

MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 2016

The meeting opened at 8:00 P.M. with Magisterial District Judge Daniel Baranoski swearing in of Borough Council Members, Sharon Gimpel, Nicholas Pizzola and Jay Ferraro for their four year terms.

1. CALL TO ORDER – The re-organization meeting of Langhorne Manor Borough was called to order in the Langhorne Manor Borough Hall, 618 Hulmeville Avenue, Langhorne, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday January 4, 2016 at 8:02 P.M. Eastern Time by Mayor Byrne.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Hanisco led us in the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

PERSONS PRESENT –William McTigue, President; Jay Ferraro Sharon Gimpel; Edward Hanisco; Nicholas Pizzola; Patricia Silcox; Robert Byrne, Mayor; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer; James Peet Zoning and Building Inspector; and Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor.

PERSON ABSENT - Maryann Barnes Vice President;

Mayor Byrne asked for nomination for Borough Council President. Mr. Pizzola nominated Mr. McTigue for Council President, Mrs. Silcox seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Mr. McTigue was elected Council President.

Mayor Byrne asked for nomination for second Vice President. Mr. McTigue nominated Mrs. Barnes, and Mr. Pizzola seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Mrs. Barnes was elected Council Vice President.

Mr. McTigue reviewed the Bank, Appointments, Commissions and authorities.

Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to retain The First National Bank and Trust Company of Newtown along with PA Invest Sewer Account. There were no objections presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Hanisco and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to re-appoint Chad Pindar to the Planning Commission, whose term will expire in 2020. No objection were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Hanisco and seconded by Mrs. Silcox to re-appoint Kevin Oessenich to the Zoning Hearing Board, whose term will expire in 2018. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to re-appoint Josephine Cloak to the Langhorne Manor Borough Higher Education and Health Authority, whose term will expire in 2020. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

There was no action required this year for the Shade Tree Commission.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to re-appoint Frank Farry, Fire Marshall, Loretta Luff, Secretary/Treasurer and Thomas Profy III Borough Solicitor for two year terms. No Objections were presented. Motion carried. Mr. Profy thanked Council for extending his contract which will be the same as 2015.

Mr. McTigue reported that a letter of resignation had been received from James Peet, the Building, Plumbing Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer effective December 31, 2015.

Mr. Peet recommended Building Inspectors, Underwriters (BIU). Mr. Profy recommended that Council get a proposal for all three positions that Mr. Peet held from BMI.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to get a proposal from Building Inspectors Underwrite and authorizing Mr. McTigue in the event of an emergency to engage the services of BMI. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to re-appoint Pickering Corts and Summerson as the Borough Engineer. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. McTigue stated that Winter's Best has done a good job with the grounds maintenance, but he would like to get a couple proposals so Council could compare the different costs. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to solicit proposals for outside custodian. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to re-appoint Loretta Luff, Custodian Borough Office, Custodian Borough Hall and Police Department, Sparkle Professional Cleaning Corp, and William McTigue Emergency Management. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Silcox to re-appoint John Gibbons to the Vacancy Board. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Silcox and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to re-appoint Beth Bartnikowski as Assistant Secretary. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Hanisco and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to re-appoint John Lisa as Liaison to Comcast Cablevision and Verizon Communication. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Committee Assignments:

Maryann Barnes will serve on the Planning Commission; Zoning Ordinance Review Committee; Zoning Code Coordinator; Budget Committee; Sub-Division & Land Development and Grant Coordinator Assistant

Jay Ferraro will serve as the Borough Grounds Coordinator; Outside Clean-up; Building Maintenance Preservation and Newsletter.

Sharon Gimpel will serve on Insurance Issues; Tax Collector Liaison; Assessment Liaison; Shade Tree Commission Liaison and Budget Committee.

Edward Hanisco will serve on the Street Light Committee; Safety Code Review; Plumbing Code Review, Special Projects Committee; and Newsletter Committee.

William McTigue will serve as the Emergency Management Coordinator; Refuse Collection; Recycling Program; Leaf Pick-up; Landfill Issues and Police Committee Chairman.

Nicholas Pizzola will serve on Penn Vest Finance; Chairman of the Budget Committee Ordinance Review other than Zoning; Sub Division; Land Division; will serve as Rescue Squad Liaison; Fire Department Liaison; Street Signs; Borough Streets and Snow Removal.

Patricia Silcox will serve on the Police Committee; Grant Application Coordinator and News Letter Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Mrs. Silcox and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to approve the minutes of December 1, 2016 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

3. POLICE REPORT – Mayor Byrne gave the police report for December 2016.

4. INSPECTOR'S REPORT – Mr. Peet gave the Inspector's report for the month of December, 2016.

5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS –

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barnes was absent

Mr. Ferraro had no report as this was his first meeting

Ms. Gimpel had no report.

Mr. Hanisco reported one street light out on Gillam Avenue at the overpass.

Mr. McTigue spoke about the Borough's electric rate proposal 2016 to 2018 thru the County. The supplier is Constellation Newenergy Inc. and he recommended that we continue with the County's supplier.

Mr. McTigue reported on a letter from Carroll Engineering's proposal for Wet Weather Inspections stating that in accordance with their letter dated October 19, 2015, they are pleased to submit this proposal for engineering services to perform the inspection of particular sanitary manholes and private connections located in the manhole LM-11 drainage area. This work will include tallying the result and preparing documents that can be sent to contractors in order to request quotations for repairs.

As mentioned in their October 19th letter, general wet weather inspections of junction manholes performed during a rain event on September 30, 2015 allowed the scope of the proposed inspection program to be reduced from the entire LM-11 drainage area to only key sections along Hill Avenue, North Ave, Station Avenue and Fairview Avenue. Their proposed scope for this work is generally described as Sanitary Manhole Inspections, Private Connection Inspections and at the completion of the inspections; they will summarize the results and present them to the Borough in a letter report. They propose to perform the above tasks for a not-to-exceed fee of \$20,000.00. Mr. McTigue stated that this would be tabled till the February Council meeting.

Mr. Pizzola reported that he had received a bill from Hotham Paving & Sealcoating and it is on the bill list to be paid this evening for work that had been done on the access road in the amount of \$111.20.

Mr. Pizzola stated that he would like the Borough Engineer to update their street survey for their proposal for road repairs.

Mr. Pizzola reported that work has to be done on the north bound lanes of the access roads. He will have the Street Committee discuss plans for the work that needs to be done.

Mr. Pizzola stated that he had spoken to PennDot about the contractor who left the debris on the island areas of Route 1, when they were finished in the fall and Langhorne Manor Borough would like the areas cleaned up.

Mr. Pizzola spoke about the surplus in the budget that was due to \$64,000.00 in transfer fees.

Mrs. Silcox reported that a check in the amount of \$3121.00 was received for 2014 recycling.

Mrs. Silcox spoke about the increase in the water rate proposed by Bucks County Water & Authority (BCW&SA) and she wondered why Langhorne Manor Boroughs' rate is higher than PennDel Boroughs' rate. Mr. Profy stated that he would check into it.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Byrne reported that he had spoken to Hulmeville Borough pertaining to obtaining money from them for a police car from their casino money that they receive. Mayor Byrne was told that they did not have any extra money for the coming year.

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Profy reported that Thomas Szczur from 1000 North Avenue is requesting a refund for the \$3,750.00 he had paid for a variance for a fence, that he did not need. Mr. Profy stated that he would discuss this with Mr. Szczur as to the amount that is due to him.

9. CORRESPONDENCE –Mrs. Luff read a letter from Langhorne Borough Business Association along with a check for \$ 183.96 for when Patrolman Dimeo helped them with their Harvest Day on October 31, 2015.

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 Bucks County Water & Sewer bill for the Borough-\$4876.50. Motion was made by Mr. Ferraro and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to pay the bills as presented and ammended. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Mr. McTigue stated that all Council members have received a copy of the Treasurer's report for December 2015 and asked if anyone has any comments. Motion was made by Mr. Hanisco and seconded by Mrs. Silcox to accept the Treasurer's Report for December 2015 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. SECOND MEETING – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 19, 2016; at the present time there is no business for the agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Hanisco 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 and seconded by to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday February 2, 2016 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough