

**MINUTES  
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2008**

Prior to the Borough Council Meeting the Langhorne Manor School, National Register of Historic Places Dedication was held. Mr. McTigue acknowledged the Borough Hall Advisory Committee; Beth Bartnikowski, Joe Bush, Otto Grupp, Charles Lauble and Steve Yourtee, and Contributors; Mary Werner DeNadai, FAIA, David Kimmerly of the Heritage Conservancy, State Representative Chris King, Jack Knight and Kathleen Morgan. Greeting was brought by Beth Bartnikowski and Jeff Marshall from the Heritage Conservancy. A plaque is located on the front of the Borough School.

**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, November 10, 2008, at 8:03 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** – 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** – David Badgley, Nicholas Pizzola;

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion was made by Mrs. Cianci and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to approve the minutes of October 7, 2008 as presented and amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried

**3. POLICE REPORT** –Mayor Farmer gave the police report for the month of October 2008.

**4. INSPECTOR'S REPORT**- Mr. Peet gave the Inspector's report for the month of October 2008.

**5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS** –Mrs. Beth Bartnikowski (204 Central Avenue) asked if the Open Burning Ordinance could be reviewed, as it is hard to enforce as it is very vague, especially the definition of the kind of structure is to be used. They have had some issues and the different people they had contacted stated that the ordinance is hard to enforce. It was suggested that we follow Middletown Township's ordinance. Mrs. Bartnikowski had a copy of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection ordinance; Council could use their model ordinance for opening burning as a guide.

Mr. Profy reported that two bids had been received for snow removal for 2008-09.

K.E. Seifert Inc. (Green Street, Langhorne, PA) bid was, start up-\$60.00, second start up within twenty-four hours-\$35.00, \$79.00 per hour, and \$120.00 per ton for salt mixture.

Angermeier Plumbing and Heating (739 Churchville Road, Southampton, PA) bid was, start up- \$50.00, second start up within twenty-four hours-\$25.00, \$75.00 per hour, and \$108.00 per ton for salt mixture.

Motion was made by Mrs. Cianci and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to accept the low bid from Angermeier Plumbing and Heating for snow removal for 2008-09 upon presentation of proof of insurance. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Mrs. Barnes stated that she did not have a report for the Planning Commission. Mrs. Barnes congratulated Mrs. Bartnikowski and Mr. McTigue for the dedication ceremony this evening and also thanked Mrs. Luff for her help with the refreshments. Mr. McTigue also thanked Mrs. Bartnikowski and Mrs. Luff. Mrs. Barnes also acknowledged Mr. Badgley for all the work he did pertaining to the Borough School.

Mr. Badgley was absent.

Mrs. Cianci reported that all the lights were working. Mr. Lauble stated that the light on Hill Avenue between Prospect and Fairview Avenues was out. Mrs. Cianci stated that she would look into it.

Ms. Gimpel reported that she had passed the information that she had received last month to the Shade Tree Committee.

Ms. Gimpel reported that our deductible for our insurance is \$1000.00 and the bill for replacing the light at Station and Central Avenues was \$988.25. Ms. Gimpel stated that she is not sure that the tree that had fallen is in the right of way.

Ms. Gimpel reported that another CD matured on October 16, 2008 and she was able to renew it for a year at 3.45%.

Ms. Gimpel reported that the news letter had been mailed on Sunday October 12, 2008.

Mr. McTigue had no report for recycling and trash. Mr. McTigue reported under the Police Committee, that he had received a letter from Faulkner GMC West Chester PA stating that they are now on the PA Co-Stars List for vehicle purchases.

Mr. Yourtee reported that Long Fence had completed the addition to the two extensions of 2S Guide rails.

Mr. Yourtee stated that Pickering Corts and Summerson had put together a bid package for the remaining repair work on the cable guide rail and the bid opening would be on Monday December 1, 2008 at 11:00 A.M. at the Borough Hall.

Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Ms. Cianci to advertise the bid package for cable guide rail post replacement project.

Mr. Yourtee reported that Middletown Township had cleared the vegetation from the Township line on Gillam Avenue over the overpass on Hulmeville Avenue and to the Township line on Highland Avenue, so the Borough only has to clear the side of the overpass where the residents property back up to Hulmeville Avenue and also the low hanging branches. Mr. Yourtee contacted Winter's Best and Tall Pine to provide a quote for clearing the vegetation and tree branches etc. along the guide rail and also a quote for the removal of the tree at the end of the driveway at the Borough Hall.

Winter's Best quote was \$1,000.00 for the removal of the tree at the Borough Hall and \$1,700.00 for the removal of the vegetation, trees etc along the overpass on Hulmeville Avenue for a total of \$2,700.00.

Tall Pines quote was \$1,150.00 for the removal of the tree at Borough Hall and \$1,700.00 for the removal of the vegetation, trees etc along the Hulmeville Avenue overpass for a total of \$2,850.00. Mayor Farmer asked if the residents could take the wood from the tree at the Borough Hall. Mr. Yourtee replied that he did not have a problem with that. He would like to know ahead time as to who would want it.

Motion was made by Mrs. Cianci and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to accept Winter's Best quote of \$2,700.000 to remove the tree at Borough Hall and the vegetation etc along the guide rail on the overpass on Hulmeville Avenue. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee received a memo from Chief Bumm suggesting a "No Parking" sign be added in the 1000 block of Station Avenue, southbound. This sign should read "No Parking from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 PM".

Chief Bumm also stated that the stop sign at the corner of Bellevue and Highland Avenues, at the blinking light has vegetation hanging over it; this vegetation is hanging over the fence, from the property located at 100 Highland Avenue.

Mayor Farmer stated that the stop sign at Gillam and Station Avenues is still blocked from view due to low hanging branches. Mrs. Luff stated that a certified letter had been sent to the home owner in October and it was never picked up, so she will be sending the letter first class.

Mr. Yourtee stated that Chief Bumm reported that they had caught a person turfing the grass area of the overpass on Gillam Avenue and he will forward the police information to Middletown Township as this is their property.

Mr. Yourtee stated that a Middletown Township resident had complained about the pot holes on West Highland Avenue between the overpass and Hulmeville Avenue.

Ms. Gimpel spoke on the changes to the preliminary budget for the General Fund. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to approve the Preliminary Budget and authorize the advertisement of the Sewer, Highway Aid and General Fund Budget for 2009. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to approve the advertisement of the 2009 Tax Ordinance, 30mills for Occupation, 7.125 mills for general taxation purposes, 2 mills for lighting and illumination, 0.75 mills for fire assistance and protection purposes. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**7. SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – Mr. Profy reported that the Standard Casting Agreement with PennDot had been received. Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to adopt the Casting Agreement with PennDot as explained by Mr. Profy. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy recommended that Council consider, by 2010 to have re-codification of the Borough's Ordinances. The last time they were done was in 1995 and it is required to have on file in the Law Library an updated copy of the codified ordinances.

Mr. Profy started that he had received a request from Peter Becker Community to have the Higher Education and Health Authority act as the issuer of \$7,500,000 revenue financing for Peter Becker. In the past we had acted as issuer for Peter Becker two times, each in the amount of \$10,000,000. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to proceed with the resolution as presented by Mr. Profy pertaining to the \$7,500,000 financing for Peter Becker Community. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**8. MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Farmer reported that on November 5, 2008 he and Mr. McTigue had met with representatives from Langhorne, Penndel and two representatives from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Chief Duffy from Upper Gwynedd Police Department. The three Boroughs had signed the agreement with the Commonwealth to proceed with the findings on regionalization, with no cost to the Boroughs. It will be March or April 2009 before the Borough finds out what is recommended for the regionalization of the three police departments.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE** – Mrs. Luff referred to the Bucks County Boroughs Association Annual Holiday Dinner to be held on Tuesday December 2, 2008.

**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 there were two additions for the bill list. Beth Bartnikowski \$140.27 for the dedication of the Borough School being placed on the National Register of Historic Places and Maryann Barnes \$67.00 for having the certificate framed for the Borough School being placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Motion was made by Mrs. Cianci and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to pay the bills as presented including the two additions. 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 Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to accept the Treasurer's report for October 2008 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**11. SECOND MEETING** – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 18, 2008; at the present time there is no business for the agenda. Motion was made by Mrs.

Barnes and seconded by Mr. Yourtee 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 Ms. Cianci to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday December 2, 2008 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Langhorne Manor Borough