

**MINUTES  
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2006**

**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, April 4, 2006 at 8:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time by William McTigue President.

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

**PERSONS PRESENT** – 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** - Stephen Galazin; Nicholas Pizzola

Mr. Galazin entered the meeting at 8:03 P.M.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to approve the minutes of March 7, 2006 as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**3. POLICE REPORT** – Mayor Farmer gave the police report totals for 2005 and he also gave the police report for March 2006

**4. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS** – Ms. Jane Boyle, 308 Gillam Avenue, asked if anyone had spoken to the engineer from Pickering, Corts & Summerson about the storm drain near their driveway on Hulmeville Avenue.

Mr. McTigue replied that Mr. Bush would be meeting with Mario Canales from Pickering, Corts & Summerson to discuss the storm drain problem.

Ms. Boyle inquired about Carroll Engineering's report pertaining to the increase in volume of storm water in our sewer system and the missing and broken clean out caps and sump pumps connected to the sewer system.

Mr. McTigue stated that he spoke to John Swenson from Carroll Engineering and reported that their investigation on the clean outs is completed, except for two properties that they are trying to gain access to, and there was only one sump pump found. Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority (BCW&SA) has been out to confirm Carroll Engineering report concerning the manholes, BCW&SA's report does not agree with Carroll Engineering's report. Mr. McTigue will look into who is going to replace the missing clean out caps.

Ms. Betty Linington, 308 Gillam Avenue, also spoke about the storm drain near her driveway. Ms. Linington stated that some members on Council said that there is not a storm drain near her

driveway. She stated that they do not know what they are talking about as there is a storm drain in that location. Ms. Linington showed a plan of her property showing the location of the storm drain.

Mr. Yourtee asked Ms. Linington to submit a copy of the plan for the minutes, Ms. Linington refused.

Charles Marte, Esq. representing Mr. Mathai from 1006 South Bellevue Avenue, addressed Council on a minor subdivision at the corner of Bellevue and Comly Avenues. They have obtained a variance for lot #1 from Langhorne Manor Borough Zoning Hearing Board, and are seeking approval of the minor sub-division and waivers to five non-compliance items identified by the Borough Engineer.

Mr. Profy stated that the plan of minor subdivision of Manila Mathai and Daisy Mathai for Tax Map Parcel No. 19-007-027, dated July 11, 2005, and last revised March 1, 2006 consisting of sheets 1 through 3 received final approval upon the motion of Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mrs. Barnes, subject to the conditions set forth in the memorandum dated April 6, 2006 of Borough Solicitor attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Exhibit "A."

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Ms. Barnes to approve the minor subdivision at 1006 South Bellevue Avenue. No objects were presented. Motion carried.

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Mrs. Barnes reported that the Planning Commission met on March 30, 2006 at 7:30 PM to review the Borough's Comprehensive Plan, along with Mr. Bush and a representative from the Bucks County Planning Commission. The Borough Planning Commission did approve the Borough's Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan will be advertised on May 18, 2006 and May 25, 2006, and it will be voted on by Borough Council at the June 6, 2006 Council Meeting.

The Planning Commission also met at 8:00 PM on March 30, 2006 to review the minor subdivision plans for the Mathai property located at 1006 South Bellevue Avenue. The Planning Commission recommended that the minor subdivision be approved by Borough Council

Ms. Cianci reported two street light covers off, one on North Avenue (pole #79) and one at Station and Prospect Avenues (pole #31) and one light out on Hill Avenue (pole #81).

Ms. Cianci reported that one person from the Youth Center did community service work on March 25, 2006. The next date will be May 21, 2006. She discussed the cinders and debris along the access roads.

Mrs. Luff is to contact PennDOT to see if Liquid Fuel money can be used to clean up the debris and cinders along the access roads.

There was a discussion pertaining to hiring a street sweeping company to clean the access roads.

Mr. McTigue asked Mr. Bush to send a letter to the property owners who have limbs, piled leaves, and debris in the gutters, and explain that a street sweeper can not handle the clean up of their areas until they remove this heavy debris. Mr. McTigue stated that since there is a four-hour minimum that maybe Pennel or Langhorne would have use for a street sweeper. Mr. Yourtee is to check with Pennel and Langhorne. It was recommended that Council wait until the May 2, 2006 Council meeting to authorize the contracting of a street sweeper.

Ms. Gimpel reported that the newsletter had been sent out in March notifying the residents of leaf pickup, bulk pickup, and community yard sale dates.

Ms. Gimpel reported under the Shade Tree Commission that four trees were removed, two trees at 1001 Station Avenue, one tree at 1000 Station Avenue, and one tree at 506 Station Avenue. This information has been referred to Mr. Bush.

Ms. Gimpel reported on the two traffic accidents on the Hulmeville Avenue overpass. She received information from the State Police concerning the accident on January 21, 2006, where the guardrail was damaged. That information was forwarded to Paist & Noe. Middletown Township Police told Ms. Gimpel that there was an accident on November 23, 2005, where a deer had been hit. There was no property damage reported in that accident.

Ms. Gimpel reported that the Borough Insurance will be renewed July 15, 2006. She inquired as to the availability of additional insurance for police officers killed in the line of duty. She was told that there is Police Professional Liability. This insurance is not actually a death benefit, and she is looking to get a quote on \$25,000 or \$50,000 increments, where \$100,000 maximum would be paid out per year, if a policeman is killed in the line of duty.

Ms. Gimpel spoke concerning PLIGIT and the sewer investments. In order to get involved with PLIGIT, Council would have to pass an ordinance and give a copy to PLIGIT, as this ordinance will direct how the monies should be invested. Ms. Gimpel would like to coordinate an ordinance, using the draft ordinance she has obtain, to invest with PLIGIT, along with an ordinance that would reflect the new sewer rate, so they both would be advertised at the same time.

Ms. Gimpel reported that the sewer committee will be meeting this month, and she hopes to have the rate structure in place for review at the May 2, 2006 Council meeting.

Ms. Gimpel reported that by raising our millage for the fire company, it will not affect the money that we receive from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the Volunteer Fire Relief Association.

Ms. Gimpel reported that BCW&SA had done some work on the fire hydrants on Station Avenue, but the fire hydrant at Park and Station Avenues seems to be leaking. Additionally, the new water meter has been installed at Langhorne Gardens Nursing Home.

Mr. Galazin reported that he has been in contact with Congressman Fitzpatrick's office pertaining to grants for work to be done on the Borough Hall, 618 Hulmeville Avenue.

Mr. Galazin reported that the new street signs should be delivered this week.

Mr. McTigue reported that Senator Tomlinson would be sponsoring a Local Government Grant Workshop to be held on Thursday, April 20, 2006 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at the Northampton Municipal Building. Additionally, a grant writing mini-workshop is being offered by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to be held on April 18, 2006 at the Northampton Township Senior Center.

Mr. McTigue stated that the first leaf pickup had been held on April 1, 2006. The next date is May 6, 2006 followed by bulk trash pickup on May 20, 2006.

Mr. Yourtee reported that check #4652 for U.S. Municipal Supply in the amount of \$11,017.85 is a total, which includes both grant programs. \$9,923.25 is for posts and safety signs, and \$1,094.60 is for poles and hardware for the street signs. The street signs were ordered through the prison system.

Mr. Yourtee received three bids for installation of the 47 street signposts - K.E. Seifert \$7,800.00, Langhorne Paving \$5,820.00, Ranniello, Inc. \$5,238.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Galazin to accept the bid of \$5,238.00 from Ranniello, Inc. for installation of the 47 street signposts. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee stated that 196 safety signs to be installed on approximately 170 to 180 posts and needs to be advertised for bids.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Galazin to authorize the advertisement for bids for the traffic safety signs. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee attended the Pennsylvania Environmental Council meeting. The Hulmeville Avenue site was one of four sample sites highlighted with a slide presentation on their recommendations on how to handle this site.

**6. MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Farmer had no additional report.

**7. SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – Mr. Profy stated that everything he had to report on had been covered during the meeting.

**8. INSPECTOR'S REPORT** – Mr. Bush gave the Inspector's report for the month of March 2006.

Tom Eldridge, 1007 Hill Avenue, would like to file an application for variances for a 316 square foot addition to his home.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to defer the plans presented by Mr. Eldridge to the Zoning Hearing Board. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE** – Mrs. Luff reported receiving notice that \$23,715.56 was to be deposited into the Liquid Fuels account on April 3, 2006. Mrs. Luff received two checks for the police car accident in November 2005 in the amounts of \$415.00 and \$207.84 for a total of \$622.84 and a check in the amount of \$500.00 for the deductible for the police car accident on June 2, 2005.

**10. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND TREASURER'S REPORT** – 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 Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mr. Galazin to pay all bills.

Mr. McTigue asked if there were any questions or discussion on the Treasurer's report for March 2006. Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to table the Treasurer's report for March 2006. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**11. SECOND MEETING** – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 18, 2006. At this time there are no items for the agenda for the meeting. Motion made Mr. Galazin and seconded by Ms. Gimpel 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 Mr. Galazin to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. This meeting adjourned at 9:26 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday May 2, 2006 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Langhorne Manor Borough

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EXHIBIT "A"

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April 6, 2006

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**RE: Langhorne Manor Borough  
Minor Subdivision Plan  
Tax Map Parcel No. 19-007-027**

Dear Mr. Mathai and Ms. Mathai:

The Plan of Minor Subdivision of Manilal Mathai and Daisy Mathai for Tax Map Parcel No. 19-007-027 dated July 11, 2005, and last revised March 1, 2006, consisting of Sheets 1 through 3 received Final Approval from Council of Langhorne Manor Borough on April 4, 2006 subject to the following conditions:

1. Compliance with Borough Engineer's Report dated March 13, 2006, with the exception of those matters for which Borough Council granted waivers which are limited to the following:
  - Cartway widening of Bellevue Avenue and Comly Avenue, Section 506(e).
  - Curbs along Comly Avenue, Section 516(a).
  - Sidewalks along Comly Avenue and Bellevue Avenue, Section 609(a).
  - Parking area set-back at 10' not 15', Section 517(i).
  - Plan enlargement to 1" = 20', Section 704(a)(1).
2. Trash dumpster shown on the Plan shall be screened on three sides with a stockade fence with a height of five (5') feet.

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3. Approval of the Borough Engineer of the Final Plan to be recorded and compliance of said Final Plan with all Ordinances and Regulations of the Borough, except those for which Borough Council has granted waivers or has approved modifications to the standards set forth in the Ordinance or Regulation.
4. Applicant obtaining prior to the issuance of a building permit for Lot 2, all required permits, approvals and agreements from the following:  

LMB Sanitary Sewer Engineer  
Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority  
Bucks County Conservation District
5. Applicant entering into a Land Development Contract and Financial Security Contract with the Borough for the drainage facilities and public improvements, if any, for Lot 2, prior to the issuance of a building permit for Lot 2.
6. Payment by Applicant of all engineering review, legal fees and administrative costs incurred by the Borough prior to the recordation of the Final Plan.

Charles O Marte, Esquire, as your counsel did, on April 4, 2006, at the Council meeting advised that the conditions contained in this Memorandum were acceptable to the Applicant, and I am, via copy of this communication, requesting Mr. Marte to provide written confirmation of the acceptance of the conditions to the approval.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Profy, III

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cc: William McTigue  
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