

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF MARCH 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, March 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; William McTigue, President; Nicholas Pizzola; Dawn Seader; Robert Byrne Mayor; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer and Thomas J. Profy III;

PERSON ABSENT - Edward Hanisco;

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –Motion was made by Mr. Ferraro and seconded by Mrs. Barnes as amended

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

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

5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS –Mr. Mario Canales from Pickering Corts & Summerson gave an update about the MS4 Stormwater program. The fourth year of the reporting cycle ends March 15, 2017.

Federal regulations require that the Borough have a storm water permit from the Department of Environmental Protection that regulates storm water discharges from our Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, hence the MS4 designation. The permit requires implementation of six minimum control measures and numerous best management practices under each of those minimum control measures. The program’s goal is to reduce pollution to the streams and waterways. In addition to other requirements the program requires public education, participation and the prevention of illicit discharges. There is information concerning various Stormwater topics that are available in the Borough Hall and the Administration Building as well as on the Borough website.

Mr. Canales explained to all the importance of controlling and/or notifying the Borough, or calling numbers for environmental agencies found on the Borough website, of illicit discharges. In addition, he reminded the public not to rake leaves and yard waste into storm water outlets, to use pesticides and fertilizers judiciously so not to pollute the waterways, and encourage residents to be aware at all time of the importance of keeping the waters in the community safe. 17 of the 18 Borough outfalls were inspected this year and no illicit discharges were found.

Mr. Canales also briefly updated Council on the upcoming 2018 MS4 renewal permit.

Mr. Chip Vaughan from Vaughan Collaborative reviewed the plans for the new police facility and explained where there could be a savings of \$58,992.33. They figured \$48,157.00 in construction costs, 20% in general conditions-\$9,631.40 and 2.5%-Bond and insurances-\$1,203.93.

Mr. Profy stated that Council has to decide if they want to assume the \$77,000.00 needed for the project.

Mr. Ferraro stated that he has one or two modular building companies that might be interested and they will be coming out to inspect the area where the police facility is to be constructed. They are general contractors that do modular housing so they would take care of the entire project. He expects to hear back from them this week. Mr. Ferraro recommended to Mr. Vaughn that he does not at this time; remove any items from the plans till information is received from the modular manufacturers.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barnes had no report for the Planning Commission. Mrs. Barnes referred to a pot hole that had been repaired in front of her house.

Mr. McTigue thanked Mr. Ferraro for all of the time and work that he had done on the new police facility for this evenings meeting.

Mr. Jay Ferraro-reported that he had postponed the requests for proposals for lawn care because there were a couple of other interested parties, so he gave them time to get their information to him.

Mr. Ferraro asked for approval for Green Up Turf Care for 2017 in the amount of \$1,127.00, if approved we get a 10% discount of \$112.64 for a total of \$1014.36. Motion was made by Mr. Ferraro and seconded by Mrs. Seader to approve Green Up Turf Care in the amount of \$1,014.36 for 2017. There were no objections presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Ferraro spoke about the silt fence where the new house at the corner of Hill and Central Avenues is being built has fallen down and mud and soil is leaking out onto the roads every time it rains.

Mr. Profy stated that Mr. Ferraro should contact the Soil Conservancy Service and they will come out and address his concerns. Mr. Ferraro is also to contact our Building Inspector Chalie Pluguez about his concerns.

Ms. Gimpel-reported that the DCED report had been filed. Ms. Gimpel reported that she had started working on the Borough sewer rates as Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority had raised their rates.

Mr. Hanisco was absent; Mrs. Luff gave the year-end report from Armour & Sons, there were thirteen calls for repairs and the blinking light had been inspected and repaired.

Mr. McTigue reported on Carroll Engineering report in the 2016 Manhole and Cleanout Inspection Program. The report explained the results of the inspections of manholes and cleanouts in the areas tributary to Manhole LM-13 (Hill Avenue), LM-14 (North Avenue), and LM-15 (Station Avenue). There were 56 manholes inspected in the target areas of this inspection program, there was just one (Manhole No. 111) that had no defects. The other 55 manholes had at least one defect. Please note that these manholes having defects could be ranked in order of priority, so as to reduce the number of repairs but still maximize the amount of I&I that could potentially be removed from the system.

A breakdown of engineering cost including hours for field work and administration; are Field Inspection Services-\$2,000.00, Contract Administration-\$1,900.00 and Contingency-\$390.00 for a total \$4,290.00. Preparation of Request for Proposal is already included in the current budget.

Mr. McTigue-reported that Carroll Engineering submitted the answers that Kelly Boettlin, Sewage Planning Specialist II, PA Department of Environmental Protection had requested for the Langhorne Manor Borough Act 537 Plan. The Department Environmental Protection (DEP) review letter was dated June 14, 2016.

Mr. Pizzola reported. That Steve Schoell had works three hours in February 2017.

Mr. Pizzola reported that he had spoken to Middletown Township about piggy backing with them for the roads that Langhorne Manor Borough will be having paved.

Mr. Pizzola is to contact Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority as to where they will be replacing water lines in Langhorne Manor Borough and to see if any of the streets that are to be paved are on their list.

Mrs. Seader reported that she had submitted the recycling grant application; she stated that the Borough total tonnage was down for that year.

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

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Profy stated that Mr. Vaughn had reported on the Phase II RACP project.

Mr. Profy reported that Langhorne Manor Borough Zoning Hearing Board had met March 1, 2017 and granted Dr. and Mrs. Rivers (304 West Fairview Avenue) their request for sub-division of their lot at the corner of Fairview and Hill Avenues.

Mr. Profy reported the Langhorne Manor Borough's Building Inspector did an inspection at 705 Bellevue Avenue (Cairn University) and reported that it is a combination dormitory and

learning center for graduate students, Mr. Pluguez stated that they did make all of the improvements necessary to comply with that type of facilities. Mr. Profy is looking into the sewer question Ms. Gimpel had asked.

Mr. Profy will be checking on the Animal control Ordinance to see if residents are allowed to have chickens on their 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 Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Pizzola 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 February 2017 and asked if anyone has any comments. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to accept the Treasurer’s Report for February 2017 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. SECOND MEETING – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 21, 2017.

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 March 21, 2017 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough