

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF JUNE 3, 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, June 3, 2014 at 8:06 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; Nicholas Pizzola Patricia Silcox; Steven Yourtee; Robert Byrne, Mayor; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer James Peet Zoning and Building Inspector; Thomas Profy IV Solicitor and Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor.

PERSON ABSENT -

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to approve the minutes of May 6, 2014 as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

3. POLICE REPORT – Mayor Byrne gave the police report for April 2014. Chief Bumm did not leave a report for May 2014.

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

5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS –Mrs. Mary Dardzinski (201 W. Fairview Avenue) spoke about the general conditions and maintenance of properties in Langhorne Manor Borough. Mrs. Dardzinski had a list and pictures of properties and she would like some action taken against property owners.

Mrs. Bessie Satterthwaite (509 Station Avenue) addressed over hanging branches making it hard to walk in the walk areas. She asked if there are any rules about keeping gutters cleaned. Mrs. Satterthwaite also asked if there were any ordinances pertaining to automobiles that do not run. Mrs. Satterthwaite extended an invitation to the dedication of the new memorial garden at the Bucks County Free Library in Langhorne on Wednesday June 4, 2014.

Mr. James Lowery (308 Comly Avenue) also addressed the conditions and maintenance of properties in Langhorne Manor Borough. Mr. Lowery presented many pictures of different locations through out the Borough. He also referred to the condition of his neighbor’s pool which he feels is a health hazard. He would like Council to address this problem. He stated that he will continue to attend the Council meetings till their concerns are addressed.

Mr. Paul Beal (207 Fairview Avenue) also addressed the conditions and maintenance of properties in the Borough. He also referred to where residents are renting rooms in their houses. He also spoke about the property at 607 Prospect Ave where a new addition had been added and he believes that they are renting this out.

Mrs. Rita Beal (207 Fairview Avenue) spoke about her concerns of the condition and maintenance of Borough properties. She stated that there several properties for sale and they have had potential buyers tell them that they are not interested in buying because of the conditions of some of the properties. She stated that when Mr. Cote was here and also the two ladies who rode around the Borough, made it a point to call something that wasn't right to your attention whether you liked it or not. Mrs. Beal stated that she would be attending the Council meetings more often till these concerns are addressed.

Mrs. Felissa Dunn (103 W. Park Avenue) addressed the resident's property next to her that is full of trailers, trucks, and junk. Also people working for the resident are parking all over, when they go out on a job. People are in and out all day. She stated that she was under the impression that you could not run a business out of your home. She would like this problem looked into.

Mrs. Beal asked if there were any ordinances that pertain to their concerns. Mr. McTigue stated that there are ordinances but he could not state them from memory and he will refer their concerns to Mr. Peet the Building and Zoning Officer.

Mr. John Brodbeck (202 W. Park Avenue) referred to a shed at 204 W. Park Avenue. He stated that he sent Mr. Peet a formal complaint on the ordinance code about a shed installed by his neighbor that violates the height requirement of the shed that he installed and he is aware that Mr. Peet is investigating his concerns.

Mrs. Beth Bartnikowski (204 Central Avenue) spoke about the PennDot Route 1 improvement project and how this will impact Langhorne Manor Borough. She stated that as a Manor resident, she is opposed to his current plan.

She stated that her primary concerns are: the frontage roads merge on/off lanes are being removed the length of US 1 through Langhorne Manor Borough and Middletown Township. This will dramatically increase the number of vehicles having to use the frontage roads, having a direct impact on our neighborhoods.

Proposed improvements do not include any type of sound barrier.

Proposed construction detours are onto local residential roads.

The West Interchange Bridge is being replaced with a bridge that is narrower, with no sidewalks, endangering our children.

The increase cost of maintaining the local roads (including the frontage road) falls to the local municipality.

This project is slated to take approximately 2-3 years and most of the construction will take place at night having an impact on the residents living closest to the highway.

Mrs. Bartnikowski hopes that they can work together along with Representative Farry and Senator Tomlinson as to our concerns. Representative Farry is to meet with PennDot and Senator Tomlinson and she hopes that he will have some answers to her concerns. Mrs. Bartnikowski stated that the Route 1 Project had been on our web site and in the newspaper as some of the residents that were at the Council meeting were not aware of the Route 1 Project. She stated that Representative Farry is willing to host an open house pertaining to the Route 1 Project and is willing to handle the mailing to the residents informing them of the open house.

Mr. Lowery referred to the many accidents at the corner of Comly and Hulmeville Avenues. He asked if this area could be patrolled more by the police. Mayor Byrne replied that he will have an officer in that area more often.

Mr. Yourtee spoke about the demolition of the overpass between Highland and Gillam Avenues. This part of the project is being funded by the State and they are trying to get Federal funding also. He stated that this part of the project will take two years to complete.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barnes had no report for the Planning Commission.

Ms. Gimpel gave an up date on the Volunteer Insurance; she stated that it will only cover volunteers working on a specific project.

Mr. Hanisco reported that there were no street lights repaired.

Mr. McTigue reported that all Council members had received a copy of the NPDES Year 11 annual report and had anyone had any concerns or questions before he signed it. Council did not have any questions or remarks pertaining to the report.

Mr. Pizzola presented the 6/3/2014 Sign Reflectivity Assessment and Maintenance Program.

The purpose of the Federal Highway Administration Office of Safety Sign Retroreflectivity Program is to have U.S. municipalities establish a sign management program which is designed to maintain maximum sign retroreflectivity to enhance highway safety.

Current Requirements and Borough Plan of Compliance:

There is no compliance date for when specific signs need to be tested for retroreflectivity or upgraded as part of a sign replacement program. It is the intention of Langhorne Manor Borough to respond to public safety or borough officials, or residents who indicate a sign is difficult to see at night. Such request will be documented by the borough secretary. The Street Committee will replace the sign based on the resources available and priorities of the Borough.

When a borough sign is in need of replacement due to an accident, act of vandalism, or general weathering, the replacement sign will be required to meet the current retroreflectivity standards as promulgated in the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

When Borough signs are replaced, documentation of the location, date of the replacement, and retroreflectivity of the sign will be maintained by the Street Committee.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to approve the 6/3/2014 Sign Reflectivity Assessment and Maintenance Program as a policy. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Silcox reported that she had nothing on grants. She stated that she would look into the Borough ordinances, for enforcement of the residents concerns. If there are not any, then there will have one created if possible. Mrs. Silcox referred to the Route 1 Project, she stated that Borough Council will have to take a stand with PennDot on this project as they are going to be using our roads and are not giving Langhorne Manor Borough anything in return. Mrs. Silcox feels that this information has to get out to the residents.

Mrs. Mary Dick (107 W. Fairview Ave) asked if Council could enforce the three foot high hedge ordinance. She feels that residents do not know what they can or cannot do. She feels that residents should be informed about the ordinances. Mrs. Silcox stated that maybe some of the ordinances could be put in the newsletters.

Mr. Yourtee referred to the maintenance of the access lanes and what is the plan for cleaning of the gutters on them this year.

Mr. Pizzola stated that he had spoke with Mario Canales of Pickering Corts & Summerson and he said that street cleaning of the access lanes is not required at this time due to the Route 1 project.

Mr. Yourtee replied that that answer the NPDES report, but what he wants to know is how the Borough is going to handle the cleaning of the access lanes as they have not been cleaned for a couple of years due to debris in front of a couple of the residents properties.

Mr. Pizzola stated that he will bring this matter up before the Street Committee.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Byrne reported that he had an offer of \$6,000.00 from Peruzzi auto dealer for the purchase of the 2006 Ford Explorer. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Silcox for the sale of the 2006 Ford Explorer for \$6,000.00 to Peruzzi auto dealer. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Profy presented the Bucks County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to adopt Resolution #2014-001 the Bucks County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

9. CORRESPONDENCE –Mrs. Luff read a note from Sparkle Cleaning Service pertaining to marks on the floor by the table near the fireplace.

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 Mrs. Silcox and seconded by Mrs. Barnes 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 May 2014 and asked if anyone has any comments. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to table the Treasurer's Report for May 2014. No objections were presented. Motion carried...

11. SECOND MEETING – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 17, 2014; at the present time there is no business for the agenda. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mrs. Silcox 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 9:21 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough