

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF JUNE 6, 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, June 6, 2006, at 8:04 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 –Donna Cianci; 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 – Maryann Barnes, Vice President; Stephen Galazin; and Thomas Profy III, Solicitor

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to approve the April 4th Minutes as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to approve the May 2, 2006 Minutes as amended. No objections were presented. Motion was carried. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to table the May 22, 2006 Minutes. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

3. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS – Mrs. Beth Bartnikowski reported that the advisory committee for the Borough Hall would be having their last meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2006. The advisory committee will probably be doing their presentation at the August 1, 2006 Borough Council meeting. Mrs. Bartnikowski recommended that the Council members plan on coming a little early so the presentation could be explained and they can see it in person and understand what the committee is talking about. Mrs. Bartnikowski stated that the presentation would take about thirty minutes.

Ms. Jane Boyle stated that the lights in front of the Borough Hall are on during the day. She was wondering if anyone was aware of this.

Ms. Boyle asked if there was any information as to when the handicap-designated areas would be painted. Ms. Cianci replied that she hopes to have some information on this by the end of the week.

Ms. Boyle was wondering what happened to the speed limit sign on Hulmeville Avenue across from Park Avenue that was lying on the side of the road. Mr. Yourtee replied that a car hit it this past winter and it is on the list of signs that was given to Mr. Pizzola that were to be replaced. Ms. Boyle spoke about a no parking sign on Manor Avenue that is twisted, and she wondered if the pole could be replaced.

Ms. Boyle asked if Mr. Bush had met with Pickering, Corts, and Summerson. Mr. Bush replied yes, and he will address it in his report.

Ms. Linington referred to election night on May 16, 2006 and at 8:02 pm two people came into vote and were told by the Judge of Elections that they could not vote since the polls closed at 8:00 pm. Ms. Linington had inquired with the Board of Elections, and they said that the Judge of Elections takes full responsibility.

Mr. Pizzola replied that it was 8:02 pm. He had set his watch on Election Day. He closed the polls at 8:00 pm, and they were turned away. If people are in line at 8:00 pm, they are allowed to vote.

Mr. Linington stated how Ron Bartnikowski and Jim McMeeking had helped some people who needed assistance to get into the polls by opening the door for them. A lot of residents had commented on how nice that was of them.

Ms. Linington stated that the wooden ramp is in need of repairs as the nails are rising up out of the wood.

Ms. Linington asked Mr. Pizzola as to the balance in the sewer account. Mr. Pizzola replied that he did not have a figure at the present time. Ms. Linington replied that three months ago Mr. Pizzola stated that there was \$700,000.00, and she presumes that there is more than that at this time. Ms. Linington referred to a remark that Mr. Pizzola had said where the sewer funds are not to be used for miscellaneous projects throughout the Borough.

4. POLICE REPORT – Mayor Farmer gave the police report for May 2006.

5. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. McTigue introduced Charles Marte representing Wood Services who is planning to build a Medical Treatment and Staff Training Center. Wood Services is requesting Langhorne Manor Borough waive their land development requirements' being the majority of the site is in Middletown Township and the new building will be located in Middletown Township. The new Medical Treatment and Staff Training Center will be located near the entrance off of Route 413.

Attending with Mr. Marte was John McKale, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer from Wood Services, John Nalesnik, Director of Facilities Management at Wood Services, and Matt Chartrand from Bohler Engineering, Inc.

Mr. Marte handed out to Council aerial photographs, site plans, and survey information, showing the largest parking lot is in Langhorne Manor Borough. He explained that the new facility would be used to train all of the staff at Wood Services. It will consist of a modern training facility, auditorium with one hundred seats, two large classrooms with 45 seats each, computer training room, two small classrooms with 15 seats each, reception area, and offices for the training department. This portion of the building will only be used to train employees of Wood Services of the Langhorne Campus. The other portion of the building will be a dental suite.

After a discussion from Council concerning stormwater management, detention basin, traffic impact on Borough streets, and parking areas, motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to waive the requirements of Langhorne Manor Borough Land Development Ordinance with exception of stormwater management review. Conditions upon Land Development and storm water ordinances criteria and requirements agreement of Bohler Engineering, Inc. Site plan of May 3, 2006 is substantially revised, you will come back. Subject to solicitor's written agreements. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mr. McTigue reported that the Comprehensive Plan has been reviewed by the Planning Commission and they recommended that Borough Council adopt it in its entire form. The adoption of the Comprehensive Plan has been advertised. Motion by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to adopt the Comprehensive Plan as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Ms. Cianci reported on the street lights that are out, pole #D26B and 404 on Station Avenue, pole #32 on Hulmeville Avenue. Pole #8 on Hulmeville Avenue has a broken lens.

Ms. Cianci asked Mr. Yourtee about the stencil for handicap parking areas. Mr. Yourtee replied that the handicap parking area in the Borough parking lot could be painted with a stencil or with a blue and white sign on a post.

Mr. Bush stated that the handicap stencil is in the basement at 616 Hulmeville Avenue.

Ms. Cianci and Mr. Yourtee both stated that they did not see any stencils for handicap just stencils for letters.

Mr. Bush stated that the requirement is for both painting of the handicap insignia and erecting a handicap sign. Mr. Bush will get a copy of the requirement that is required by the ADA.

Ms. Cianci reported that the graffiti truck had been in the area doing the state roads.

Ms. Cianci asked Mr. Bush if the residents along the access roads had been notified about cleaning up their gutter areas. Mr. Bush replied no. Ms. Cianci asked when they would be notified. Mr. Bush was under the impression that it was decided not to send the letters out. Mr. McTigue stated that he would work with Mr. Bush on getting the letters sent out.

Ms. Cianci told Mayor Farmer about her automobile being broken into. She did not call the police because they are never patrolling in our area. She also referred to the speeding on the access roads. Ms. Cianci referred to the 25 assists to other Police Departments. She asked why is our Police Department in other areas.

Mayor Farmer replied that the Police Department has an agreement with all four Boroughs that they assist each other when there is a call. Ms. Cianci asked about controlling the speed on the access roads. Mayor Farmer replied that the speed sign all four Boroughs used had been

vandalized. Mayor Farmer told Ms. Cianci if you want 24-hour protection, you would have to raise taxes in order to provide the \$200,000 that would be needed.

Mayor Farmer stated that the police are on different hours, day and night, and they are only part-time. Mayor Farmer stated that he would speak to Chief Bumm concerning Ms. Cianci's concerns

Ms. Gimpel had no report on the shade Tree Commission. She reported that there should be a proposal for the 2006-2007 insurance policies

Ms. Gimpel stated that she had passed out information on May asking to change from flat rate EDUS to usage with minimum rate. She asked if anyone had reviewed the information. Mr. McTigue replied that he was concern about Philadelphia Biblical University (PBU), where they use a certain amount of water for irrigation, which is not being treated through the sewer system; they are paying for that in their water bill. He does not know the amount of water PBU uses for irrigation. Ms. Gimpel stated that in other municipalities residents are billed on the amount of water used for washing cars and watering lawns also. Mr. McTigue is still concerned on how PBU would be billed.

Mr. McTigue stated that Carroll Engineering had attended a meeting on May 22, 2006 with Bucks county Water & Sewer Authority (BCW&SA) concerning the Borough's sanitary sewer system. This meeting was to discuss the status of the Borough's I/I Removal Program. BCW&SA evaluated the Borough's sewer flows from April 20, 2006 through April 26, 2006, which included a recent rain storm of approximately 1.5 inches. It was indicated that Langhorne Manor Borough instantaneous peak flow was 5.314 times the year 2005 average annual flow. The Borough has been put on a temporary planning moratorium until the end of 2006. However if significant work is completed or evidence is presented a re-evaluation of the moratorium may be considered before the end of 2006. It was suggested that metering might be required as part of the Borough's removal program. Estimated cost of metering the inflow line to the pump station to be approximately \$3000.00 per month.

Mr. Yourtee inquired about the compliance requirements and he is under the impression that BCW&SA is in disagreement on some issues that Carroll Engineering has presented, is the peak flow rates one of the issues.

Mr. McTigue replied that previously Carroll Engineering told the Borough that we did not have an infiltration problem. BCW&SA did their own study and had a different conclusion

Mr. McTigue asked Ms. Gimpel to find out the cost to go retroactive for the billings of the sewer bills. Ms. Gimpel thinks that it would come at a substantial cost to the Borough to try to recalculate the sewer bills.

Mr. Bush asked if Carroll Engineering had a contract with BCW&SA to do the sewer work. Ms. Gimpel stated that she will call BCW&SA and find out if we could get a rate adjustment within the billing period and also what the schedule is for the balance of our repairs that have been contracted through Carroll Engineering.

Mr. Galazin was absent.

Ms. Cianci asked if all the paper work had been obtained pertaining to the original order for the street signs. Mr. McTigue stated not that he is aware of.

Ms. Gimpel asked if there was an additional charge for Mr. Profy III for attending the May 22, 2006 Council meeting pertaining to the street signs. Ms. Gimpel was told that there was no additional charge as it was included in his retainer fee.

Mr. Yourtee asked if there are any provisions in the requirements as council members regarding absences. Mr. McTigue stated that there is probably some provision in the Borough code that is covered by the state. Mr. McTigue asked Mr. Profy to look into it.

Mr. McTigue reported that Allied Waste had done an audit and increased our unit by twenty. Mr. McTigue stated that he would get more information and present it at the July 2006 Council meeting.

Mr. McTigue reported that they would be scheduling a Police Committee meeting.

Mr. McTigue addressed the letter of April 20, 2006 from Pickering Corts and Summerson pertaining to the NPDES phase II MS 4 year three annual report form. It has to be voted on this evening as to accept it as presented. Each Council member had received a copy of the report from Pickering Corts and Summerson. Mr. McTigue referred to the letter of April 20, 2006 where it was recommended that the Borough implement the stenciling messages near the stormwater inlets, place another stormwater ad in a local paper, distributing material to schools, businesses and community organizations, raising awareness of stormwater run off.

Mr. Bush stated that there is an original inspection checking the size of pipes etc, and then there is an annual inspection.

Mr. McTigue stated that Council should get an estimate from Pickering Corte and Summerson for the cost of the inspection.

Ms. Gimpel asked which would be used General funds or Sewer Funds for the inspection. Mr. McTigue replied that it would be the Council's decision which funds are used.

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Ms. Cianci to accept the NPDES Phase II MS 4 Report as presented for the period March 10, 2006 through March 9, 2007. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. McTigue spoke on the adoption of the PA DEP prepared Operation and Maintenance Program for all stormwater facilities owned by municipalities as outlined in the letter dated April 20, 2006 from Pickering Corts and Summerson. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Ms. Cianci. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Pizzola – No report.

Mr. Yourtee reported that forty-five street sign poles had been installed. Three had been pushed over and one is missing. The poles are located in the right of way areas. Mr. Yourtee described how the decision where to place the street sign poles was made. He does not understand why someone would be offended as to remove and knock over the new poles, as the poles are not on private property.

Mrs. Bartnikowski asked if a newsletter should have been mailed to the residents informing them that new street and safety poles and signs would be installed. Mr. Yourtee replied that he feels that any homeowner who stays active on current events in the Borough would be aware that the sign replacement is in the process of being done. Maybe a notice could have had a calming effect. He personally did not have the time to contact the residents. Mrs. Bartnikowski stated that there is a newsletter committee. Not all residents refer to the web site. Mrs. Bartnikowski stated that this was not a criticism, but a prime example of why keeping residents informed of things that are going on could have avoided the problems Mr. Yourtee is having.

Mr. Yourtee stated that the contractor would have to reinstall the four poles at a cost of \$111.00 each.

Mr. Yourtee reported that the street signs would be delivered by June 16, 2006 from US Municipal Supply. This will allow two weeks for the contractor to finish the installation of the street signs.

Mr. Yourtee presented a partial invoice from Ranniello Inc. for the work completed for the installation of posts for the new street signs in the amount of \$4160.00 leaving a balance due of \$1478.00 upon completion of attaching the street signs to the post, this total included an additional \$400.00 for returning to attach the street signs. Mr. Yourtee wanted this bill added to the bill list for approval this evening. Ms. Gimpel stated that she and her husband would take the responsibility of fixing the pole on her property that is leaning, as it is a problem since it is located on a hill.

. Motion was made by Ms. Cianci and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to reinstall the three poles at a cost of \$111.00 each. No objections were made. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee presented three estimates for installing the safety signs and posts. K.E. Seifert-- \$137.00 per sign and post, Ranniello Inc.--\$109.50 per sign and post, and Langhorne Paving removal of old sign and post--\$20.00 each, install new post and sign \$34.00 each sign and post. There will be 194 signs mounted on 157 posts, and removal of 175 old posts and signs

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to authorize payment to Langhorne Paving, as they were the low bidder to install the safety signs and poles. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee reported that he had met with a contractor regarding the guide rails that had been damaged on the overpass. He was supposed to have a proposal for repairs or replacement of the guide rails by June 6, 2006.

Mr. Yourtee reported that the road area on Highland Avenue going towards Parkland from the overpass to the middle of the wooded area belongs to Langhorne Manor Borough and the road is in need of repairs. Gillam Avenue side of the overpass going towards Old Lincoln Highway to the middle of the woods also belongs to Langhorne Manor Borough. Manor Avenue also has potholes that need to be repaired. There was a discussion on seam sealing; a new estimate is needed for that project.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Ms. Cianci to have Langhorne Paving repair the potholes, not to exceed \$3000.00. Mr. Yourtee is to list the areas to be repaired. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee explained that the schedule for Winter Best for lawn maintenance is to be paid the 15th of the month starting with April 15, invoice for this evening's approval is the May payment, he would like the June 15th payment added to the bill list for approval this evening.

Mr. Yourtee inquired about the NIMS Training (National Incident Management Systems) is 700 training that is required. A four-hour course to comply with Federal Training and Funding Requirements and Presidential Homeland Security Directives. All elected officials, appointed officials, first responders, support staff and public works are required to attend this course.

Mr. Yourtee received a call from Liz Feinberg from the PA Environmental Council; she inquired if council had given any consideration to implementing their practices for the storm water retrofit project on Hulmeville Avenue. She told Mr. Yourtee that there is potential grant money available. They can help the Borough prepare the grant; we would have to pursue their management practices that are what the grant money would be for. Mr. McTigue stated that he would work with Mr. Yourtee on the grant process

Mr. Yourtee asked Mr. Profy if they were aware of the franchise information regarding the cable companies from the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs about the proposal going through the Legislator to take away franchise fees from local municipalities and turn them over to the state authority. Mr. Yourtee feels that the Borough should sign on to this as it would take regulatory ability along with money from the Borough as it would become a state government issue

7. MAYOR'S REPORT-Mayor Farmer reported that the Police Department received a certificate for promoting the Project Child Safe project.

Mr. Profy stated that he had no further business; it had been covered earlier in the evening.

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

9. CORRESPONDENCE –Thank you card from Dawn Seader Thanking the Borough council for the donation in Gerry’s memory to the Brian Sieber Fund. A thank you from the Brian Sieber Fund thanking Council for their donation of \$250.00 in Gerry Seader’s memory. A certificate from the PA Boroughs Council Association for participation in the PBCA. Mr. McTigue received a letter for partnership in the Delaware Estuary Bucks County Conservation District

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. Additions to the bill list is Ranniello Inc.--\$4160.00, partial payment for installations of posts for street signs, Winter’s Best for June payment—4226.11 and Allied Waste--\$. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Ms. Cianci to pay all bills. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to approve the payment of \$2089.20 for US Municipal Supply for the new street signs. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. McTigue asked for approval of the March 2006 Treasurer’s report. Ms. Gimpel stated that there is a problem as there is an account payable, a payment was signed and the payment wasn’t made by the end of March, it was paid in April. It is on the April payment list, it should have been paid in March. Ms Gimpel stated the qualification is we are on a cash basis and there should not be any accounts payable. Approve the payment of the signs to be taken out of the escrow account. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Ms. Cianci to approve the March Treasurer’s report as amended with the payment to be reflected out of the escrow account. No objections were presented. Motion carried

Ms. Gimpel stated that the April and May Treasurer’s reports have a problem with the escrow accounts for the street signs. Motion was made by Ms. Cianci and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to table the April and May Treasurer’s report. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. SECOND MEETING – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting scheduled for Tuesday June 20, 2006. At this time there are no items for the agenda for the meeting. Motion made Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Ms. Cianci to dispense with the second meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Bush asked Council if he could address them concerning the stormwater on Hulmeville Avenue and the NPDES report. Mr. Bush stated that he had met with Pickering Corts and Summerson to go over the stormwater line on Hulmeville Avenue. He asked them to check on the possibility of the work to be done if the Grant is approved and the work to be done by Mr. Seifert on his new house and the work to be done on the broken pipe by Ms. Linington’s house, could all be laid out to tie the system together even if the work on each of these projects is done at different times. They said in order to answer this they would have to do a survey. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Ms. Cianci to approve \$1000.00 for Pickering Corts and Summerson to do a survey.

Mr. Bush then explained the work to be done as required by NPDES, he suggested it is better to start doing some of the items then risk paying a minimum of a \$5000.00 fine and still have to do the work. He suggested starting to inspect and make an inventory of the manholes and stormwater piping. Motion was made by Ms. Cianci and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to spend no more than \$5000.00 to do an inspection of the existing stormwater inlet. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. McTigue entertained a motion to adjourn this meeting. Motion was made by Ms. Cianci and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. This meeting adjourned at 11:12 P.M.

The next meeting will be Wednesday July 5, 2006 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough