

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF OCTOBER 4, 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 Tuesday, October 4, 2005, at 8:00 P.M. Eastern Time by Maryann Barnes, President.

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

PERSONS PRESENT – Maryann Barnes, President; Robert Byrne; Stephen Galazin; Sharon Gimpel; William McTigue, Vice President; Steven Yourtee; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer and Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor.

PERSON ABSENT- Frank Farmer and Nicholas Pizzola.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to approve the minutes of September 6, 2005 as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Mrs. Barnes abstained.

Mrs. Barnes introduced James Cawley, County Commissioner. Mr. Cawley stated that he had avowed when he took the Oath of Office on January 18, 2005 that he would be visiting all fifty four municipalities, specifically visiting their governing bodies in session as he understands the importance of the relationship between county government and municipal government and he wants to continue this relationship.

Mrs. Barnes said to commissioner Cawley that Langhorne Manor Borough has had a good working relationship with the county in the past.

3. POLICE REPORT – Mr. McTigue gave the police report for the month of September 2005.

Mr. Pizzola entered the meeting at 8:12pm.

Mr. McTigue described the Memorial Fund that has been set up in memory of Officer Brian Gregg from Newtown Borough who was killed on September 29, 2005.

Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to donate \$200.00 to the fund. \$100.00 in the name of Langhorne Manor Borough Police Department and \$100.00 in the name of the Langhorne Manor Borough Council and residents in memory of Officer Gregg's memorial fund. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

4. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS –Ms. Jane Boyle referred to the back parking area where there are no lights and she was wondering if something could be done about this. Mr. Bush stated that a couple years ago an estimate for putting a pole in that area was \$1,500.00. Mrs. Barnes asked Mr. Yourtee to contact Langhorne Electric for an estimate.

Mr. Ron Bartnikowski inquired about the grants that Langhorne Manor Borough had received for street and safety signs. Mr. McTigue replied that he had to confirm that the paper work he received had the correct amounts for the type of signs we requested. It has been confirmed that Penn Dot will be coming up with new standards for new safety signs. The street signs will need a formal bid, as the total cost will be over \$15,000.00.

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

Mr. Profy reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Marte, Counsel for Mr. Mathai for a minor sub-division at 1006 South Bellevue Avenue advising that they intend to file an application to the Zoning Hearing Board for the variances required for a minor sub-division and it granted Council an extension of time until December 31, 2005 to act on the sub-division application. Mr. Profy feels that it would go before the Zoning Hearing Board and if variances were granted it would immediately go before the Planning Commission and then back to Council.

Mr. Bush met with the Bucks County Planning Commission to go over changes and revisions in the zoning map and the comprehensive plan. Once the draft copies are changed, it will have to go in front of the Langhorne Manor Borough Planning Commission for review and approval for recommendation to Borough Council for final approval.

Mrs. Barnes received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation information for the 2005-2008 Master Casting Agreement.

Mr. Profy stated that he had spoken to John Swenson from Carroll Engineering and he recommended that Council approve the 2005-2008 Master Casting Agreement.

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. McTigue to adopt the resolution for the 2005-2008 Master Casting Agreement from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation; giving them permission to work on state roads at no expense to Langhorne Manor Borough. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Barnes extended sympathy to Mr. Profy on the passing of his father. Mr. Profy thanked the Council and residents on behalf of his family for those who attended his father's services and had extended their sympathies.

Mr. Byrne-No report.

Ms. Gimpel stated that the Shade Tree Commission had given permission for a tree to be removed at the corner of Hill and Prospect Avenues.

Ms. Gimpel spoke on the increases for insurance premium pertaining to streetlights. Our current policy indicates they are valued at \$1,300.00 and the new value is 104 lights would be \$83,200.00. The insurance premium increase would be \$125.00. The traffic light's initial value was \$10,000.00; replacement cost would be \$40,000.00. The insurance premium increase would be \$45.00. Borough Hall at 618 Hulmeville Avenue is currently insured for \$250,000.00 replacement

value. The building is 3500 square feet and replacement value is \$650,000, insurance premium would increase \$600.00. Total insurance increase would be \$770.00.

After discussion on the insurance increase motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Galazin to approve the insurance increases of \$770.00, street lights-\$125.00, traffic light-\$45.00 and 618 Hulmeville Ave for \$600.00. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Galazin referred to Mrs. Bartnikowski's letter that is to be mailed to the residents concerning an advisory committee for the renovation and restoration of the Borough Hall. There are to be five members including one Borough Council member who will act as the chairperson. The letter and application will be posted on the website and be included in the newsletter.

Mrs. Barnes recommended that Mr. Bush, Zoning Officer, be on the committee.

Mr. Bush spoke on the quality of work Bill Klein does on stone pointing, maybe the committee could consider him for the stone pointing work that will need to be done at 618 Hulmeville Avenue.

Mr. McTigue feels that a three hundred-word essay should be made optional as some people have a hard time putting their ideas into words.

There was a discussion as to the deadline for when the applications should be in to the Borough office from the residents who are interested in serving on the renovation and restoration committee. Mr. Profy stated if the application goes out in November, they should be returned by December and the appointment process will carry over into January 2006.

Mr. Galazin thanked Mrs. Bartnikowski for putting together the letter and application for the renovation and restoration committee.

Mr. Galazin spoke on the signs that are to be purchased with the grant monies received. He spoke on the different colors and requirements.

Mr. McTigue will be contacting Allied Waste for leaf pick up dates. There will be two in November and one in December and they will take place on Saturdays.

Ms. Gimpel and Mr. McTigue will be working on the newsletter to go out in November.

Mr. Pizzola presented the preliminary budget for 2006 that he and Ms. Gimpel had worked on. Receipts for the General Account are \$294,250.00, Expenses are \$294,250.00, Sewer Account receipts are \$269,000.00, and expenses are \$201,150.00 with a fund balance of \$67,850.00. Highway Aid account receipts are \$44,100.00; expenses are \$34,500.00 with a fund balance of \$9,600.00. Mr. Pizzola asked Council members to present any suggestions at the November 1, 2005 meeting.

Mr. Profy explained the process on adopting the budget for 2006. The process is mandated by the Borough Code. The preliminary budget can be adopted on November 1, 2005, and then it has to

be advertised. After it is advertised, you have to wait ten days and the final budget and the Tax Ordinance would be adopted at the December 6, 2005 Council meeting.

Ms. Gimpel asked if there were any objections to reducing the sewer fees to take effect the first quarter of 2006, as we could adopt the ordinance for the reduction of sewer fees to the residents at that time.

Mr. Profy stated that when you adopt the preliminary budget, it is your intent to reduce the sewer fees; you are going to have to authorize the advertisement on the amendment to the sewer ordinance as well as the authorization of the Tax Ordinance.

A copy of the preliminary budget is on file at the Borough office and the library.

Mr. Yourtee stated that it is time to advertise for snow removal bids. Mr. Profy stated that he would advertise for snow removal bids for the November 1, 2005 Borough Council meeting.

Mr. Yourtee reported that a bill for \$400.00 had been received from Rick's Tree Service for emergency work they did in May 2005 on Langhorne Avenue. The tree is on the property line between two homeowner's properties. Mr. Bush, as the Code Enforcement Officer, is to send a letter to both homeowners along with a bill for \$200.00 informing them that they are both responsible. Mrs. Barnes asked Mr. Yourtee to check asphalt driveway at 204 Gillam Avenue, which is located on Hill Avenue as it is breaking up. Mrs. Barnes wants Mr. Yourtee to contact Mr. Tomlinson. Mr. Yourtee reported that he had checked the road edge in front of 604 Hill Avenue. The homeowners feel that it is the responsibility of the Borough to fill it in since that section of Hill Avenue was repaved. Mr. Yourtee feels it is the homeowner's responsibility

6. MAYOR'S REPORT-There was no report, Mayor Farmer was absent.

7. SOLICITOR'S REPORT-Mr. Profy spoke on 2005-2006 Ordinance of the Borough amending Chapter 163, Vehicles in Traffic Article III, parking regulations. This amendment will provide for the prohibiting of parking on both sides of Manor Avenue from Pine Street to the east terminus of Manor Avenue, and the east side of Pine Street from Manor Avenue to Fairview Avenue.

Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to adopt ordinance 2005-2006 as presented by Mr. Profy. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Mr. Galazin abstained.

Mr. Profy reported that he was asked to review what surrounding areas charge for parking tickets, Langhorne Borough \$20.00, Penndel Borough \$25.00, Bensalem Township \$10.00, Middletown Township \$25.00, Lower Southampton Township \$25.00, and Upper Southampton Township \$20.00.

Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to advertise the ordinance to increase the parking fine to \$25.00. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

8. INSPECTOR'S REPORT-Mr. Bush gave the inspector's report for the month of September 2005. Mr. Bush reported on the water meters at Langhorne Gardens Nursing Home and Heritage Hall

Dormitories at P.B.U. He spoke to Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority, and they told him that the meter at Langhorne Gardens is not working and it is in a meter pit, fifteen feet in the ground, which is in very bad condition and unsafe, and that both the meter and the meter pit will have to be replaced and that they are checking into the conditions of the meters at P.B.U. Mr. Profy reported that he would check with B.C.W. & S.A. before next month's Council meeting and try to get an answer on the scheduling of this work and also about the billing for these facilities.

9. CORRESPONDENCE-There was no correspondence.

Mrs. Luff is to call for estimates for fuel oil for 2005-06.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Galazin and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to approve the bill list as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Barnes asked if there were any questions or discussion on the Treasurer's report. Motions was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. SECOND MEETING-Mrs. Barnes stated that there is a second meeting scheduled for Tuesday October 18, 2005. At this time, there are no items for the agenda for the meeting. Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to dispense with the second meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

12. ADJOURNMENT-Mrs. Barnes entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Mr. Galazin and seconded by Mr. McTigue to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 9:53 PM.

The next meeting will be Tuesday November 1, 2005 at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough