has had several complaints pertaining to over night parking, the ordinance states that there is no parking on Borough streets from 11 P.M. to 6:00 A.M.

5. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Profy asked if he could present his agenda at this time, as there are guests who will be giving presentations that will require actions to be taken by Borough Council.

Mr. Profy reported that John Swenson had provided a communications from Bucks county Water & Sewer Authority (BCW&SA) which stated after reviewing all work preformed and meter data results submitted, BCW&SA has approved having Langhorne Manor Borough removed from the sewer moratorium on the Neshaminy Interceptor System.

Mr. Profy referred to the ordinance granting Verizon Pennsylvania Inc. a non-exclusive franchise to erect, install, maintain and operate cable service in the Borough of Langhorne Manor.

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to adopt Ordinance # 2006-004 for Verizon Pennsylvania Inc. as recommended by Mr. Profy. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Dan Reavy representative from Verizon thanked Mr. Profy and Mrs. Luff for their cooperation for putting together the information needed for the ordinance that was adopted this evening.

Mr. Profy stated that Woods services Inc. had submitted to Langhorne Manor Borough copies of the Planning and Engineering Reports pertaining to the Woods services Medical Treatment and Staff Training Center Land development Plan Application. Mr. Marte spoke of the proposal that had been previously presented to Borough Council. Mr. Marte introduced from Woods Services Inc, Joe Zakrzewski, CFO, John McHale, CEO, John Nalesnik, Director, and David Allen from Bohlor Engineering. After much discussion Mr. Profy recommended that Council approve the Land Development Plan as presented. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to approve the Land Development Plan as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy introduced Mr. Joe Zakrzewski Chief Finance Officer from Woods Services Inc. who explained that Wood Services Inc. is requesting the Borough of Langhorne Manor Higher Education and Health Authority for funding of the Land Development project as previously presented. The bond is not to exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00).

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to adopt the resolution as presented by Mr. Profy to have the Borough of Langhorne Manor Higher Education and Health Authority finance a bond not to exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00.) No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy stated that the new stop sign ordinance would be advertised for adoption at the December 5, 2006 Council meeting.

Mr. Profy recommended the adoption of the resolution of the Bucks County Hazard Mitigation Plan, which should be up dated no less then every five years. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to adopt resolution # 2006-03 for the Bucks County Hazard Mitigation Plan. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy reported that two bids had been received for the trash removal contract for 2007, 2008, and 2009; they were from Allied Waste Services Inc. and Waste Management. The bid submitted by Allied Waste Services Inc. has been clarified in his opinion. The contract will be awarded for three years for the sum of \$249,085.00. Additionally, one bulk refuse collection in 2007, 2008, and 2009; at a cost of \$12,300.00. Total contract cost is \$261,385.00. Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to award a three-year contract for trash removal for the years 2007, 2008, and 2009 to Allied Waste Services Inc. in the amount of \$261,385.00. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy recommended that the agreement for purchasing, processing and marketing of recyclable materials collected in the Borough through the County recycling program be adopted. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to adopt the recycling program as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barnes had no report for the Planning commission. Mrs. Barnes reported that she had attended the County training for the flu epidemic and free flu shots will be available on Saturday November 18, 2006 at the Government Services Center on New Falls road from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 p.m.

Mrs. Cianci – No report.

Ms. Gimpel reported that the trees had been trimmed as per the newsletter pertaining to trees and brush around the street and safety signs.

Ms. Gimpel reported that she was told that the leaves had not been picked up on November 4, 2006 as scheduled. Mr. McTigue replied that he would contact Allied Waste and have them picked up within the next couple of days.

Ms. Gimpel stated that someone asked her about the length of time a building permit is good for. Mr. Bush replied that a permit is good for three years. Ms. Gimpel asked about the property at 629 Bellevue Avenue that has been under construction for many years. She wanted to know if the property owner has been renewing their permit. There was a discussion pertaining to the sub-division of the property at 629 Bellevue Avenue. Mr. Bush stated that a letter could go to the property owners pertaining to the completion of construction that had been started years ago. Ms. Gimpel asked if a letter would be going out and Mr. Bush replied yes.

Mr. McTigue asked for a motion to accept Mr. Stephen Galazin's resignation from Borough Council as of November 7, 2006. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to accept Mr. Galazin's resignation. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy stated that Borough Council has thirty days from November 8, 2006 to fill the vacancy. Mr. Profy stated that he would advertise to fill the Council vacancy on December 5, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of public interviews and request for consideration is to be presented prior to the meeting.

Mr. McTigue stated that he would contact Allied Waste Services about the November 4, 2006 leaf pickup date that they missed.

Mr. Profy spoke on the requirements by the Employment Practices Insurance Carrier and the Law Enforcement liability Insurance Carrier. Mr. Profy's firm has prepared and submitted in draft form the requested eight or ten policies and Mayor Farmer had received a copy of the policies. Mayor Farmer stated that Chief Bumm had reviewed them.

Mr. Pizzola presented and discussed the preliminary budget for 2007. After a discussion on the police budget and repairs and maintenance of the buildings Mr. Profy explained the advertisement procedure for the adoption of the 2007 budget. It has to be advertised that it is available for inspection at the Library and the Borough office no later than ten days prior to the December 5, 2006 Council meeting.

Mr. Yourtee reported that the trees were trimmed and he would like the bill for Harvey Spencer who did the work in the amount of \$1800.00 added to the bill list this evening for payment.

Mr. Yourtee stated that in the future the partition in the Borough Hall would be removed and he would like to have volunteers do the work.

Mr. Yourtee stated that there were two accidents on the access road, one accident had guardrail damage and the other accident damaged a new 40-mile an hour sign. Mr. Yourtee wanted to know if the accident reports included the damage that was done. Mayor Farmer stated that he would ask Chief Bumm.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Farmer spoke about the taser gun that the police would like to purchase. The first proposal was \$1997.54 for the gun and all equipment needed, it could be broken down to \$1357.54 for the gun and \$571.00 for equipment. Mayor Farmer prefers to purchase the complete package for \$1997.54. Officer Schuck has been trained in the use of a taser gun and will be able to train our police officers. Mayor Farmer stated that the taser gun will not affect people with a pacemaker

Motion was made by Mrs. Cianci and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to purchase a taser gun at a cost of \$1997.54. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

8. INSPECTOR'S REPORT –Mr. Bush gave the Inspector's report for the month of October 2006.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – Mrs. Luff stated that everyone had received a copy of the Bucks County Boroughs Association's Annual Holiday Dinner invitation. Mrs. Barnes stated that she would like to attend.

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. Mrs. Luff stated that Harvey Spencer's Bill in the amount of \$1800.00 is to be added to the bill list for payment and check #4862 from the general funds in the amount of \$3657.00 made out to Paist & Noe was voided and a check in the same amount was made out from the sewer account. Motion was made by Mrs. Cianci and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to pay all bills. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to table the Treasurer's report. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. SECOND MEETING – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 21, 2006; at the present time there is no business for the agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Barnes 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 10:04 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday December 5, 2006 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough