

**MINUTES  
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2014**

**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, 2014 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; Robert Byrne, Mayor; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer James Peet Zoning and Building Inspector; and Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor.

**PERSON ABSENT** -; Nicholas Pizzola; Steven Yourtee;

Mr. Pizzola entered at 8:03 P.M.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mrs. Silcox to approve the minutes of February 4, 2014 as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**3. POLICE REPORT** – Mayor Byrne gave the police report for February 2014.

Mayor Byrne thanked K.E. Seifert for the good work they did plowing snow and also for helping to move a couple of cars that were stuck.

Mayor Byrne stated that Langhorne Manor Borough Police Department is the lowest paid Police Department in the area. He stated that Langhorne Borough is paying \$18.00 per hour; Pennel Borough is paying \$20.00 per hour. He feels that this is affecting the morale of the officers. He would like Council to consider increasing their hourly rate \$1.00.

**4. INSPECTOR'S REPORT** – Mr. Peet stated that there was no Inspector's report for the month of February, 2014.

**5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS** –James McMeeking (State Constable) thanked Council for voting to provide him with a new police radio.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Mrs. Barnes had no report for the Planning Commission. Mrs. Barnes reported a light out on Hill Avenue, pole #12.

Mrs. Barnes stated that she had read in the paper that Langhorne Manor Borough will be receiving \$34,550.00 in Liquid Fuel this year. Mrs. Barnes stated that she will be looking into grant money for road projects.

Ms. Gimpel had no report.

Mr. Hanisco reported lights repaired at 504 Hill Ave and at the corner of Hulmeville and Gillam Avenues.

Mr. McTigue stated that the reporting period for the storm water permit closes on March 9, 2014. Mr. McTigue reported that Pickering Corts & Summerson did a comprehensive inspection of the outfalls; they could not inspect the inlets as they were covered with snow, but they did inspect the outfall and they will include this in their report that is due in June.

Mr. McTigue spoke to Vaughn Collaborative and as far as they are concerned from the physical stand point, the contractor has done what they were supposed to do. Mr. McTigue stated that there are some paperwork issues and the prevailing wage issue that has to be addressed and he recommends that the two pay requests be tabled and Vaughn Collaborative will inform Besco Corporation of Council's decision to not act on the two pay requests at this time.

Mr. Pizzola reported that \$10,550.00 for snow plowing in February and \$8070.00 for January for a total of \$18,625.00. \$14,000.00 had been budgeted and we are \$4620.00 over budget.

Mr. McTigue spoke about an Email that he received from the Bucks County Emergency Operation stating that Pennsylvania is trying to get some federal disaster recovery money and all Municipalities are to put together all the cost they have that are associated with snow removal for two big snowstorms in February.

Mr. Pizzola reported on a meeting with PennDot at Senator Tomlinson's office on February 20, 2014 pertaining to the Route 1 construction known as SR0001 RC3, which is the construction of Route 1 and the access lanes starting at Bellevue Avenue and stopping at the approach to the bridge over the Neshaminy Creek and it will include:

Reconstruction of Route 1 will entail removing the existing 14' wide concrete traffic island and replacing it with a 12' wide paved shoulder

The center median guide rail will be replaced with 42" high concrete Jersey barriers

42" high concrete Jersey barriers will be installed between the access lanes and the super highway.

The access lanes will have a 1' shoulder next to the Jersey barrier and a minimum 8' shoulder between the access lane and curb.

Paving the roads leading to the access highway, (Bellevue, Station, Hill and Hulmeville) is not part of this project.

The West interchange (Hulmeville Avenue Bridge) will be replaced. The bridge will have two 5' shoulders to allow pedestrians to cross the highway on foot. There will not be a pavement for foot traffic. The bridge will have fencing to prevent objects from being tossed on the roadway below. It has not been determined if the bridge will limit access during reconstruction or if it will be closed entirely causing traffic to be re-routed to Route 413 to cross Route 1.

All six cross overs in the North and South bound lanes from the access highway will be eliminated for improved safety. As designed, it would be highly unlikely that a tractor trailer could cross the highway and strike a house as it happened last year.

This project does not qualify for sound barriers. Cost of sound barriers for the entire length of the project (two miles on both side) is estimated to be between 6 to 8 million dollar and could only be included if they were added by the legislature as a line item in addition to the existing funding already in place.

Peter Berthold, the PennDot project manager has recommended that the state assume the responsibility for maintaining the access lanes after they are reconstructed. He feels that is likely to happen, but cannot guarantee it.

PennDot is planning to have an open plan display to inform the public of the proposed changes in April or May at the Langhorne Manor Borough meeting.

At present the project will be advertised in February 2015, if that occurs when scheduled, work will begin about 90 days later. This means Langhorne Manor Borough will need to maintain the access highway through at least one more winter.

Mrs. Silcox reported that a check had been received in the amount of \$3,070.00 in grant money for re-cycling,

Mr. Yourtee was absent.

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

**8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – Mr. Profy reported on Phoebe Richland's twenty three million dollar revenue and bond issue that had been approved by the Langhorne Manor Borough Higher Education and Health Authority and Mr. Profy will go before the County Commissioners on March 5, 2014 to get the County approval and closing would be by the end of March 2014.

Mr. Profy reported that there was going to be a presentation for the property owned by Linda Bradley on Bellevue Avenue. They are going to review their plans to see if there are any additional obligations that can be made.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE** –Cleaning service proposal was tabled till the April Council meeting and a copy is to go into each packet.

**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. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Hanisco 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 December 2013 and asked if anyone has any comments. Motion was made by Mr. Hanisco and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to accept the Treasurer's Report for December 2013 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Motion was made by Mr. Hanisco and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to approve the Treasurer's report for January 2014 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to approve the February 2014 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 17, 2014; at the present time there is no business for the agenda. Motion was made by Mrs. Silcox 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 Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mrs. Silcox to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday April 1, 2014 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Langhorne Manor Borough