

**MINUTES**  
**LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF July 7, 2015**

**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 July 7, 2015 at 8:03 P.M. Eastern Time by William McTigue, President.

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

**PERSONS PRESENT** – Maryann Barnes Vice President; Sharon Gimpel; William McTigue, President; Nicholas Pizzola; Patricia Silcox; Steven Yourtee; Robert Byrne, Mayor; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer and Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor.

**PERSON ABSENT** -; Edward Hanisco; and James Peet Zoning and Building Inspector;

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to approve the minutes of June 2, 2015 as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**3. POLICE REPORT** – Mayor Byrne gave the police report for June 2015.

**4. INSPECTOR’S REPORT** – Mrs. Luff gave the Inspector’s report for the month of June, 2015.

**5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS** –Mrs. Susan Pizzola (405 Hulmeville Avenue) who will be serving as chairperson for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for Langhorne Manor Borough, which is to be held on Saturday, October 3, 2015, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Pizzola reported that the celebration will be held on the Borough Hall property and that Hulmeville Avenue will be closed from Highland Avenue to Prospect Avenue. Representative Frank Farry will be taking care of this along with providing Fire Police control of traffic in this area. There was a discussion on obtaining contributions and that the committee will be opening an account at First National Bank and Trust Company of Newtown and a face book page has been created. Food and beverages will be provided along with activities for children. There was a discussion about liability insurance and Mr. Profy stated that this should be discussed with the Borough’s insurance agent.

Mr. George Szczur and Mrs. Melanie Szczur (1000 North Avenue) is requesting approval to erect a fence on their property. After a discussion it was stated that their request would not be referred to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. and Mrs. Szczur are to contact their neighbors adjacent to their property and get their feelings pertaining to a fence being installed on Szczur’s property and return to the August Council Meeting.

Mr. Joshau Garman (102 East Park Avenue) was back again requesting permission to pave the area in front of his property along the roadway. After a discussion it was decided to continue his request at the August Council meeting.

Mr. John Swenson from Carroll Engineering gave Council an update on the meter flow for the period from April 18, 2015 through June 10, 2015. The following is their finding: Discontinue temporary metering. (CEC informed CSL to cease metering on June 16<sup>th</sup>). Complete repair to sewer at manhole LM-12. (BCW&SA completed repair on June 17<sup>th</sup>). Inspect connection from renovated SEPTA train station. (Installed after sewer system was built). Re-evaluate metered flow at billing meter 1904 in wet weather (post repair at MH LM-12). If high peak flows persists inspect manholes and cleanouts in the service area tributary to MH LM-2 only

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Mrs. Barnes had no report for the Planning Commission. Mrs. Barnes reported that the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee met for the second time. Mrs. Barnes referred to the pedestrian cross walk sign that had been damaged on Election Day by one boy from the Borough. The police got their names. Mr. Profy recommended that the four boy's parents be contacted after Council finds out what it cost, for it to be replaced.

Ms. Gimpel reported that the insurance policy will be coming up for renewal. The Borough will have the same coverage as the prior year and the total premium will be \$25,866.00.

Mr. Hanisco was absent

Mr. McTigue reported that he had followed up with Mr. Yourtee's concerns with the storm water outlet on Hulmeville Avenue. Mr. McTigue stated that the engineer does not feel that anything has to be done and that the owner of the property (Middletown Township) be contacted. Mr. McTigue will check with Middletown Township to see if they had received any complaints about this area.

Mr. Pizzola reported that the potholes had been repaired by Hotham Paving & Sealcoating at a cost of \$2,350.00 and this bill is on the bill list for payment.

Mr. Yourtee inquired about if street sweeping would be done in 2015 and if it needs to be done twice a year. Mr. McTigue stated that when the new permit goes into effect that would be required.

Mr. Yourtee stated at the May 2015 Council meeting \$2500.00 was approved for emergency pothole repair and he feels that some of the work that had been done was not emergency work.

Mr. Pizzola stated that jobs under \$10,000.00 do not need to be put out for bid. Jobs between \$10,000 to 19,300 require three written quotes.

Mr. Yourtee reported he had spoken with Cal Morrison, the PennDot source that Mr. Pizzola had previously stated in the minutes, who had given the Borough permission to perform

road work on the service lanes, without following traffic control procedures. Mr. Morrison stated he never gave such permission to Langhorne Manor Borough or any municipality, and if asked, said he would refer all traffic control questions to PennDot Publication 213, "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices", for requirements detailing traffic control in work zones. Mr. Yourtee again stated his concerns that Langhorne Manor Borough continues to expose itself to liability issues by employing contractors for work on the dangerous service lanes, while not requiring proper traffic control procedures. Mr. Yourtee asked that his concerns be documented in the meeting minutes.

Mr. Yourtee stated that he had spoken to Harvey Spencer about the trees along the bank on the overpass and Mr. Spencer told Mr. Yourtee that Mr. Pizzola had not discussed this with him.

Mr. Pizzola responded that he had spoken to Cal Morrison that he planned to use a police car and signs for safety measures to perform repairs on the access lanes and Mr. Morrison raised no objections.

Mr. Pizzola also responded that he had discussed the trees that me. Mr. Yourtee referred to with Mr. Spencer and Mr. Spencer said the trees growing on the banks of the overpass posed no imminent danger of falling. Mr. Pizzola suggested that Council invite him to a Council meeting to clarify what was said.

Mrs. Silcox had no report.

**7. MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Byrne stated that he would like to see three or four signs saying Welcome to Langhorne Manor Borough 1890 displayed at certain areas in the Borough.

Mrs. Barnes stated that the sign in front of the Borough Hall needs to be repainted. Mayor Byrne stated that he is willing to donate his time to paint the sign. He is to use the color of the walls inside in the Borough Hall with off white letters.

**8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – Mr. Profy reported that the Besco agreement has been signed and Besco Corporation has till September 1, 2015 to complete the repair work.

Mr. Profy reported that he will have the NPDES Agreement advertised for adoption at the August 4, 2015 Borough Council meeting

**9. CORRESPONDENCE** –Mrs. Luff read the letter regarding the Honor Flight Bucks County. This year they will be taking Veterans to Washington D.C on October 5, 2015.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to contribute \$200.00 for the Honor Flight Bucks County. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**10. APPROVAL OF BILLS & TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PAYMENT** – Mr. McTigue stated that all Council members have received a copy of the bill list for payment. He asked if there are any questions or discussions. Added to the bill list \$ 200.00 for Honor Flight

Bucks County. Motion was made by Mrs. Silcox and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to pay the bills as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Mr. McTigue stated that all Council members have received a copy of the Treasurer's report for June 2015 and asked if anyone has any comments. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Silcox to table the Treasurer's Report for June 2015. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**11. SECOND MEETING** – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 21, 2015; at the present time there is no business for the agenda. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mrs. Silcox 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 Mrs. Silcox to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday August 4, 2015 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Langhorne Manor Borough