

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF APRIL 1, 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, April 1, 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; William McTigue, President; Patricia Silcox; Steven Yourtee; Robert Byrne, Mayor; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer James Peet Zoning and Building Inspector; and Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor.

PERSON ABSENT -; Nicholas Pizzola; Edward Hanisco;

Mr. Pizzola and Mr. Hanisco entered the meeting at 8:03 P.M.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to approve the minutes of March 4, 2014 as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Mr. Yourtee abstained as he was absent at the March meeting.

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

Mayor Byrne referred to March 2014 Council meeting when he brought up about a pay raise for the police department. He stated that Langhorne Manor Borough is the lowest Paid police department. Our officers are earning \$15.52 per hour and he feels that a \$1.00 per hour increase would improve their morale at this time.

Ms. Gimpel inquired about when the Ford Explorer would be sold. Mayor Byrne stated that with this past winter he hadn’t had time to make the arrangements to sell it. He said that he would have to have the lettering removed before it could be sold.

After a discussion about the pay raise, Ms. Gimpel recommended that the Police Committee have a meeting with Chief Bumm to discuss the amount of a pay raise that the officers would want. Mr. McTigue stated that the Police Committee would meet with Chief Bumm.

4. INSPECTOR’S REPORT – Mr. Peet gave the Inspector’s report for the month of March, 2014.

5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS – Mrs. Lois Abbott (803 Hulmeville Avenue) stated that she was glad to see the website back on line again.

Mrs. Abbott asked if there is any kind of enforcement that could be done to the residents, that do not keep their dogs on a leash and could something be put in the newsletter. Mrs. Abbott was told that Langhorne Manor Borough has a leash ordinance and it would be added to the newsletter.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barnes had no report for the Planning Commission. Mrs. Barnes reported that she had attended the Bucks County Boroughs Association dinner meeting in New Hope on Monday March 30, 2014.

Mrs. Barnes also reported that she was asked by Mr. Pizzola to inquire as to any grant money that may be available for dirt, gravel and low volume road projects.

Ms. Gimpel referred to the damage that had been done to Mr. Yourtee's property from trees during the ice and snow storms. Mr. Yourtee explained how this problem occurred, he stated that someone had cut the limbs up and some had been hit by cars and also probably pushed on Mr. Yourtee's property by snowplows. He stated that the trees in this area are the responsibility of Langhorne Manor Borough.

Mayor Byrne stated that he had talked to Mr. Yourtee about this problem and also the two seventy to eighty foot tall pine trees on his property along the access road. Mayor Byrne said if the two pine trees were to come down they would fall out onto Route 1.

Mr. Pizzola is to contact Spencer Lawn Service to have them clean up the limbs on Mr. Yourtee's Property.

Mr. Yourtee stated that he had contacted Paist & Noe pertaining to the debris on his property; they told him that a letter had been sent to the Borough and Mrs. Luff stated that she had never received any correspondence from Paist & Noe on this matter.

Mr. Profy recommended that pictures be taken before it is cleaned up for insurance purposes.

Mr. Hanisco reported a light on pole #12 in front of 322 Hill Avenue had been repaired.

Mr. McTigue reported to a letter dated March 5, 2014 from Pickering Corts and Summerson where they had inspected fifteen of the Borough's outfalls the other three outfalls, two swales and an inlet from the West Interchange were inaccessible due to them being covered with snow. This was done in accordance with the Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination requirement of the NPDES Stormwater Permit No.PAG130044, year 11 Outfall Monitoring.

Mr. McTigue referred to a letter dated March 28, 2014 from Carroll Engineering Corporation pertaining to the Neshaminy Interceptor, 573 Planning Plan of Study requesting the deadline for the submission of the required plan of study be extended to April 30, 2014.

Mr. McTigue stated that a proposal had been received from Sparkle Professional Cleaning Corporation for cleaning of the Borough Hall, police department and the borough

office. Their rates are Borough Hall \$101.00, police department is two times at \$53.50 each time and \$47.50 for the borough office.

Mr. McTigue explained that to amend the job description as secretary for insurance purposes, and instead of paying Mrs. Luff separately for janitorial services, she would be paid for them as part of her duties as secretary. Mr. McTigue stated that quotes should be gotten to compare them with what Mrs. Luff has been charging.

Mr. McTigue recommended that council amend the job description, instead of paying Mrs. Luff separately as a contractor, she would be paid as an employee that way she is covered under the insurance. Mrs. Barnes agreed with Mr. McTigue

Mr. Yourtee feels that a professional service should be hired since all of the renovation work that had been done to the Borough Hall.

Mayor Byrne brought to the attention of Council that somebody has to be present when the cleaning is there.

After the discussion, Mrs. Luff stated that she did not want the cleaning job.

Mr. McTigue referred to a letter dated March 24, 2014 from Pickering Courts & Summerson pertaining to Sign Assessment or Management Program. Mr. McTigue stated that the Borough had already replaced the signs through out the Borough.

Mr. Pizzola reported that Hotham Paving and Sealcoating had repaired potholes on the access road in amount of \$900.00 on the north bound side from Hulmeville Avenue exit to Bellevue Avenue, plus four other pot holes on Highland Avenue.

Mrs. Silcox reported that she has the newsletter ready to be mailed to the residents.

Mr. Yourtee stated that the Liquid Fuel report is supposed to be done by January 31 in order to receive their allocation by April 1st. He wondered why someone from PennDot had to come here and help with the report.

Ms. Gimpel tried to explain to Mr. Yourtee that there had been trouble with the computer and she had worked on it all through Christmas into January to put the information together.

Mrs. Luff stated that she had spoken to the auditor from PennDot after she had completed the report as the report wasn't balancing and even after he finished reviewing the report, there was still a problem and he even made a phone call pertaining to the problem and he said that he would take the report with him and get back to me when they figured out the problem that was on their end.

Mr. Yourtee brought in debris in bags that he said had been thrown along the access road with a purple color, greasy, oily substances in them. He said that he had been picking the bags

up about four or five times in the past year or more. He doesn't know if they are dangerous or not.

Mr. Profy recommended that they call the State Police and the District Attorney's office to see if the County Crime Lab could run tests on the bags of debris that Mr. Yourtee brought in.

Mr. Yourtee reported that he had received a proposal from Winter's Best for lawn maintenance at 616 Hulmeville Avenue and 618 Hulmeville Avenue for nine payments of \$312.00, for a total of \$2,808.00

Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to accept Winter's Best proposal for a total of \$2808.00. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

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

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Profy referred to Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority Neshaminy Interceptor Study that shows no impact from Langhorne Manor Borough. There was no significant inflow or infiltration but, Langhorne Manor Borough will have to prepare a peak flow plan for the next five years.

Mr. Profy presented an agreement with Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority and he recommended that council sign the agreement.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to approve the Agreement with Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority as presented by Mr. Profy. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy reported that documents had been submitted to the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Project for the Borough's first payment.

Mr. Profy reported that Phoebe Richland Revenue Bond financing through The Langhorne Manor Borough Higher Education and Health Authority has been reduced from Twenty-Three Million (\$23,000,000) Dollars to Eighteen Million Four Hundred Ninety Thousand (\$18,490,000) dollars and their Closing will be held on April 9, 2014.

There was a discussion about the money owed to Besco Corporation for the renovation work done on the Borough hall and Borough Office. There are two outstanding payment requests, #8 and #9. After a discussion Mr. Profy recommended that Council approve payment #8 in the amount of \$5,756.40.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to pay Besco Corporation payment #8 in the amount of \$5,756.40. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

9. CORRESPONDENCE –Mrs. Luff read correspondence from Sparkle Car Wash informing the Borough that they increased the full car wash from \$6.50 to \$7.50. A letter had

been received from the Jesse W. Soby Post #148 of the American Legion inviting all Council members to ride in their Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 26, 2014. An invitation was read from the Bucks County Economic Development Corporation's for their 56th Annual reorganization meeting and dinner on Wednesday April 30, 2014 at Spring Mill Manor.

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. Added to the bill list was Besco Corporation in the amount of \$5,756.40 and Winter's Best in the amount of \$312.00. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola 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 March 2014 and asked if anyone has any comments. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2014 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. SECOND MEETING – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 15 2014; at the present time there is no business for the agenda. Motion was made by Mrs. Silcox and seconded by Mr. Pizzola 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 9:30 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday May 6, 2014 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough