

**MINUTES  
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING OF APRIL 2, 2013**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting of Langhorne Manor Borough Council was called to order in the Langhorne Manor Borough Hall, 618 Hulmeville Avenue, Langhorne, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 8:00 P.M. Eastern Time by William McTigue, President.

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

**PERSONS PRESENT** – Maryann Barnes Vice President; Sharon Gimpel; Edward Hanisco; William McTigue, President; Patricia Silcox; Steven Yourtee; Robert Byrne, Mayor; Beth Bartnikowski, Acting Secretary/Treasurer James Peet, Zoning and Building Inspector; and Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor.

**PERSON ABSENT** - Nicholas Pizzola, Loretta M. Luff

Mr. Pizzola entered the meeting at 8:01 P.M.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion was made by Mr. Hanisco and seconded by Mrs. Silcox to approve the minutes of March 5, 2013. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**3. POLICE REPORT** – Mayor Byrne had no report.

**4. INSPECTOR'S REPORT** – Mr. Peet gave the inspector's report for March 2013.

**5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS** –there were no requests from residents to speak.

At this point in the meeting Mr. McTigue turned the meeting over to Warren Bunoanno from Vaughn Collaborative to update Council on the review of the eight bid packages for the renovation to the Borough Hall and Borough office. After a thorough review, it is their recommendation that the project should be awarded to BESCO Corp. at \$289,654. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to award the renovation of Borough Hall and 616 Hulmeville to BESCO Corp. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Construction will start on 616 Hulmeville Ave. first and after Election Day on Borough Hall.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Mrs. Barnes had no report for the Planning Commission. Mrs. Barnes reported that she attended the March Bucks County Boroughs Association meeting, where she obtained an information package on the Police Radio Program, which included financing information. This information was given to Mayor Byrne for his review.

Ms. Gimpel had no report.

Mr. Hanisco had no report. Mr. Hanisco explained that he received a call from one of the police officers on duty concerning a swarm of termites in the police department. Mr. Hanisco came over to the Police Dept. and upon inspection, determined that the Borough Hall, including the Police Dept has a termite infestation. The treatment of Borough Hall will be delayed to coincide with the renovation process, so that treatment can be done when the walls are being renovated. Mr. Hanisco estimated that it could cost between \$1,800 - \$3,000 to treat Borough Hall, including the Police Department. He did offer to provide the chemicals at cost and the Borough would have to pay the time for a worker to treat. A final decision is still to be made pending a review.

Mrs. Silcox reported that the newsletter would be mailed to the residents on Wed., April 3, 2013. She also reported that the Borough has received a \$2,313 grant for the 2011 Recycling Program from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. McTigue had no report on police committee. Concerning recycling he reported that Council wanted to perform a detailed review of the Borough's current trash assessment; this will be headed up by Ms. Gimpel. If this report indicates a surplus, how will Council handle this surplus? Options are to provide a house-to-house refund, or decrease the 2014 trash assessment. Mr. Pizzola provided a third option, that the surplus of 22% over the direct costs of the trash assessment was within the norm for administrative and contingency fees and that the money should be put to fixing the Borough's streets vs. refunding or adjusting the 2014 assessment.

Mr. Pizzola had no report on Street signs. He did have a few items concerning street repairs; in discussions with the Borough engineer, he was provided a name of a contractor who does work for Newtown, Scott's All Season. Additionally, the engineer provided an estimate of approximately \$5,000 to perform an engineering study of the Borough roads. Mr. Yourtee will head up this study, which will prioritize the road repairs needed and recommendation of the engineer. Additionally, there will be a meeting with a representative from Senator Tomlinson's office, PennDot and any Council member who would like to attend, concerning the Highway Route 1 improvement project and possible Sound Barriers.

Mr. Yourtee voiced his concerns about Sound Barriers and its affect on the residents directly impacted along Highway Route 1. He reported that the last snow events in March cost \$765. Total snow removal for the year is \$5,852. He also reported that he contacted Middletown Township and asked if they would fill the potholes on the service road and bill us. Middletown Township has completed filling in the potholes along the service road. Mr. Yourtee submitted a proposal to have the potholes on the interior roads filled at a cost of \$1,900. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Silcox to use the \$1,900 to fix the Borough's potholes. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**7. MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Byrne had no report.

**8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – Mr. Profy provided an informational item on the Higher Education and Health Authority concerning Wood Services refinancing.

Mr. Profy received a request from the Borough's Tax Collector and in keeping with the Tax Collector Act, asks that Council approve the request for the Tax Collector to charge a tax certification fee of \$30, and \$5 duplicate tax bill.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to adopt an ordinance to approve the Tax Collector assessing a tax certification fee of \$30, and \$5 duplicate tax bill. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE** – Mr. McTigue read an invitation from the Jesse W. Soby American Legions Post inviting Council to join in the parade on Memorial Day. Mrs. Bartnikowski read correspondence from PennDot concerning the Liquid Fuel check to be mailed to the Borough April 1, and an invitation from Bucks County Economic Development Corp.

**10. APPROVAL OF BILLS & TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PAYMENT** – Mr. McTigue stated that all Council members have received a copy of the bill list for payment. He asked if there are any questions or discussions. Motion was made by Mr. Hanisco and seconded by Mrs. Silcox to pay the bills as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Mr. McTigue stated that all Council members have received a copy of the Treasurer's report for February and March 2013 and asked if anyone has any comments. Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2013 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to table the Treasurer's Report for March 2013. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**11. SECOND MEETING** – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 16, 2013; at the present time there is no business for the agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola 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 Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mrs. Silcox to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday May 7, 2013 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Bartnikowski  
Acting Secretary  
Langhorne Manor Borough