

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2016**

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 5, 2016 at 8:02 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 –William McTigue, President; Maryann Barnes Vice President; Jay Ferraro; Sharon Gimpel; Edward Hanisco; Nicholas Pizzola; Patricia Silcox; Robert Byrne, Mayor; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer; and Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor.

PERSON ABSENT -

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

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

Officer Hotham spoke about the cost of repairing of the 2003 Ford police car; it will cost at least \$5,163.84 that not including the electrical and hinge problems. Officer Hotham also gave the report on the new police car that the police department would like to buy; the cost for the new car will be \$36,788.

4. INSPECTOR’S REPORT – Mrs. Luff gave the Inspector’s report for the month of March 2016.

5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS – There were no requests.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barnes had no report for the Planning Commission. Mrs. Barnes spoke about recovery houses and she thinks that we may need an ordinance pertaining to recovery houses in the Borough.

Mr. Ferraro presented three proposals for grounds maintenance. Spencer Landscaping-\$3,365.00, Winter's Best-\$2,850.00 and Alpine Gardens-\$2,615.00. Motion was made by Mr. Ferraro and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to accept Alpine Gardens proposal of \$2,615.00. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Ferraro contacted Tall Pines to prune the tree by the driveway near the police department. They presented a quote of \$700.00 to \$750.00.

Mr. Ferraro stated that the fee schedule for the building inspection code had been amended. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to adopt the amended 2016 fee schedule as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Ms. Gimpel reported that she had received the \$1,000.00 deductible for the damage that had been done to the guiderail on Gillam Avenue.

Ms. Gimpel reported another accident to the guiderail on Highland Avenue. We will not be able to have this area repaired until Middletown Township stabilizes their area. Ms. Gimpel will contact Middletown Township about their area of damaged guiderail.

Mr. Hanisco reported that he had received two proposals from Armour & Sons for the repair of the light at the corner of Hill and Central Avenues. The quotes were for a 12' street light with LED fixture--\$1,350.00 and 12' street light with 250W HPS cobra fixture--\$1,173.00. Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to accept the quote of \$1,350.00 to repair this light. Mrs. Silcox opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. McTigue reported that he had spoken with Scott Mitchell and Mr. Mitchell said that he would be meeting with Mrs. Luff to review the cable bills and the franchise agreements with Comcast and Verizon.

Mr. McTigue spoke to Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority (BCW&SA) about the rate increase and how they decided on what the increase would be. BCW&SA said that Philadelphia was increasing their rates to BCW&SA and that a lot of planning went into the process and the best BCW&SA could do was an increase of 50%.

Mr. McTigue had spoken with Mr. White from the Redevelopment Authority on extending the dead line for the funding of the police department's project. Mr. White stated that if the plans are in place before the dead line, there should be no problem.

Mr. McTigue met with Vaughn Collaborative and the plans he handed out this evening shows the placement of the new police department, separate from the administration building. Mr. McTigue spoke about the pros and cons of having the building attached or having it stand alone. We will be having a second meeting to discuss this information with Vaughn Collaborative.

Mr. McTigue spoke about a letter he had received from Ferraro Consulting who had been contacted by Chief Bumm on obtaining a grant for the police garage. Mr. Ferraro said that there is nothing in the RACP grant papers that would prevent him from obtaining grant money to construct the police garage as a separate project. He would like to have a meeting with Chief Bumm and Mr. McTigue.

Mr. McTigue spoke about the engineering service from Pickering Corts & Summerson pertaining to the cross pipe on Hill Avenue at Comly Avenue. The total cost to provide the professional engineering services is not to exceed \$10,300.00 and he feels that the quote is too high.

Mr. Pizzola stated that he also feels that the quote is too high. He would like to contact three contractors for quotes to replace the lateral and the money is to come out of the general fund.

Mr. Pizzola reported that Hotham Paving & Sealcoating had repaired some of the potholes.

Mr. Pizzola stated that due to the work that PennDot would be doing on Route 1, he recommends that no paving work be done on the access roads as PennDot would be using them.

Mr. Pizzola presented a proposal for part time on demand maintenance technical. Mr. Steve Schoell had been recommended by Langhorne Borough. He works full time for Middletown Township for twenty-three years and when needed for Langhorne Borough for the past two years. He would be working for \$16.00 an hour and we could rent Langhorne borough's truck for \$2.00 a mile. He would

be doing sign repairs, minor road and pothole repairs, minor sewer repair and sewer grate cleanout and general handyman maintenance.

Ms. Gimpel referred to the insurance information she had obtained pertaining to his hiring. After a discussion Ms. Gimpel asked Mr. Pizzola to get a description as to what Mr. Schoell does and what he would be doing.

Mrs. Silcox reported that she received information on rural development loan program that offered grants and loans for paving projects. She asked Council members if Langhorne Manor met the definition of a “rural” community.

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

8. SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Mr. Profy had no additional report

9. CORRESPONDENCE –Mrs. Luff read a letter from Bucks County tour Of Honor pertaining to the trip to Washington DC, to be held on September 26, 2016 honoring our World War II and Korean Veterans.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to donate \$200.00 to Bucks County Tour Of Honor. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Luff read an invitation from Jesse W. Soby Post #148 American Legion inviting the council members to their Memorial Day program and to ride in the parade on May 30, 2016.

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. Barnes 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 March 2016 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 March 2016 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. SECOND MEETING – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 19, 2016.

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12. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. McTigue entertained a motion to adjourn this meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Ferraro and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday April 19, 2016 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough