

MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2017

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, February 7, 2017 at 8:03 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; Jay Ferraro; Sharon Gimpel; Edward Hanisco; William McTigue, President Nicholas Pizzola;; Dawn Seader; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer Robert Byrne Mayor ,and Thomas J. Profy III; Solicitor.

PERSON ABSENT -

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Mr. Ferraro and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to approve the minutes of January 3, 2017 as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Ms. Gimpel abstained as she was not at the January meeting.

3. POLICE REPORT – Mayor Byrne gave the police report for January 2017.

Mayor Byrne reported that the police department had received a thank-you card from the 4 Lanes Garden Club thanking them for their help with the traffic during the Christmas Open House Tour in November.

Mayor reported that both police cars have Narcan in them.

4. INSPECTOR’S REPORT – Mrs. Luff gave the Inspector’s report for the month of January, 2017.

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

Warren Buonanno from Vaughn Collaborative discussed the seven bids that had been received for the new police facility. He stated that they were higher than they had expected.

Mr. Buonanno spoke about new plans for the police facility and that Council had received an extension to February 28, 2018 to use the balance of the \$500,000 grant that the Borough had received. Mr. Buonanno read a letter from Chip Vaughn explaining why there was a difference in their figures compared to the seven bids that had been received.

Motion was made by Mr. Ferraro and seconded by Mrs. Seader to reject the seven bids that had been received for the new police facility. There were no objections presented. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Ferraro reported that he would be soliciting bids for 2017 lawn care for the Borough Hall and Borough Office areas.

Mr. Ferraro spoke about getting an alarm system for the Borough Office; He stated that he would have more information for the March Council meeting. .

Ms. Gimpel stated that she does not need a password to work with the Borough Auditors on the DCED reports. Ms. Gimpel stated that the 2015 DCED report was completed and the Borough Auditors would be starting 2016 DCED report next month.

Ms. Gimpel stated that all bank accounts at First National bank And Trust Company are already on line and the only thing they are looking to do is to be able to transfer funds into the different accounts for example from savings into payroll. This will stop Mrs. Luff from writing a check and getting it signed and going to the bank to transfer the funds from one account and depositing it into another account. She will be able to do this on line.

Motion was made by Mrs. Seader and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to allow internal transfer of funds at the First National Bank and Trust Company of Newtown. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Ms. Gimpel reported that some residents have chickens on their property and she wanted to know if this is allowed in Langhorne Manor Borough.

Ms. Gimpel stated that the sewer rates need to be reviewed and increased and she would be looking into this.

Mr. Hanisco reported three lights had been repaired-Hill and Comly Avenues, Comly and North Avenues and Station and Comly Avenues.

Mr. McTigue reported that Carroll Engineering had not requested a rate increase since 2008 and they proposed a rate increase of 3% for 2017. Motion was made by Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to approve a rate increase of 3% for Carroll Engineering for 2017. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. McTigue stated that a letter had been received from Carroll Engineering pertaining to year 2016 manhole and cleanout inspection program. It was reported that they completed the authorized inspection of manholes and cleanouts in the areas tributary to Manhole LM-13 (Hill Avenue), LM-14 (North Avenue) and LM-15 (Station Avenue). A total of 56 manholes were inspected.

Carroll Engineering summarized the defects into categories for sharing with a Contractor. BCW&SA has a current contract with Tri-State Grouting to complete manhole repairs over the next year and may allow the Borough to “piggy back” onto this Contract and use the same contractor to complete this work. Based on the current Contract unit prices, they estimate the

cost of repairs to be approximately \$28,000. Engineering inspections and administrative costs are estimated to be \$5,500.

Mr. Pizzola reported that \$3,300 has been spent on snow removal so far this year.

Mr. Pizzola wants to slow down with the road repair project till the police facility is completed as Council will be borrowing from the sewer fund for this project.

Mrs. Seader reported that she will be getting information that she needs for the re-cycling grant application that she is working on.

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

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Profy reported that the new police facility information had been discussed.

Mr. Profy reported that there is a Zoning Hearing Board meeting scheduled for March 1, 2017 for Dr. and Mrs. Rivera's request for re-zoning of their property.

Mr. Profy reported that Cairn University's property at 705 South Bellevue Avenue had been leased to John Jays Institution and they are using the property for residential and offices. Mr. Profy stated that our Zoning Officer Mr. Pluguez should schedule an inspection of the property.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – There was no correspondence

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. Ferraro 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 January 2017 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 January 2017 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. SECOND MEETING – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 21, 2017; at the present time there is no business for the agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Ferraro 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 Mr. Ferraro and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday March 7, 2017 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough