

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 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, December 4, 2007, at 8:04 P.M. Eastern Time by Maryann Barnes, Vice President.

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

PERSONS PRESENT –David Badgley; Maryann Barnes, Vice President; Donna Cianci; Sharon Gimpel; Steven Yourtee; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer and Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor.

PERSON ABSENT – Nicholas Pizzola, William McTigue; President, Francis Farmer, Mayor.

Mr. McTigue entered the meeting at 8:07 P.M.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to approve the minutes of November 13, 2007 as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried

3. POLICE REPORT – Due to the absence of Mayor Farmer there was no police report for the month of November 2007.

4. INSPECTOR'S REPORT-There was no Inspector's report for the month of November 2007

5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS – There were no requests from visitors or residents.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barnes had no report for the Planning Committee. A request for a lot line change was submitted for 1002 North Avenue. Mr. Profy stated that the lot line change plan went very well before the Zoning Hearing Committee and it is a very reasonable application and it does not have to go before the Borough Planning Committee.

Mr. Badgley-No report

Mr. McTigue read a letter from Dave Kimberley from the Heritage Conservancy. Mrs. Bartnikowski reported on this last month and it is reflected in the November 2007 minutes.

Mrs. Cianci reported that lights are out at Hill and Highland Avenues and the light behind the Borough Hall. She will see that these lights are repaired. Mrs. Cianci reported that an accident had occurred on the access road and the guard rail is down and this should be reported to PennDot. The accident that happened on November 26, 2007 at the Highland Avenue end of the overpass where the car didn't stop and went into the wooded area, damaging the guard rail was discussed.

Mrs. Cianci asked if the police would be patrolling more than what they have been, as it doesn't seem that they are around at all. Mrs. Barnes stated that another police officer had been added in November 2007, which should give added patrol time. Mr. McTigue stated that he would address Mrs. Cianci's concerns with Chief Bumm.

Ms. Gimpel reported that a meeting was held with PennDot and the Borough will not be able to get any help for the roads or the guard rails. They suggested that the Borough apply for a Safe Street Award. Ms. Gimpel contacted PennDot and was told that there was no money available for a Safe Street Award at this time; she should call back in the spring as there might be money available at that time.

Ms. Gimpel stated that Borough Council will have to figure out a way to pay for street repairs and she stated that Council could enact a milage for roads and it could go up to a total of five mils. Every mill charged to the residents would bring in \$10,400.00 and an average home owner would pay about \$35.00. She stated that something has to be done as the money in the Liquid Fuel account will not cover the cost of the road repairs that are needed.

Mr. Yourtee stated that there were three issues that they stressed at the meeting with PennDot, the deterioration of the access lanes on Route 1, the deterioration of the roads leading to the bridge on the overpass and the guard rails. Mr. Yourtee stated that the three issues mentioned will take a lot of money to repair them.

Mr. Profy asked if Senator Tomlinson had been asked to help with these problems. Mr. Yourtee replied that it was his office that had coordinated the meeting with PennDot. Mr. Profy stated that the only choice Council has is to spend the Borough funds or let the conditions continue to exist as they are.

Mr. Yourtee reported that he had reported to Council a year ago that the cost of guard rails was \$20.00 a linear foot plus \$2,500.00 a piece for the crash ends. PennDot told Mr. Yourtee that they are now paying \$28.00 a linear foot for guard rails.

Mr. Profy stated that it is clear that there are not going to be any state funds provided to the Borough, so someone is going to have to work up a plan and cost it out and determine if Council is prepared to do what it would cost to repair the roads or wait four or five years to see if the state plans on making Route 1 wider.

Ms. Gimpel reported that she and Mr. Yourtee had tried to remove the graffiti off of the walk in front of the Borough Hall with different types of cleaners along with a wire brush and it is still there. Ms. Gimpel recommended that Council contact Towns Against Graffiti (TAG) and have them remove the graffiti on the walk and also on the street signs, when Mrs. Cianci previously presented information on TAG, the cost to join at that time was around \$2,000.00.

Mr. McTigue thanked Ms. Gimpel and Mr. Yourtee for all their work this past month.

Mr. McTigue reported that he had sent out the post cards to the residents informing them of the added date for leaf pick-up.

Mr. Pizzola entered the meeting at 8:39 P.M.

Mr. McTigue had no report for the police committee. Mr. McTigue received a letter from State Representative Chris King pertaining to Carol Barr who is working with Bensalem Township to establish a loss pet pilot program and it is working very well and he thought it would be helpful if all townships got involved. It is a free service for lost pets, her web site is www.zazhalert.org and her phone number is 215-478-4154.

Mr. Pizzola had no reports for signs. He presented the budget for 2008 that is to be adopted this evening. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Badgley to adopt the 2008 budget as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy presented the Tax Ordinance for 2008. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to adopt the 2008 Tax Ordinance # 2007-02 as presented by Mr. Profy. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee reported that the grass area by the Gillam Avenue side of the overpass was turfed again, he asked if anyone had followed up after the person was caught last time for turfing that area for restitution and if it is too late to do something at this time. Mr. McTigue replied that something could still be done.

After a discussion pertaining to the trees that are down along the 700 block of Hulmeville Avenue in the wooded area and whose responsibility it is for their removal, Mr. Profy stated that he would draft a letter to Middletown Township pertaining to this matter after he reviews the Conservation Agreement the Borough has with Middletown Township.

Mr. Yourtee reported that he has not heard from Pickering Corts and Summerson about the road reconstruction plans for the Borough roads.

Mr. Yourtee stated that Green Up Turf Care is offering a 10% discount again this year if the amount of \$339.00 is paid by December 31, 2007.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT – No report due to Mayor Farmer being absent.

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Profy reported that the 2008 Tax Ordinance had been approved. He thanked Ms. Gimpel for all her work in getting the sewer account resolved with Langhorne Gardens Nursing Home and the collection of \$79,621.39 in back sewer fees

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. Pickering Corts & Summerson check is to be held till a report is received and payment for Green Up Turf Care in the amount of \$339.00 is to be added to the bill list. Mr. Yourtee brought up the purchases of boot for the police, he feels that the boots are personal items and the Borough should

not pay for them. Mr. Pizzola stated that they are part of the uniform and they should be purchased. Mr. McTigue stated that he feels that there should be a boot allowance. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Badgley to pay the bills as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. SECOND MEETING – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 18, 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. Yourtee asked for executive session following the meeting, no actions will be taken at that time

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 9:05 P.M.

The next meeting will be Monday January 7, 2008 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough