

MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 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, February 5, 2008 at 8:02 P.M. Eastern Time by William McTigue, President.

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

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

PERSON ABSENT – Donna Cianci

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to approve the minutes of January 7, 2008 as presented and amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried

3. POLICE REPORT – Mayor Farmer gave the police report for the month of January 2008.

4. INSPECTOR'S REPORT-Mr. Peet gave the inspector's report for the month of January 2008. Mr. Peet also reported on the properties located at 600, 602, and 604 Hulmeville Avenue. 600 Hulmeville has five bedrooms, 602 Hulmeville Avenue has 5 bedrooms with a family living there and 604 Hulmeville Avenue has four bedrooms. Property located at 600 and 604 Hulmeville Avenue has Philadelphia Biblical University students living there.

Mr. McTigue stated that the position for Auditor had been advertised and an interview for the position is to be held this evening. Mr. Pizzola stated that Mrs. Patricia Silcox was interested in the position and Mr. McTigue asked if she had submitted a resume, Mr. Pizzola replied no. The only application received was from Mr. Mark Shapcott (108 E. Langhorne Avenue). Mr. Shapcott stated his reasons why he was interested in filling the position of Auditor for Langhorne Manor Borough and he also explained his qualifications. Mrs. Barnes asked him where he had heard about the vacancy for Auditor. Mr. Shapcott replied that he had seen it on the web site. Mr. Shapcott was asked if he would be willing to run for the position of Auditor in two years and he replied yes. Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to appoint Mark Shapcott to fill the position of Auditor for a two year term. Mr. Pizzola abstained. Motion carried.

5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS – Mr. George Dalessandro (321 Hulmeville Avenue) referred to the water that is coming onto his property from the new house that is being built next door at 321 ½ Hulmeville Avenue. Mr. McTigue stated that the plans had been approved by the Bucks County Planning Commission and if the water problem continues he will contact the Borough Engineer and have them check out the problem.

Mrs. Lois Abbott (803 Hulmeville Avenue) inquired if it would save money if the Manor were to change the street lights to LED lighting. Mr. McTigue stated that he would have Mrs. Cianci look into it and have a report for the March Council meeting.

Mr. William Abbott (803 Hulmeville Avenue) recommended that stop signs be placed at both ends of the Hulmeville Avenue overpass. These stop signs could help stop the cars from hitting the guard rails. Mr. McTigue stated that he would check this out with the Borough Engineer. Mr. Abbott stated that Allied Waste had used a regular trash truck to collect the recycling. Mr. McTigue replied that he would check with Allied Waste's supervisor as to why the recycling truck was not used.

Mr. Abbott asked Mayor Farmer as to why our police car is parked in Rollins gas station, he has seen them in there two times, the second time was December 11, 2007 and it is his understanding that the gas station is not in Langhorne Manor Borough. Mayor Farmer replied that the police are clocking the speed of the cars on the access roads, as there have been complaints of cars speeding. Mr. Abbott stated that on December 11, 2007 he saw a red Toyota that did not stop at the stop sign at Bellevue Avenue and the access road and the officer sitting in the gas station never stopped the car. Mayor Farmer asked Mr. Abbott for the date and time this happened, Mr. Abbott replied that it was December 11, 2007 at 11:07 A.M., Mayor Farmer said that he would look into it.

Mr. Steve McCaffery (200 Fairview Avenue) spoke on the possible re-districting plans for Neshaminy School District, he feels that the school board will be recommending the closure of one grade school and one middle school and he was wondering if Council had received any additional information. Mr. McTigue replied that the only information he has was what Mr. McCaffrey had addressed. Mrs. Barnes stated that she had heard that Oliver Heckman would remain open and the Manor would not be split between two schools, and no decision would be made before next year.

Mr. McTigue introduced Mr. Charles Marte who is requesting a variance for Bernadette Roundtree (604 Hill Avenue). The variance is needed as the lot which will be located on Prospect Avenue is only one hundred eighteen feet wide and one hundred thirty five feet is the requirement. Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to refer this to the Zoning Hearing committee and take no position and not to attend. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Mark Shapcott (108 E. Langhorne Avenue) spoke about recycling issues and the pattern of pick up in his area in the last eight weeks. Mr. Shapcott stated that his recycling has not been picked up in a couple of times due to the mix up as to what Allied Waste considers holidays. Mr. McTigue explained that there are six holidays that Allied Waste recognizes, and they are New Year, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Mr. McTigue stated that Allied Waste is in the process of sending a letter to each household explaining the holidays and when recycling and trash pick up would be if our day for pick up falls on a holiday.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barnes reported that the Borough Planning Committee would be meeting at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday March 4, 2008 prior to the Borough Council meeting. Mrs. Barnes stated that Our Lady of Grace Church has been celebrating their hundred year anniversary and a dinner will be held on April 27, 2008 and she would like Council to submit a proclamation or a greeting to be presented at the dinner. Mr. McTigue asked Mr. Profy to have their firm prepare a proclamation that will be presented at their dinner on April 27, 2008.

Mr. Badgley-No report

Mrs. Cianci sent a report stating that the light at Hill and Highland Avenues was still not working.

Ms. Gimpel had no report for the Shade Tree Commission or insurance issues.

Ms. Gimpel reported that one of the sewer investments will be maturing on February 16, 2008, the rate was 4.75%, presently it is 3.96%, but First National Bank is willing to commit to the Borough 4.15% with an annual yield of 4.23% if we renew the CD by February 16, 2008. Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to renew the CD by February 16, 2008 at the rate of 4.15%. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. McTigue stated that recycling and trash pick up had been discussed and he had no report for the police committee

Mr. Pizzola reported that the year end payroll W2 forms had been mailed.

Mr. Yourtee told Mr. Pizzola that Chief Bumm had informed him that there are two "No Parking" signs missing in the 1000 block of Hill Avenue and they should be replaced.

Mr. Yourtee reported that he had received a report from Pickering Corts and Summerson pertaining to the street reconstruction project consisting of ten areas. Intersections of Station and Elm Avenues-(\$12,600.00 to \$16,900.00), Station and Park Avenues-(\$13,000.00 to \$17,400.00), Station and Elm Avenues-(\$7,500.00 to \$10,200.00), Hill and Elm Avenues-(\$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00), Hill and Highland Avenues-(\$10,500.00 to \$14,200.00), and Pine Street and Park Avenue-(\$11,200.00 to \$14,900.00). After a discussion of the repairs, it was agreed to get more information on the six intersections listed above and table intersections of Elm and Hulmeville Avenues, Hill and Gillam Avenues and Hill Avenue at the Borough line. The intersection of Hill and Comly Avenue will be a separate project. The street reconstruction project will be paid sixty-five percent from the general fund and thirty-five percent from the sewer fund.

Mr. Yourtee had received a copy of the accident report for the November 26, 2007 accident where the guardrail was damaged on Highland Avenue. Mr. Yourtee is to obtain a repair-replacement estimate and forward it to Mr. Profy's office and he will file a claim against the insurance carrier of the motor vehicle operator.

- 7. MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Farmer reported that Officer John Kenney who works for Langhorne Manor Borough was chosen as the Northampton Police Officer of the Year for saving a family from a burning house on August 16, 2007 where he is a full time officer.

Mayor Farmer gave the 2007 year end report for Langhorne Manor Police Department.

- 8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – Mr. Profy reported that a motion was needed to accept the American Red Cross Disasters Cooperation Agreement. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and

seconded by Mr. Pizzola to sign the agreement with the Red Cross. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – Mrs. Luff stated that she had received the information on Robert C. Edwards Scholarship Foundation and she had given a copy of it to Mr. Pizzola and Mr. James Niwinski

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. Mrs. Luff stated that she would like a bill for Meenan Oil Company in the amount of \$293.61 added to the bill list. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Badgley to pay the bills as presented with the addition of Meenan Oil Company. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to table the Treasurer’s report. No objections were presented. Motion carried

11. SECOND MEETING – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 18, 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.

12. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. McTigue entertained a motion to adjourn this meeting. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday March 4, 2008 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough