

MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2005

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 Monday, January 3, 2005, at 8:08 P.M. Eastern Standard Time by Francis J. Farmer, Mayor.

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

PERSONS PRESENT – Maryann Barnes, President; Stephen Galazin; Sharon Gimpel; William McTigue, Vice President; Francis J. Farmer Mayor; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer Thomas Profy IV, Solicitor.

PERSONS ABSENT- Robert Byrne; Steven Yourtee; Nicholas Pizzola and Thomas Profy III, Solicitor.

Mayor Farmer opened the meeting with the election of President of the Borough Council. Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Galazin. The nomination was of Mrs. Barnes as Borough Council President. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Galazin to nominate Mr. McTigue as Vice President of the Borough Council. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Barnes announced that Frederick Tomlinson's term on Planning Commission expired. Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Galazin to extend Mr. Tomlinson's term five years to 2010. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Barnes stated that James McCreary's term on the Zoning Hearing Board expired. Motion was made by Mr. Galazin and seconded by Mr. McTigue to extend Mr. McCreary's term to 2008. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –Mrs. Barnes stated that there are three sets of minutes for the approval of the Council this evening. The first set of minutes is for the November 3, 2004. Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to approve the November 3, 2004 minutes as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Barnes stated Mrs. Luff, Borough Secretary needs to be reappointed along with Frank Ferry, Fire Marshall, Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor, Pickering, Corts and Summerson, Borough Engineer, James McMeeking, Outside Custodian, Loretta Luff, Inside Custodian, John Gibbons, Vacancy Board, Betty Cichy, Assistant Secretary and John Lisa, Liaison to Comcast.

Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Galazin to approve the list of appointments as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Barnes entertained a motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 2004. Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mr. Galazin to approve the minutes as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Barnes entertained a motion to approve the minutes of December 7, 2004. Ms. Gimpel spoke on Mayor Farmer's comments at the December 7, 2004 Council meeting. His comments bothered her and she would like to see some form of that profanity put back into the minutes, people need to know what happens at the Council meetings. She feels very uncomfortable that it took place. This is why Residents do not attend the Council meetings. Ms. Gimpel stated she has not heard an apology from Mayor Farmer to Ms. Linington.

Mr. Farmer replied that there was an apology issued to Ms. Linington and she stated that the apology did not need to be made in public.

Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and there was no second to approve the minutes as amended. The minutes will be tabled until the February 1, 2005 Borough Council Meeting.

3. POLICE REPORT – Mayor Farmer gave the police report for December 2004.

4. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS –Mrs. Bartnikowski feels that the council needs to be proactive with resident's problems, put money into an account for improvements to the Borough Hall, and follow through with grants, as there is money out there for different projects. She would like Council to think about the Emergency Municipal Services Tax \$52.00. Storm water problems need to be addressed. She wanted to know the status of letter to be sent to residents concerning cleaning storm drains and sump pumps. Also, the newsletter has to be sent more often. Mrs. Barnes stated that Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority issued a draft, which Mr. Profy and she reviewed and decided it needed some minor changes and it should be going into the mail. Mrs. Luff stated that it was mailed on Friday December 31, 2004.

Mrs. Barnes stated that things are discussed prior to Council meetings. Mrs. Bartnikowski asked Mrs. Gimpel if she had contacted tree contractors to come to the October meeting. Mrs. Barnes stated the Shade Tree Commission was going to study this problem so we have a contractor for emergency work.

Ms. Linington stated if you have a problem and you can't get anyone local, the state police would send a state trooper or the fire company to take care of the problem.

Mrs. Gimpel stated that she had contracted some contractors; she talked to Rick's Tree Service and they still consider Langhorne Manor Borough to be on their emergency list. Rick's Tree Service stated that in the case of an emergency they would come out within the hour and give a quote for the work that needs to be done.

Ms. Linington asked if volunteers are needed on the website. She also asked if our \$200.00 quarterly sewer bill would be reduced in the future.

Mrs. Barnes stated that there are always sewer expenses and she didn't have an answer last month when Ms. Linington asked the question. Ms. Linington wants Council to make residents replace trees that have come down in the right way. Ms. Linington will give Mrs. Barnes a list of properties where trees have been removed and not replaced.

Mr. Boyle stated last year she gave Mr. Byrne a copy of Hometown Streets from the Comprehensive Planning Commission and wanted to know if anyone had looked into the program so our street lights could be replaced with brighter lights.

Mr. McTigue asked Ms. Linington and Ms. Boyle if residents comply with the Shade Tree Commission enforcement program initiated last September. Ms. Linington stated that they had no support from Council and she does not know who complied with the notice.

Mr. McTigue stated that a list of property owners who did not comply by September 15, 2004 was to be submitted to Council for enforcement. Since Council did not receive the list, it is safe to assume that people complied. Mr. McTigue stated Shade Tree Commission presented the program, you agreed to submit a list of non-compliance homeowners and council is asking you to do what you said you would.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS-Mrs. Barnes stated that she had no report for the Planning Commission

Ms. Gimpel gave the Shade Tree Commission report for the 2004 year.

Ms. Gimpel spoke on what the financial statements will appear with the new format for the three accounts; General Fund, Sewer Fund and Highway Aid Fund. The statement will show our revenue and expenses, how it compares with the budget and what the bank balances are at this time.

Mr. McTigue thanked Ms. Gimpel for taking the time to work on the new format.

Mr. Galazin reported that he had a couple of grant applications prepared for work that needs to be done on the Borough Hall. Mr. Galazin asked Mrs. Bartnikowski if she would meet with him and discuss some ideas for grants.

Mr. McTigue spoke on the two grants he had applied for; traffic safety signs and street name signs for the Borough. We had received \$5,000.00 but did not receive the \$18,000.00 grant. DCED said they never received the paper work for the \$18,000.00 grant. Our records show we sent it. A copy will have to be sent in and we hope this will be satisfactory so we can receive the \$18,000.00.

Mr. McTigue stated that the DCED reversed the amounts that we were supposed to be received. Mr. McTigue will check all the paper work that had been submitted.

Mr. McTigue stated that there had been a couple more complaints about the trash pick up from residents; they are missing some and only picking up some of the trash put out.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT-Mayor Farmer reported that the police officer that was injured on his full time job had surgery and will not be able to return to work until February or March 2005.

7. SOLICITOR'S REPORT-Mr. Profy thanked the Council for appointing Begley, Carlin and Mandio for the 2005. He presented a copy of the contract for professional services with the rates the same as last year. Motion was made by Mr. Galazin and seconded by Mr. McTigue to approve the contract with Begley, Carlin and Mandio Law firm for the year 2005. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

8. INSPECTOR'S REPORT-Mr. Bush gave the Inspector's report for the month of December 2004.

9. CORRESPONDENCE-No correspondence

10. APPROVAL OF THE BILL AND TREASURER'S REPORT-Mrs. Barnes stated all Council members had received a copy of the bill list for payment. She asked if there were any questions or discussion items.

Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Galazin to pay all bills. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

There was no Treasurer's report; Mrs. Gimpel explained that the escrow accounts need to be reviewed. She will be meeting with the auditor, Richard Carlin and discuss some of the issues that are of concern. She would like some additional time to straighten out the issues. Ms. Gimpel does not like to make changes to the Treasurer's report after it has been approved.

11. SECOND MEETING-Mrs. Barnes stated that there would be a second meeting on January 18, 2005 at 8:00 P.M.

Mrs. Barnes reported that the Bucks County Borough Association monthly dinner meeting is Tuesday, January 25, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. Mrs. Barnes and Ms. Gimpel will be attending.

12. ADJOURNMENT-Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Galazin to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. This meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 18, 2004 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough