

**MINUTES**  
**LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF MARCH 4, 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, March 4, 2008 at 8:05 P.M. Eastern Time by William McTigue, President.

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; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer and Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor.

**PERSON ABSENT** – Nicholas Pizzola; Frank Farmer, Mayor; James Peet, Building Inspector.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to approve the minutes of February 5, 2008 as presented and amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried

Mr. Profy explained that a lot line change for 1002 North Avenue was recommended by the Langhorne Manor Planning Commission be approved by Borough Council. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Yourtee that Council grant the lot line change as requested between the three property owners of 1002 North Avenue, 1007 Hill Avenue and 207 Elm Avenue. Copy of the granted variance is on file in the Borough Office. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**3. POLICE REPORT** – Mr. McTigue gave the police report for the month of February 2008.

**4. INSPECTOR'S REPORT**- Mrs. Luff gave the Inspector's report for the month of February 2008.

**5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS** – Mr. Charles Lauble (305 Prospect Avenue) spoke on keeping property around the original homes in Langhorne Manor Borough as open space and Council should not allow any more sub-division of properties.

Mr. McTigue stated that Council would have to consult with Mr. Profy pertaining to limiting the sub-division of a property.

Mr. Profy stated that we will be getting an allocation from the County for the new bond issue and he has not received any information on this and Mr. Profy referred to the agreement that Langhorne Manor Borough has along with the Heritage Conservancy, Middletown Township and the County to insure that the property behind the Borough Hall is kept as open space.

Ms. Betty Linington (308 Gillam Avenue) stated that the woods does not belong to Langhorne Manor Borough and people are going into the woods along the 300 block of Hulmeville Avenue and

they are cutting the trees down along with removing the trees that are already down. Langhorne Spring Water Company does not like this being done, it is private property. She also stated that people are cutting pine trees down at Hulmeville and Park Avenues. Mrs. Barnes stated that after Ms. Linington called her pertaining to this problem, she had contacted Middletown Township and they informed her that they would take care this.

Ms. Linington stated that two residents from the 300 block of Hulmeville Avenue called and complained that people from the 300 block of Hulmeville Avenue are dumping in the gutter area.

Ms Jane Boyle (308 Gillam Avenue) stated that the woods belong to Middletown Township and our police department should be told that they are to stop the people that are cutting down the trees or who are removing fallen trees from the woods along Hulmeville Avenue.

Mr. George Dalessandro (321 Hulmeville Avenue) spoke on the water that is coming onto his property from the new house being built at 321 ½ Hulmeville Avenue. Mr. McTigue stated that he will send the Building Inspector, to check out his concerns with the water on his property.

Mr. Profy stated that Mr. Dalessandro should contact the Bucks County Conservation District, as they are the ones who had approved the plans for the new house at 321 ½ Hulmeville Avenue.

Mr. McTigue said that he will have Mr. Peet the Building Inspector inspect the property.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Mrs. Barnes reported that the Borough Planning Commission had met this evening and had approved the lot line change for 1002 North Avenue.

Mr. Badgley reported that Langhorne Manor Borough had received the contract to be signed for the \$5,000.00 grant from the Community Revitalization Assistance Program. Mr. Badgley asked what improvement the money should be used for. Mr. Yourtee replied the north side of Borough Hall.

Mr. Badgley reported that the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Board would be meeting in Harrisburg on March 11, 2008 and he is planning on attending. The significance of the Langhorne Manor School will be discussed for nomination to the National Register of Historic places.

Mr. Badgley spoke on having a Schoolhouse Historic Benefit Celebration Wine and Cheese Event. He figures the total expense would be \$1,525.00, for 3 hours at the Penndel Fire Hall, the cost would be \$450.00, plus wine, cheese, and paper products. Total revenue would be 150 people at \$20.00 per person for a total of \$3,000.00.

Mrs. Cianci reported that the cost to change our street lights to LED lights would be \$1,200.00 to \$1,300.00 per light compared to \$300.00 to \$400.00 for regular lights, and it would take almost twelve years to make up the money that we would save in electricity. Precision Electric recommended that the Borough wait a couple of years as the cost should go down. Mrs. Cianci reported three street lights out, one in the 500 block of Hulmeville Avenue, one at the corner of Bellevue and Highland Avenue, pole #99399, and Precision Electric will be out again to check on pole # 11 in the 300 block of Hulmeville Avenue.

Ms. Gimpel reported that she will be putting together a news letter and if anyone has any information they want her to put in the news letter, they are to contact her. Mrs. Barnes asked if the residents could be told that if a street light is out, they are to call with the location where the light is out and the pole number

Mr. Yourtee asked if the residents could be reminded of the recycling days and what the six holidays are, that trash or recycling would not be picked-up. The holidays are-News Year, Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

Mr. McTigue stated that a notice could be put in the news letter about the wooded areas along Hulmeville Avenue pertaining to the removal of trees.

Mr. McTigue reported that he had received a copy of the letter that the residents will be receiving from Allied Waste, pertaining to trash and recycling

Mr. McTigue reported that the leaf pick-up date will be Wednesday, April 30, 2008 and bulk pick-up will be Saturday, May 17, 2008. The community yard sale will be Saturday, May 10, 2008. Mr. McTigue had no police report.

Mr. Pizzola—Mrs. Luff reported that Mr. Pizzola will be putting the two “No Parking” signs up on the 1000 block of Hill Avenue within the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Yourtee reported on the proposal with Winter’s Best which will include two fall leaf clean up this year. Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to accept the proposal from Winter’s Best for 2008 with nine monthly payments of \$328.89 for a total of \$2,960.00. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee referred to a letter from Pickering Corts & Summerson pertaining to the road areas to be addressed for the street and intersection resurfacing project. Pickering Corts & Summerson are preparing the documents necessary to bid for this project; they should be able to advertise for bids at the end of March with a bid opening sometime in mid April. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to have Pickering Corts & Summerson advertise for bids for the street and intersection resurfacing project and have the Borough Engineer set the time and date for the bid opening. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee referred to a letter from Pickering Corts & Summerson pertaining to the replacement of the guiderails along Gillam and Highland Avenue overpass. PennDot has furnished information as to what kind of guiderails can be used. The next step is to contact guiderail installers and try to determine if replacing with this kind would be cost effective. This type of guiderail is not widely used in this area and it may be more expensive than standard metal beam guiderail.

**7. MAYOR’S REPORT** –Mrs. Barnes reported that Mayor Farmer had received a letter from Langhorne Borough Business Association asking permission for a 5K Run and a 1 Mile Fun Walk on Saturday April 19, 2008 to use Bellevue, Gillam and Hulmeville Avenues in Langhorne Manor. This run is in memory of Clayton Thomas a former Langhorne Borough Council member. Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded By Mrs. Barnes to give Langhorne Borough Business Association

permission to use the streets in Langhorne Manor for their 5 K and 1 Mile Fun Walk. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Barnes reported that Langhorne Borough is having an informational meeting about regionalization, on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at their Borough Hall.

Mrs. Barnes spoke about the poor condition of the railroad tracks that cross over Bellevue Avenue. Mr. Profy stated that he would check with CSX and Conrail as to who should be contacted about this problem.

**8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – Mr. Profy stated that all of his business had been taken care of earlier in the meeting.

Mr. Profy stated that he needs permission to advertise the ordinance of the Borough of Langhorne Manor amending the Real Estate Transfer Tax Ordinance adopted December 2, 1986, authorizing the Department of Revenue to collect and enforce the acts of interest and penalties. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to authorize the advertisement of the ordinance of the Borough of Langhorne Manor amending the Real Estate Transfer Tax Ordinance. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE** –Mrs. Luff stated that she received a letter from Trumbauersville announcing the celebration of their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**10. APPROVAL OF BILLS & TREASURER'S REPORT 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 Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Badgley to pay all bills as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded to approve the December 31, 2007 Treasurer's report as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Badgley and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to approve the January 31, 2008 Treasurer's report as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Cianci and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to approve the February 29, 2008 Treasurer's report as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**11. SECOND MEETING** – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 18, 2008 at the present time there is no business for the agenda. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mrs. Cianci 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 9:18 P.M. and we then went into executive session

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 1 2008 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Langhorne Manor Borough