

MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF JUNE 6, 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, June 6, 2017 at 8:00 P.M. Eastern Time by William McTigue, President.

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

PERSONS PRESENT – Maryann Barnes Vice President; Jay Ferraro; Sharon Gimpel; Edward Hanisco; William McTigue, President; Dawn Seader; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer and Thomas J. Profy III; Solicitor.

PERSON ABSENT -Nicholas Pizzola; Robert Byrne Mayor;

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –Motion was made by Mr. Ferraro and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to approve the minutes of May 2, 2017 as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Seader and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to approve the minutes of May 23, 2017 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Mrs. Barnes abstained as she was not at the May 23, 2017 meeting.

3. POLICE REPORT – Officer Hotham gave the police report for the month of May 2017.

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

5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS –Alicia Gasparovic (406 Station Avenue) thanked the Council for agreeing to take up the issue of independent citizens redistricting. She had brought neighbors who also support this initiative. As this is a growing concern of citizens in PA. Democracy works best when it is transparent and all votes count, but right now as a result of gerrymandering in PA, politicians are picking their voters instead of voters picking their politicians Independent redistricting reform is essential to stop gerrymandering, and time is of essence to get this reform completed and the PA constitution amended before the 2020 census.

Here is what the resolution says, in essence: Citizens of Langhorne Manor Borough deserves fair drawing of district lines, but current gerrymandering to favor one party over the other impedes governing. The creation of an independent citizens redistricting commission will help to end gerrymandering, and recent legislation introduced in Harrisburg to amend the PA constitution will do just that. Langhorne Manor Borough supports efforts to end gerrymandering through the use of an independent citizens redistricting commission, and call on state legislators to publicly support such legislation.

Otto Grupp (108 West Gillam Avenue) spoke about having his property sub-divided. Mr. Grupp is requesting a total of five variances. Mr. Profy asked Council what their position was for Mr. Grupp's request for going before the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Ferraro for Council to take a neutral position on Mr. Grupp's request. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Grupp stated that he would proceed with the Zoning Hearing Board

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barnes had no report for the Planning Commission. Mrs. Barnes stated that Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority has been checking houses within Langhorne manor Borough for copper or lead water pipes.

Mr. Jay Ferraro had no report.

Ms. Gimpel reported that the DCED report for 2016 had been accepted.

Ms. Gimpel reported that the insurance renewal premiums are lower for 2017-18. There will be an increase in the Worker's Compensation premium, because we have maintenance employee for the coming year.

Mr. Pizzola entered the meeting at 8:17 P.M.

Ms. Gimpel stated that she had inquired about the new police facility and there is a small amount of builders risk in our insurance policy, and it will be applied to our insurance when the new police facility is completed and she needs specifications for the new police facility and a copy of blue prints for the insurance company. Premium amounts are \$13,576.00 from general fund and \$4,253.00 from sewer account.

Ms. Gimpel reported that 1st National Bank and Trust Company of Newtown will finance the new police facility for \$100,000.00. Ms. Gimpel stated that she had also spoke to Tom Wheeler, President of Hulmeville Borough Council about helping with funding for the new police facility, Mr. Wheeler stated that the RDA grant has to go before the Legislator before they would know the amount of funding that would be available. Mr. Wheeler stated that he would speak to Hulmeville Borough Council about our request. Ms. Gimpel would like to be able to provide Mr. Wheeler with the additional information pertaining to the new police facility.

Mr. Profy stated that Langhorne Manor Borough should establish a line of credit with a prepayment provision without a penalty if we acquire additional funds.

Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to give Ms. Gimpel authorization to pass information to the 1st National Bank and Trust Company of Newtown and Hulmeville Borough Council pertaining to funding of the new police facility. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to Pay Paist & Noe the insurance premium in the amount of \$17,823.00. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Hanisco had no report.

Mr. McTigue spoke about independent redistricting (Gerrymandering). Mrs. Barnes stated that this does not pertain to Langhorne Manor Borough and she is concern about changing the constitution. After a discussion, motion was made by Mrs. Seader and seconded by Ms. Gimpel to adopt a resolution in support of a Citizens Commission for Legislative and Congressional Redistricting. Motion carried 4 in favor and 3 opposed.

Mr. Pizzola presented three bids to install sewer line at Station and Comly Avenue and to replace sewer line under Comly Avenue at Station Avenue, the three bids were Pinciotti Construction--\$16,446, J. H. Shanahan, Inc.--\$17,380.00 and Bucks county Water & Sewer Authority--\$33,600.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to accept Pinciotti Construction bid of \$16,446.00 plus \$125.00 subject that the paving meets PennDot's specifications. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Pizzola stated that the meeting for June 28, 2017 is for information only on road maintenance.

Mrs. Seader had no report.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Byrne was absent.

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Profy stated that Ordinance NO. 2017-002 fixing the new sewer rates had been duly advertised. Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mr. Ferraro to adopt Ordinance NO. 2017-002 fixing the new sewer rates. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy reported that the contract for the new police facility has been distributed to the lowest bidder Vaughn Buckley Contractors.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – There was no correspondence.

Mrs. Luff brought up about the copier that needs replacing as it is jamming repeatedly. She was told to call Associated Imaging Solutions and get a quote for a new copier.

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. Hanisco 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 2017 and asked if anyone has any comments. Motion was made by Mrs. Seader and seconded by Mr. Ferraro to accept the Treasurer's Report for May 2017 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. SECOND MEETING – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 20, 2017; at the present time there is no business for the agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Ferraro and seconded by Ms. Gimpel 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 8:48 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday July 11, 2017 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough