

**MINUTES  
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING OF JUNE 7, 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, June 7, 2005, at 8:14 P.M. Eastern Standard Time by Maryann Barnes, President.

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; Nicholas Pizzola; Steven Yourtee; Francis Farmer, Mayor; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer and Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor.

**PERSON ABSENT** Robert Byrne

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –Mrs. Barnes stated that all Council members had received a copy of the May 3, 2005 minutes

Ms. Gimpel stated that under comment from residents and visitors it does not show where Council had addressed their comments and some resident's comments were not recorded in the minutes.

Mr. McTigue asked as to what extent are the minutes to report of the meeting. Should they be only the actions taken by Council? He feels that there are some values in expressing resident concerns and Council's responses to them, also the position that Council members take in presenting their opinions. Mr. McTigue feels that some guidelines should be considered within the next couple of months.

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to approve the minutes of May 3, 2004 as amended. Ms. Gimpel opposed. Motion carried.

**3. POLICE REPORT** – Mayor Farmer gave the police report for May 2005. He also spoke on the car accident that happened on June 2, 2005 involving police Officer White.

**4. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS** –Mrs. Donna Cianci informed Council that a couple of residents had been helped in putting out their trash for bulk trash pick up day by children from the youth development center. On June 23, 2005 they will be cleaning up along the access roads and along Hulmeville Ave. and they will be leveling the dirt behind the Borough hall.

Mrs. Betty Linington spoke on the poor conditions on Hulmeville Ave, also the gutters in front of her sister's house at 323 Hulmeville Ave. She also spoke on the storm drain, which runs under Hulmeville Ave that was damaged when the sewers were installed and is still not repaired. Ms. Linington addressed the property at Hill and Prospect Avenues where the homeowner has planted plants up to the edge of the road. Ms. Linington referred to the letters being sent to

homeowners pertaining to brush, and trees and shrubs at intersections where the view is obstructed and where debris is being put in the gutter along the access road.

Ms. Krista Conkle inquired about Mr. Byrne being absent again. Ms. Conkle feels that Council members should discuss personal differences at an executive session not at the public meeting. Ms. Conkle addressed the water problem and the conditions of the road in the 200 block of Hulmeville Ave. She would like suggestions on how to handle this problem. She would like to know who is responsible for the road, the state or the Borough.

Mr. Profy stated that it is a state road. The road and the area within the right of way is Penn Dot's responsibility. Mr. Bush stated that it would cost \$125,000.00 to correct the drainage along the 200 block of Hulmeville Avenue.

Ms. Krista Conkle asked if it is the Borough's responsibility could a homeowner along Hulmeville Avenue sue the Borough for damages to their property caused by this water problem.

Mr. Profy stated again that the Borough is not liable for improvements in the right of way of Penn Dot highways.

Mr. Ed Hanisco inquired if there was any information on getting a stop sign installed at Pine Street and Park Avenue. Mayor Farmer replied that the police department had conducted a survey and they recommended that no stop sign be installed. Mayor Farmer stated that Pen Dot calls for an engineering traffic survey and he has given the information to Mr. Profy to review. Mayor Farmer will have more information for the July 2005 Council meeting.

Mr. McTigue stated a document published by the Federal Highway Administration stating the regulations that the various approve called manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for streets and highways. Mr. McTigue read from section 2B.05 pertaining to stop sign applications. It says that stop signs should not be used to control speed. Other options include speed bumps and narrowing the road at certain areas. Mr. Hanisco asked when the study would be conducted so they would know if the speed bumps could be installed.

Mr. McTigue stated that he does not know if the Borough has the funds for the study or if an engineering study is actually needed. They may be able to look at the couple of traffic options and present them at the July 2005 meeting and get some preliminary estimates to install them. Mr. Hanisco asked what if the residents were willing to pay for them. Mr. McTigue stated that he personally would not object to that but he could not speak for the Council.

Colleen and Jim Hughes of 320 Hill Avenue have requested a variance to install an in ground pool. The variance would be to allow the impervious surface to exceed the 20% allowed in the zoning ordinance.

Mrs. Barnes stated that the Borough Council usually refers this kind of matter to the zoning hearing board. Motion was made by Mr. Galazin and seconded by Mr. McTigue to refer the application for Mr. & Mrs. Hughes for an in ground pool to the zoning hearing board and that the Council would not oppose the zoning variance. Ms. Gimpel abstained. Motion carried.

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**-Mrs. Barnes had no report from the Planning Commission. She reported that an email had been received from the President of Langhorne Middletown Fire Company. He would like to discuss the tax mills for 2006. Mr. Pizzola is to contact him.

Mr. Byrne-Absent

Ms. Gimpel-No Report

Mr. Galazin-No Report

Mr. McTigue reported that he had purchased three flags: United States, Pennsylvania, and a POW/MIA flag from Cote's in the amount of \$71.50. He also reported that the bulk trash pick up went well; they had missed a couple of residents.

Mr. McTigue reported that he would like to see our former Mayor Seader recognized for his many years of great service. Mr. McTigue proposed that a resolution be drafted and presented to him at the July 5, 2005 Borough Council meeting. Prior to the meeting, the Council will have a gathering at 7:00pm with refreshments honoring former Mayor Seader. He will be sending out post cards to the residents and have them RSVP.

Mr. Pizzola inquired about the financial report and Ms. Gimpel replied that Peachtree would be contacted concerning a couple of problems.

Mr. Yourtee reported that Ricks Tree Service was called to remove a large limb from Langhorne Ave. Neither homeowner would take responsibility for the tree. Rick's Tree Service took two hours to respond. They quoted \$400.00. Mr. Yourtee feels that the price is too high for emergency service and they took too long to respond.

Mr. Yourtee reported Langhorne Paving had completed the repaved section of Hill Avenue between Highland and Prospect Avenues and they fixed the potholes on the access roads and sealed them. Langhorne Paving submitted a bid of \$260.00 to supply and set rip rap in eroded edge approximately 30 feet long by 1 foot wide on Pine St. near PBU.

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to have Langhorne Paving install Rip Rap in the area along Pine St. near PBU, cost not to exceed \$350.00. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee is to comprise a list of roads that have areas that are cracked and have Langhorne Paving give us an estimate to seal them.

Mr. Yourtee reported he had contacted Mr. Rooter pertaining to the flushing of the pipes under the roads and they have a four-hour minimum of \$375.00. He also got a quote of \$750.00 for eight hours from General Pipe Cleaning plus \$100.00 for water to flush out the pipes if needed. Mr. Yourtee stated that there are four locations of clogged pipes; Station and Elm Ave, Comly and Station Ave into the Septa parking lot, Central Ave and Hill Ave and Comly Avenues.

Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to have General Pipe Cleaning clean the four locations not to exceed \$1000.00. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee reported that the Pennsylvania Environmental Council which Council had applied for their storm water retrofit assistance program does not seem to cover what we are applying for. It seems to pertain to detention or retention basins. Mr. Yourtee answered their questionnaire and a site inspection would be scheduled in June or July.

Mr. Yourtee would like thank you letters sent to Tire City, Pennel Youth Center, Coleman Roach and to himself. These individuals and companies contributed to the community service work that had been done the past two months in the Borough.

Mr. Yourtee reported a proposal had been received from A. Brooks Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,950.00 to remove two courses of slate and line gutter with modified Bitumen and knock down tar build up on tin seams installing modified Bitumen. They also stated that it would cost between \$12,000.00 and \$15,000.00 for a new asphalt roof.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. McTigue to patch the roof by A. Brooks Construction, Inc. at a cost of \$1,950.00. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee reported that Mr. Byrne has been painting the street signs. Mr. Yourtee inquired about the grant we received for new street signs.

6. **MAYOR'S REPORT**-Mayor Farmer stated that he had no additional report.

7. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**-Mr. Profy read the ordinance # 2005-006 for entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with other Bucks County Municipalities for legal services for negotiation of an agreement with Verizon for cable television services for Langhorne Manor Borough.

Motion was made by Mr. Galazin and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to approve ordinance # 2005-006 as presented by Mr. Profy. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy stated that the two watershed ordinances that had been approved in March 2005, those ordinances require that Council amend our Sub-Division Land Development ordinance and also the zoning ordinance.

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. McTigue to authorize the advertisement of the zoning land development ordinance and the zoning ordinance as required by the watershed ordinance. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

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

Mrs. Luff reported four additional checks to be added to the list for payment: Cote \$71.50 (flags), Green up Turf \$90.00 (application of Roundup), Green up Turf \$275.00 (seeding and contractors license) and State Workmens Fund \$3,622.00.

Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to pay the bills to include the four additional bills presented by Mrs. Luff. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was tabled due to computer problems.

11. **SECOND MEETING**-Mrs. Barnes stated that there is a second meeting scheduled for Tuesday June 21, 2005. At this time, there are no items for the agenda for the meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Galazin to dispense with the second meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Barnes asked how the residents would be notified pertaining to the reduction in their sewer bill as of July 1, 2005. Ms. Gimpel stated that the adjustment would not show up until the October water and sewer bill and that the letter to residents should go out before October 1, 2005.

Mr. McTigue stated that a letter should go out prior to the newsletter, which would explain when the decision was made to payoff the PennVest loan for the sewers and reduction of the quarterly rates.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**-Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. McTigue to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:04pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday July 5, 2005 at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Langhorne Manor Borough