

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF JULY 5, 2005**

A reception was held on July 5, 2005 at 7pm for former Mayor Gerry Seader. It was well attended with 30-40 residents, family members and friends. Refreshments were served. A proclamation was presented by Mr. McTigue from Langhorne Manor Borough and a certificate of appreciation was presented by Dr. Babb from Philadelphia Biblical University. Mr. McTigue presented flowers to Gerry's wife Dawn. A cake was presented to Gerry that read, "Thank you Gerry for your years as Mayor."

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 5, 2005, at 8:11 P.M. Eastern Standard Time by Maryann Barnes

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

PERSON ABSENT Stephen Galazin

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

Mrs. Barnes thanked Mr. McTigue for planning the reception for Gerry Seader. Mr. McTigue thanked Mayor Farmer and Mrs. Luff for their help and Mary DeSandro for the basket of cookies.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –Mrs. Barnes stated that all Council members had received a copy of the June 7, 2005 minutes. Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to approve the minutes of June 7, 2005 as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

3. POLICE REPORT – Mayor Farmer gave the police report for June, 2005.

Ms. Gimpel thanked Officer Anderson for helping her son out of a dangerous situation. He was riding his bike on a busy street without a helmet; Officer Anderson used his insight in determining that the punishment from the boy's home would be far greater deterrent than any police action. Her son has had to help watering the lawn at the Borough Hall as punishment. Ms. Gimpel thanked Officer Anderson, Mayor Farmer and the entire Police Department for keeping the residents and the streets safe. Mayor Farmer read a card from Susan Rizzo who thanked one of our Officer for taking the time to talk to her son and showed him how the lights, etc work on the police car.

4. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS –Mrs. Donna Cianci spoke on the work that the volunteers had done on June 23, 2005. They cleaned up cinders on Hulmeville Avenue, picked up trash along the access roads and leveled dirt behind 616 Hulmeville Avenue.

Mr. Yourtee stated that the volunteers from PennDel Youth Development Center could be available once every four to six weeks to continue to clean up around the Borough.

Mary DeSandro inquired about having a family picnic again.

Krista Conkle stated that she had spoken to PennDot pertaining to the water problem along the 200 and 300 block of Hulmeville Avenue. She stated that she had notified 75% of the residents that there would be roadwork in the near future. They will be installing sixteen or eighteen inch pipe down the length of her property. Ms. Conkle would like council to pay to have the pipes that go under Hulmeville Avenue flushed out before PennDot comes out to do the roadwork.

Ms. Linington stated that the new drain that was put in last year is clogged.

Mrs. Barnes asked Mr. Yourtee to look into having the drain in the 200 block of Hulmeville Avenue flushed out. Mr. Yourtee stated that the rate he received was \$750.00 a day.

Mr. Yourtee spoke on the grading that PennDot will be doing to the edge of Hulmeville Avenue. He stated that the pipe that goes under the road does not have any out flow area in the woods and that is why these pipes do not drain. He stated the pipes couldn't be flushed out until PennDot digs out the flow area of the pipes first. Mr. Yourtee will contact Cal Morrison from PennDot to see what their intentions are.

Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Pizzola allowing Mr. Yourtee to spend up to \$1,700.00 to clean and flush out the effective storm water pipes. Mr. McTigue stated that he does not know exactly where those outlets are for the pipes, if they are in the woods owned by Middletown Township and there needs to be excavation that may be an issue. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy introduced Mr. Kenneth Franiak, Chief Financial Officer from Wesley Enhanced Living Incorporated, which is the holding company for Maple Village and the New Heritage Towers. They are interested in using Langhorne Manor Higher Education and Health Authority for obtaining \$40,000,000.00 in bonds to finance projects for Maple Village and the New Heritage Towers projects.

Mr. Franiak spoke on how the money would be used. For Maple Village, there will be the construction, equipping and furnishing of an approximately 62,000 square foot addition. For the New Heritage Towers there will be construction of approximately 15,000 square foot addition, which includes a pool, fitness center, movie room, common space and walking track, etc.

Mr. Profy stated that first financing was for Heritage Towers was in 1997 and the last one in 2002. He read the resolution approving a financing by the Borough of Langhorne Manor Higher Education and Health Authority for Evangelical services for the aging (d/b/a Wesley Enhanced Living) Maple Village and the New Heritage Towers.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. McTigue to adopt the resolution for Wesley Enhance Living Corporation Maple Village and The Heritage Towers project as presented by Mr. Profy. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**-Mrs. Barnes had no report from the Planning Commission.
Mr. Byrne-No Report

Ms. Gimpel-spoke on the Insurance premium summary for 2005-2006. She had been in contact with George Komelasky from Paist & Noe after discussing with him the property, liability, crime, boiler and auto premium of \$6,083.00. It was determined that \$1,082.00 would be charged to the sewer department.

Mr. Profy recommended that one third of the umbrella, \$333.33 also be charged to the sewer department and also the public official's liability in the amount of \$1,290.00 for a combined total of \$2,705.33.

Ms. Gimpel spoke on the replacement cost of 618 and 616 Hulmeville Avenue, and the sewer pumping station at the corner of Highland and Hulmeville Avenues, traffic light at Bellevue and Highland Avenues and Streetlights throughout the borough. She feels that the replacement values on these properties should be increased.

Insurance premium is to be paid by July 15, 2005 and additional coverage could be added at a later date.

Mr. McTigue will work with Ms. Gimpel along with Paist and Noe concerning the replacement value of the pump station. Mr. Pizzola will work with Ms. Gimpel concerning the replacement value of 616 and 618 Hulmeville Avenue properties.

Ms. Jane Boyle reported on a tree that had been removed and was in the right-of-way at 104 W. Fairview Avenue. Permission was given by Mr. Bush without prior notification to the Shade Tree Commission: A replacement tree will be planted upon completion of their home addition and installation of a circular driveway-per Joe Bush on June 11, 2005.

Mr. McTigue inquired about the non-conforming properties. Ms. Boyle replied that they were waiting to hear from Mr. Bush.

Mr. Bush replied that the Zoning Ordinance and the Sub-division and Land Development Regulations each have different site triangle dimensions and he has discussed this with Mr. Profy.

Mr. Profy recommended to Council that they use a ten foot to twenty foot triangle and they are legally within the limit as the ordinance states within a seventy-five foot triangle

Ms. Boyle asked what would be done if homeowners do not comply. Mr. Bush replied that the borough would do the work and charge the homeowner the cost plus 10% penalty.

It was stated that any mailing or posting on web site concerning corner properties with excess brush that obstruct the view of automobiles should define that the reason for the letter is that this is a safety issue.

Ms. Gimpel is to review the four corners of the four properties previously listed which could include sixteen properties. Mr. Bush will send a letter to the property owners not in compliance.

Mr. Galazin-Absent

Mr. McTigue reported that he would be sending a letter to the residents after the second quarter water and sewer bill goes out informing them of the quarterly sewer rate reduction starting with the third quarter water and sewer bill.

Mr. Pizzola contacted Langhorne-Middletown Fire Company about their request to increase our millage rate on the fire tax. The gentleman he needs to speak to is on vacation. Mr. Pizzola will have information for the August 2, 2005 council meeting.

Mr. Pizzola spoke on the budget standings as of this month. He is very pleased with what the committee budgeted last year and what has been spent the first six months of this year. Mr. Pizzola would like any surplus in revenue to be applied to capital repairs.

Mr. Yourtee-reported that General Sewer Maintenance flushed out 4 pipes located at Station and Comly Avenues, Station and Elm Avenues, and Central and Hill Avenues. He reported that he left a message with Cal Morrison from PennDot informing him of the condition of the pipe that runs under Comly and Station Avenues.

Mr. Yourtee inquired about the ownership of the parking lot at the Septa train station and if they should get the Borough's permission before doing any work. Mr. Profy is to write Septa a letter to get monies owed to the Borough.

Mr. Yourtee reported that a proposal from Langhorne Paving for the installation of a speed hump on Pine Street-which would measure six feet wide and six inches high-would cost \$1,860.00. They would mil both edges. There will be an installation of a sign on each side of the speed hump informing motorists of the speed hump ahead or paint the hump yellow.

Mr. Yourtee spoke on the State Association of Boroughs news magazine where they profile some Junior Council people. He was wondering if it could be put on the website if any high school or college students would be interested in sitting in on a council meeting as a Junior Council member.

Mrs. Barnes gave a name and phone number of a person who does stone/brick pointing to Mr. Yourtee and he is to get an estimate.

Mrs. Beth Bartnikowski spoke on the process of historic preservation and renovation through the use of a historic consultant, who can help formulate a plan of action for gaining historic designation and Borough Hall renovations.

Ms. Gimpel stated that the Pennsylvania Historic Commission website has grant information on it and she thinks that would give historic guidelines as to how to get started.

Mr. Pizzola asked if the speed hump was going to be installed on Pine Street. Mayor Farmer replied that he had a report pertaining to Pine Street.

6. **MAYOR'S REPORT**-Mayor Farmer reported on buying a 2005 Ford Explorer four-wheel drive to replace the police car that was totaled in the accident on June 2, 2005, it would be purchased from Winner Ford for \$26,150.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Byrne and seconded by Mr. McTigue to purchase a 2005 Ford Explorer from Winner Ford for \$26,150.00. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Farmer read a memo from chief Bumm concerning the installation of the three way stop signs at the corner of Park Avenue and Pine Street. It is Chief Bumm's opinion that there is no need for three way stop signs one block away from the four way stop sign at Fairview Avenue and Pine Street.

It was stated that a Traffic Engineering Study would have to be conducted at the cost of \$1,000.00 to \$3,000.00 before stop signs could be installed. Mr. Yourtee stated that study could be an in house study by our police department. Mayor Farmer replied that was not correct according to code.

Mr. Yourtee asked Mr. Profy if he had found out if any part of Manor Avenue belonged to Middletown Township. Mr. Profy stated that he would check into it for next months meeting.

7. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**-Mr. Profy reported that the consideration for \$40,000,000.00 in bonds for the Wesley Enhanced Living Obligated Group had been approved earlier this evening.

8. **INSPECTOR'S REPORT**-Mr. Bush gave the inspector's report for the month of June 2005.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**-No correspondence.

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.

Mr. Yourtee asked about the status of Zelenkofske Axelrod bills.

Mr. Pizzola replied that he would like to meet with Ms. Gimpel to discuss the list of bills Mrs. Luff received from Zelenkofske Axelrod and report on it at the August 2005 council meeting.

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

Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to table the Treasurers report until the August 2005 council meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. **SECOND MEETING**-Mrs. Barnes stated that there is a second meeting scheduled for Tuesday July 19, 2005. At this time, there are no items for the agenda for the meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Byrne to dispense with the second meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**-Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. McTigue to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:05pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday August 2, 2005 at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough