

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 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, December 2, 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 –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 – David Badgley; Nicholas Pizzola

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to approve the minutes of November 10, 2008 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried

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

Mayor Farmer introduced Chief Bumm who introduced Detective Sergeant Ted Krimmel of the Lower Southampton Police Department, who is also the leader of the South Central Special Emergency Response Team. Sergeant Krimmel explained how the SWAT Team works and how our Police Department would be involved. He recommended that ten cents per resident be put into the budget, this money would be used for conferences, training etc and it would be divided between the municipalities that have agreed to participate in this program. A member of our Police Department would be assigned to this program, which has been in existence for twelve years. It would be the responsibility of the Borough to pay the police officer who was to participate in this program if and when it becomes necessary.

Mr. Pizzola entered the meeting at 8:12 P.M.

Mayor Farmer stated that he plans to meet with someone from the Philadelphia Biblical University and ask them to contribute towards this program. It was mentioned that the Langhorne Gardens Nursing Home should also contribute to this program.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to authorize Chief Bumm to make an application for Langhorne Manor Borough to participate in the South Central SWAT Squad Program. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

4. INSPECTOR'S REPORT- Mr. Peet gave the Inspector's report for the month of November 2008.

5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS – there were no requests

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barnes stated that she had no report for the Planning commission. Mrs. Barnes stated that she had read an article in the Courier Times about municipalities applying for grant money from the Philadelphia Park Casino, which comes through the County Redevelopment Authority.

Mr. Profy stated that he would contact Bob White from the County Redevelopment Authority and find out what the procedure is for the Borough to apply for this money. Mr. Profy will have a report for the January 6, 2009 Council meeting.

Mr. Badgley was absent

Mrs. Cianci had not received any report of any street lights being out.

Mr. Yourtee stated that he is concern about the prices Precision Electric is charging to repair our street lights. Mr. Yourtee would like to see quotes from a couple of different companies so Council could compare the repair costs. After a discussion Mrs. Cianci stated that she would get a couple of quotes for the January 6, 2009 meeting.

Ms. Gimpel-No report

Mr. McTigue-No report

Mr. Pizzola recommended that the police officers hourly rate be increased from \$14.00 to \$15.00 and Chief Bumm's hourly rate be increased from \$19.00 to \$20.00. Mr. Pizzola stated that this can be done without any changes in the budget. Mr. Pizzola had done a comparison as to what the other municipalities are paying their part time police officers, and Langhorne Manor Borough was the second lowest at \$14.00 per hour and Langhorne Borough was the lowest at \$13.00 per hour. Mr. Pizzola stated that our police department has come in under budget for the last three years and that is why, this can be done without any changes in the 2009 budget.

After much discussion a motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to increase our police officers hourly wage from \$14.00 to \$15.00 and Chief Bumm from \$19.00 to \$20.00. Motion carried. Ms. Gimpel opposed and Mr. Yourtee abstained as he felt that the information was too incomplete for making a decision.

Mr. McTigue stated that everyone had received a copy of the 2009 budget and a motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to approve the budget as presented. No objections were made. Motion carried.

Mr. Yourtee referred to the letter dated December 1, 2008 from Pickering Corts and Summerson pertaining to the Cable Guiderail Post Replacement Project. Three bids had been received, J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. \$35,495.00, Wm. Orr & Sons, Inc. \$29,500.00 and Long Fence Company, Inc. \$8,975.00. Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to accept Long Fence Company, Inc, bid of \$8,975.00. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Farmer stated that there would be an executive session following this meeting.

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Profy stated that he had sent a copy of the new Public Records Act to all Borough Council members, which goes into effect January 1, 2009. This resolution has incorporated all the requirements. Mr. Profy stated that he had received one comment from Mr. Pizzola pertaining to paragraph #14 indicating that he would like to be appointed the Open Records Officer. If any applications came into the Borough Office they would be given to him as a member of Council, he has the time as he works from home. Mr. Pizzola thought it would make Mrs. Luff's work easier.

After a discussion pertaining to paragraph #14 which refers to the Open Records Officer a motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to adopt Resolution 2008-02 with paragraph # 14 as written in the resolution, having Mrs. Luff, Borough Secretary as the Open Records Officer. Voting in favor of the motion was Mr. Pizzola, Mrs. Cianci, Mr. McTigue, Mr. Yourtee, and Ms. Gimpel. Mrs. Barnes opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy presented the Tax Ordinance for 2009, # 2008-03 for adoption. The Ordinance reads the sum of 30.0 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation of occupation of persons within the Borough, 7.125 mills for general Borough purposes, 2.0 for lighting and illuminating, and 0.75 mills for fire assistance and protection purposes and \$290.00 for refuse collection

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to adopt the Tax Ordinance #2008-03 as presented by Mr. Profy. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy reported that the owner accepted all conditions of the Borough Zoning Hearing Board for the three condominiums proposed for the property owned by Michael J. Wielehowski, LLC located at 629 Bellevue Avenue.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – Mrs. Luff reported that thank-you notes had been received from the Badgley family for the donation made in memory of their Mother, and a thank-you note from The Children's Hospital Foundation for the \$75.00 donation made in memory of Nancy R. Badgley, David Badgley's Mother,

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. Mrs. Luff stated that there are two additions to the bill list, Cowen and Kelly for 629 Bellevue Avenue in the amount of \$760.72 and Winter's Best in the amount of \$2700.00 for removal of the tree at the end of the driveway at the Borough Hall and removal and spraying of the vegetation along the guiderail area on the Hulmeville Avenue Overpass. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Cianci to approve the bill list as presented with the two additions. No objections were presented, Motion carried. Mr. McTigue stated that all Council members had received a copy of the Treasurer's report and does anyone have any comments. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Adjourned for Executive Session at 9:10 P.M.

Reconvened at 9:28 P.M.

11. SECOND MEETING – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 16, 2008; at the present time there is no business for the agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola 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 Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough