

MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 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, November 13, 2007, at 8:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time by Maryann Barnes, Vice President.

At this point in the meeting Councilman Steven Yourtee led us in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

PERSONS PRESENT – Maryann Barnes, Vice President; Donna Cianci; Sharon Gimpel; Steven Yourtee; Beth Bartnikowski, Acting Secretary and Thomas J. Profy IV, Solicitor

PERSON ABSENT – David Badgley; Francis Farmer, Mayor, William McTigue, President, Nicholas Pizzola, Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer and Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor.

Mr. Pizzola entered the meeting at 8:04 P.M.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Mrs. Cianci and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to approve the minutes of October 2, 2007. No objections were presented. Motion carried

3. POLICE REPORT – Due to Mayor Farmer's absence no police report was given for the month of October 2007.

Chief Bumm informed Council that Officer Shuck obtained full time employment and has resigned his position with Langhorne Manor Borough Police Department. He introduced Council to Officer John Sherno who had been employed part-time with Langhorne Manor Borough previously in 2004-2005, but had resigned due to employment obligations out of state and is now back in the area.

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to approve the re-hiring of Officer John Sherno to the Langhorne Manor Police Department. No objections were presented. Motion carried

4. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS – Mr. Mark Shapcott (108 East Langhorne Avenue) asked why the change to the pick-up day for recycling from a trash pick-up day to a non-trash pick-up day. Additionally, he asked that the Borough consider weekly recycling pick-ups in an effort to be more ecologically friendly. He also thank Council for having two new stop signs installed at Langhorne Avenue and Pine Street, however, residents are not stopping and he wanted to bring this to the attention of the police.

Mr. William Abbott (803 Hulmeville Avenue) restated that he had called 911 about activity in the wooded area along Hulmeville Avenue and neither Mr. McTigue nor Mayor Farmer has responded to his previous inquiry. Additionally, he stated that he feels the leaf collection dates need to be reviewed. As they are scheduled now, the first collection date resulted in very few leaves being collected, because they have not fallen yet.

Mrs. Michelle McGary (see Section 11)

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barnes had no report for the Planning Committee. Mrs. Barnes passed on correspondence from Rep. King to Mr. Profy. She also informed Council that the Bucks County Borough Association is having their holiday party on December 4, 2007. Any Councilmember interested in attending should let her know.

Mr. Badgley - no report. Mrs. Bartnikowski asked if she might comment. She explained that the Heritage Conservancy has submitted the first draft of the National Registry application to the PHMC and received back very few recommendations/comments. The Heritage Conservancy is editing the application to meet the recommendation of PHMC and should have a final draft in the very near future.

Mr. McTigue entered the meeting at 8:18 P.M.

Mrs. Cianci reported that a light at 120 W. Park was reported to be fixed

Ms. Gimpel had no report for the Shade Tree Committee, insurance or sewer investment. Ms. Gimpel stated that the newsletter was mailed out on October 15, 2007.

Concerning the guardrails, Ms. Gimpel stated that she has been in touch with Al Sutter of Sen. Tomlinson's office and they will be scheduling a meeting after Thanksgiving to discuss the Access Roads and guardrails.

Ms. Gimpel also passed along product information concerning the removal of graffiti on the sidewalk in front of Borough Hall to Mr. Yourtee. Mrs. Barnes asked if the Borough was a member of the TAG organization. Mrs. Cianci and Mr. Yourtee explained that the decision was made to not join TAG for cost reasons and handle each incident independently. Mr. Yourtee also stated that there are also a few locations on Hill Avenue that need attention.

Mrs. Barnes informed Mr. McTigue of earlier discussions this evening concerning trash/recycling collection and leaf collection. After much discussion, Mr. McTigue stated that the Borough has gone out of our way to accommodate Allied Waste and they are still missing the pick-ups. Mr. McTigue feels it is not unfair for the Borough to ask Allied Waste to send a letter, at their expense, to the residents of the Borough explaining the change in pick-up days. Additionally, he will ask if an additional leaf pick-up day can be added in early December to their schedule and a postcard with the new date will be mailed to the residents. Mr. McTigue explained that a while back residents were asked how often they would like recycling picked up and the result was every other week. Changing recycling pick-up to weekly is something to take into consideration, but most likely not happen for 2008, since that would require an amendment to the trash collection contract as well as an amendment to the tax ordinance.

Mr. Pizzola - no report

Mr. Yourtee reported that he met with Mario Canales of Pickering, Corts & Summerson to review the top 10 priority list of street repairs. He will be making recommendations and providing cost estimates hopefully in time for the December meeting.

Mr. Yourtee provided a proposal from Tallpine to clean and install the disk placards on the storm water inlets. Materials (disks and adhesive) to be provided by the Borough. There are approximately 80 disks at a cost of \$8.50 per piece.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to accept the proposal from Tallpine Tree Service to install the storm water inlet disks at a cost of \$8.50 per disk. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee stated that Langhorne Paving has completed the list of repairs and have submitted their \$2,500 bill for payment.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT – No report due to death in family

7. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Profy reported that the tax ordinance will be published for adoption at the December Council meeting.

Mr. Profy stated that it was advertised that the bid for snow removal for 2007-2008 would be opened 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 \$79.00, and combination mixture of cinder, sand, and salt per ton \$110.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to award the snow removal contract for 2007-2008 to K.E. Seifert, Inc, as presented, contingent upon receiving proof of proper insurance. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

8. INSPECTOR'S REPORT – Prior to Mr. Peet giving his report, Mr. McTigue asked that the Inspector's Report be moved to earlier in the meeting - after the Police Report. Mr. Peet gave the Inspector's report for the month of October 2007.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – Invitation from Bucks County Water & Sewer were distributed to Council. Copies of a letter from Pennoni Associates concerning Borough of Penndel's revitalization plans were distributed to Council members.

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. Cianci to pay the bills as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to approve the October 2007 Treasurer's report as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee stated that he wanted to thank Ms. Gimpel for all her hard work in recovering \$79,000 from Langhorne Garden's for past water and sewer fees.

11. SECOND MEETING – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 20, 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.

Mr. McTigue invited Mrs. Michelle McGary to address Council with comments concerning a macadam jogging/bike trail, since she missed the earlier "Comments from Residents and Visitors."

Mrs. McGary would like to propose a macadam jogging/bike trail be installed along Hulmeville Avenue approaching the Highway Route 1 overpass and on the bridge overpass for residents to use to gain access to both sides of the Borough safely on foot or bike. She has spoken to other Borough residents and they too feel it would be a nice to have access to both sides of the Borough on foot. Possible grant monies could be found to pay for the project.

12. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. McTigue entertained a motion to adjourn this meeting. Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday December 4, 2007 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Bartnikowski

Acting Secretary
Langhorne Manor Borough