

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2008**

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, January 7, 2008, at 8:00 P.M. Eastern Time by Mayor Farmer.

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

PERSONS PRESENT –David Badgley; Maryann Barnes, Vice President; Donna Cianci; Sharon Gimpel; William McTigue, President; Steven Yourtee; Francis Farmer, Mayor; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer and Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor.

PERSON ABSENT – Nicholas Pizzola,

Mayor Farmer explained that the first meeting for 2008 is the reorganization meeting and the first order of business is the election of President and Vice President of Council. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to nominate Mr. McTigue for the office of President of Borough Council. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Badgley to nominate Mrs. Barnes to the office of Vice President. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Pizzola entered the meeting at 8:04 P.M.

Mayor Farmer swore in the Council members who were re-elected in the November election. Elected for a four year term was Ms. Gimpel, Mr. Pizzola and Mr. Yourtee, for a two year term was Mr. Badgley.

Mr. McTigue stated that Council should reappoint banks, officials, commissions, authorities, appointments, and committees this evening. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to retain The First National Bank and Trust Company for the General Fund Checking and Savings Accounts, PBU Escrow Account, and Sewer Department Checking and Savings Accounts. No objections were presented. Motion carried

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to retain 1st Federal Savings and Loan for the Highway Aid Account and the Capital reserve account. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to retain PA Invest Account. No objections were presented. Motion carries.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Badgley to reappoint Mrs. Barnes for a five year appointment on the Panning Commission. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy stated that Mr. Paul Cichy who was re-elected for a six year term as auditor, has advised the Board of Election that he would not be able to accept the auditor's position as his wife's

job has a “no exception” rule, where no employee or member of an employee’s family may hold an elected office. Mr. Profy stated that Borough Council has thirty days to fill the vacancy for auditor. This position has to be advertised in the newspaper and web-site. Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to advertise for the auditor’s position. It will be for a two year term. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Interviews are to be held at the February 5, 2008 Borough council meeting.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to re-appoint Gary Mucklow and Ronald Bartnikowski to the Zoning Hearing Board for three year terms. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Ms. Gimpel abstained on her husband Mr. Mucklow.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to re-appoint Mayor Farmer to the Higher Education and Health Authority for a five year term. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to re-appoint Mr. Yourtee to the Shade Tree Commission for a five year term. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. McTigue stated that the Constable position is elected and Jim McMeeking term is from 2006 thru 2010.

The Fire Marshall is Frank Farry, Secretary/Treasurer is Loretta Luff and the Solicitor is Thomas J. Profy III.

Mr. McTigue stated that the Building Inspector’s position is open. Mr. Profy stated that Mr. Bush advised him that he did not wish to be re-appointed to the positions of Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer or Zoning Officer.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to appoint Mr. Jim Peet as Building Inspector for a two year term. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to appoint Mr. Jim Peet to the position of Code Enforcement Officer for a two year term. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to appoint Mr. Jim Peet to the position of Zoning Officer for a two year term. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to re-appoint Mr. Jim Peet to the position of Plumbing Inspector for a two year term. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to re-appoint Pickering Corts and Summerson as the Borough Engineer. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to retain Winter’s Best LLC as the outside custodian. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to retain Loretta Luff as inside custodian. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Emergency Management is Mr. McTigue.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to re-appoint John Gibbons to the Vacancy Board for a one year term. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to re-appoint Beth Bartnikowski as the Assistant Secretary. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to re-appoint John Lisa as Liaison to Comcast Cablevision and Verizon Communication. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to re-appoint Frank Farry as the Fire Marshall. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to re-appoint Loretta Luff as Secretary/Treasurer at the rate of \$13,800.00. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to re-appoint Thomas J. Profy III representing Begley, Carlin and Mandio as the Borough Solicitor. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS MADE BY PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Maryann Barnes will serve on the Planning Commission; the Zoning Ordinance Review Committee; Zoning Code Coordinator; Budget Committee; Sub-Division & Land Development.

Donna Cianci will serve on the Street Light Committee, Safety Code Review, Building Code Review, Plumbing Code Review and Outside Cleanup and Special Projects Committee.

David Badgley will serve on Police Committee, Grant Application Coordinator, and on the Building Maintenance Preservation Committee.

Sharon Gimpel will serve on Insurance Issues, Tax Collector Liaison, Assessment Liaison, Shade Tree Commission Liaison, Newsletter Committee and Budget Committee.

Nicholas Pizzola will serve on Penn Vest Finance, Chairman of Budget Committee, and Ordinance Review other than Zoning & Sub Division & Land Division, Rescue Squad Liaison, Fire Department Liaison, Newsletter Committee and Street Signs.

William McTigue will serve as the Emergency Management Coordinator, on Refuse Collection, Recycling Program, Leaf Pickup, Landfill Issues and Police Committee Chairman.

Steve Yourtee will serve on Borough Streets, Snow Removal, and Borough Grounds Coordinator.

2. POLICE REPORT – Mayor Farmer gave the Police Report for December 2007.

Mr. McTigue stated that a zoning issue is to be presented to Council concerning construction of a house at 3001/2 Hill Avenue. This is a non-conforming lot and they will need a variance for the front lot line. The information was presented by Art Tharp for the owners Mr. & Mrs. Mohapp. After much discussion Mr. Profy stated that the question before Council is to appear and oppose the plan and refer to the Zoning Hearing Board or not appear and take no position and refer it to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Pizzola that council take no position and refer it to the Zoning Hearing Board. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

3. INSPECTOR'S REPORT- Mr. Jim Peet gave the Inspector's report for the month of December 2007.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to approve the minutes of December 4, 2007 as presented and amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS – Ms. Jane Boyle (308 Gillam Avenue) asked if a permit is required in Langhorne Manor Borough for use of a pod or construction trailer on their property. Mr. Profy stated that he will get a copy of Middletown Township's ordinance regulating the use of pods or construction trailers and report on it at the February Council meeting.

Ms. Boyle asked how many apartments are located at 600, 602, and 604 Hulmeville Avenue. She stated that she has counted at least fourteen cars parked there. Mr. Peet is to look into how many people are living at those addresses.

Ms. Boyle asked Ms. Gimpel how much interest is expected yearly or quarterly from the investment of approximately one million dollars in the sewer account and how will the money be used. Ms. Linington feels that the money should be reduced that the residents are charged, which is one hundred twenty five dollars a quarter for sewer rental.

Mayor Farmer stated that the sewer system is fifteen years old, the sewer system hits its peak at twenty years then you start seeing all kinds of problems. We also have a pumping station that could need replacing in the future and it could cost three hundred thousand dollars today to replace it and in ten years it could cost eight hundred thousand dollars. The Borough is smart by having a million dollars in that account.

Mayor Farmer stated that different banks should be contacted, they could take the million dollars and give the Borough a preferred rate and they will back that up with collateral mortgages. After much discussion the consensus was there should not be another reduction in the sewer rates for the residents and the money should be invested for future use for the sewer system.

Ms. Betty Linington (308 Gillam Avenue) spoke about people saying that they have permission to cut the fallen trees in the woods along the 300 block of Hulmeville Avenue. They didn't cut the

fallen trees; they cut down a couple of good trees. She contacted Langhorne Spring Water Company and they told her that they do not want any fallen trees or trees cut down. The State Police told her to get the license plate number and call them with the information.

Mr. McTigue thanked Ms. Linington for her help and he asked Mayor Farmer to make our Police Department aware of this problem.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barnes had no report for the Planning Committee. Mrs. Barnes stated that she had received a notice from Bucks County Boroughs Association pertaining to the dinner meeting to be held on January 22, 2008, if anyone wants to attend, let her or Mrs. Luff know so reservations can be made.

Mr. Badgley reported that he had received a letter from Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development stating that they had received the single application for assistance submitted and the application has been preliminary recommended for funding in the amount of five thousand dollars.

Mrs. Cianci reported that all the street lights are working. Mrs. Cianci asked if anyone had received any information about the accident in November 2007 at Highland Avenue and the Overpass. Mr. McTigue replied that he did have any information at this time. Mr. Yourtee stated that he thinks that State Trooper Gibbs investigated the accident. Mayor Farmer told them to give the information to Chief Bumm and he maybe able to find out the information they need.

Ms. Gimpel read the report from the Shade Tree Commission for 2007.

Mr. McTigue had no report for recycling and trash or the Police Committee.

Mr. Pizzola had no report.

Mr. Yourtee received a report from Pickering, Corts and Summerson pertaining to the ten areas of the roads that need to be repaired, the cost is between one hundred three thousand dollars and one hundred forty thousand dollars. Mr. Yourtee will discuss the areas to be repaired at the February Borough Council meeting; he will get copies of the report to the Council members prior to that meeting.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT –Mayor Farmer reported that a letter had been written to Chief Jones of the Morrisville Police Department requesting either he or Sgt Ted Krimmel from lower Southampton Police Department who are members of the Swat Team to come and speak to Council about one of our police officer becoming a member of the Swat Team. The cost to join the Swat Team is about three hundred dollars. If we are not a member and we have an episode where a hostage is taken and we have to call in the Swat Team it could cost the Borough between twenty to thirty thousand dollars.

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT-Mr. Profy stated that everything had been covered earlier in the meeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – Mrs. Luff read a report from PennDot pertaining to a monitoring review of the Borough's Liquid Fuel Tax Fund. Mr. McTigue reported that he had received a letter

from Parks and Recreation in Middletown Township pertaining to the earthen dam located in the woods behind the Borough Hall that has trees growing in it. They want to meet with Langhorne Manor Borough and the Heritage Conservancy to discuss repairs options for the dam. Mr. McTigue stated that they would be meeting on January 16, 2008.

Mr. McTigue reported that he had received a Municipal Agreement from the American Red Cross which has to be updated and he will have Mr. Profy review it and report on it at the February Council meeting.

10. APPROVAL OF BILLS & TREASURER'S FOR PAYMENT – Mr. McTigue stated that all Council members had received a copy of the bill list for payment. He asked if there were any questions or discussions. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to pay the bills as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to table the Treasurer's report for the month of December 2007. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. SECOND MEETING – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 15, 2008; at the present time there is no business for the agenda. Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to dispense with the second meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy presented a proposed contract for professional services between Langhorne Manor Borough and Begley, Carlin & Mandio, LLP for the year 2008. The increases are the annual retainer of the Firm which has been increased from twelve thousand dollars to thirteen thousand five hundred dollars and an increase of one hundred thirty dollars to one hundred thirty-five dollars per hour for services relating to the sewer operations of the Borough. Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to approve the revised contract for the firm of Begley, Carlin & Mandio for the year 2008. 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 Mr. Badgley to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday February 5, 2008 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough