

**MINUTES**  
**LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF April 7 2015**

**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 7, 2015 at 8: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** –Sharon Gimpel; Edward Hanisco; William McTigue, President; Nicholas Pizzola Patricia Silcox; Steven Yourtee; Robert Byrne, Mayor; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer James Peet Zoning and Building Inspector; Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor; and Thomas Profy IV Solicitor.

**PERSON ABSENT** - Maryann Barnes Vice President;

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to approve the minutes of March 12, 2015 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Mrs. Silcox abstained as she was not at the meeting.

**3. POLICE REPORT** – Mayor Byrne gave the police report for February and March 2015.

Mayor Byrne stated that he had received from the State Police the accident report on the guard rail that had been damaged on Gillam Avenue at the base of the overpass.

**4. INSPECTOR’S REPORT** – Mr. Peet gave the Inspector’s report for the month of March, 2015.

Mrs. Barnes entered the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

**5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS** – Christian Brodbeck (202 Park Avenue) stated that he had attained the rank of Eagle Scout and he wanted to thank the Borough Council for their assistance for his Eagle Scout Project of monitoring all of the fire hydrants and banding them according to their pressure. Chris reported that he was able to donate \$1100.00 to Langhorne Middletown Fire Company from the money that he had raised for the funding of his project. Chris stated that his Court of Honor will be May 30, 2015 at the Langhorne Presbyterian Church.

Mr. John Swenson from Carroll Engineering Corporation spoke about Council’s Concerns about the peak flow limits propose in the subject agreement with Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority (BCW&SA). They are not comfortable with increasing the Boroughs peak flow agreement limit since it would exceed the limit based on their agreement with the City of Philadelphia. This peak limit has been applied, without modification, to all other Neshaminy Interceptor Wholesale Customers.

Mr. Swenson compiled a chart showing several of the Borough dry weather events in 2006, and BCW&SA intends to check peak hourly flows. Mr. Swenson's chart showed the Borough's peak hourly flows in dry weather have not been an issue, on wet weather events of approximately 2 inches, peak flow limits have been equaled or exceeded the limits. There is still a repair in the sewer system left from 2011 inspections that when completed could reduce this peak to some extent. Since BCW&SA has not been able to schedule this work Carroll Engineering will solicit proposals from three (3) contractors to complete this work. It was also suggested that Manhole and Cleanout re-inspections be completed for the Neshaminy Interceptor Service Area of the Borough. This will complete the requirements for a Comprehensive Sewer System Evaluation required in the 537 Planning Update as well as identify likely causes of excess peak flows. During these inspections, they would look for evidence of sump pumps flows, cleanout defects or manhole leaks. They would like to begin manhole and cleanout inspections immediately so it can be completed before the October 1, 2015 deadline, the cost is estimated to be \$57,000.

BCW&SA suggested that the pump station be equipped with a variable speed drive. This would change the operation of the station from a full/off operation to a gradual increase and decrease of flows depending on wet well levels. Unless adversely affected by wet weather inflow, this would reduce the duration of peak flows at the pump station which we believe to be the cause of the high peak hour flows observed at the BCW&SA meter. Mr. Swenson will evaluate the feasibility of this modification and report back to Council on their findings including a cost, to make such modifications.

Mr. Swenson recommended two (2) meters to be installed for two (2) months to monitor the peak and daily flows, cost will be about \$12,000 for two (2) months and this could save the Borough about \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mrs. Silcox to authorize the installation of two (2) meters at a cost of \$12,000 for two (2) months. No objections were presented. Motion carried

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Mrs. Barnes had no report for the Planning Commission. Mrs. Barnes reported that she had contacted Mrs. Bartnikowski to have the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Langhorne Manor Borough on the web site and she contacted the Langhorne Ledger who is coming out to do an article on the Borough's anniversary. Mrs. Barnes is looking for volunteers to help with the anniversary celebration.

Ms. Gimpel reported that she is looking into the accident report pertaining to the guard rail that was damage on Gillam Avenue; she stated that she would have both the one on Highland Avenue and Gillam Avenue repaired at the same time. She will get a quote for the Gillam Avenue accident.

Mr. Hanisco reported on The Regional Street Lighting Procurement Program (RLSPP) that assembles the resources needed to design, procure, and finance the transition to LED street lighting tailored to each municipality's specific needs. The program will pool the buying power of participating municipalities, which means that the streetlights will be procured at a price

below that which would be available to any one municipality. Further, the pooling of projects enables the RSLPP to leverage low-interest energy -efficiency financing from the Pennsylvania Sustainable Energy Finance (PennSEF) program

Mr. McTigue stated that FEMA stated that the revisions to the Borough of Langhorne Manor's Floodplain Management Ordinance, as amended on January 6, 2015, brought the Ordinance into compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) as required for Bucks County's updated Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) released on March 16, 2015. And our efforts toward reducing future flood losses in the Borough of Langhorne Manor are commendable.

Mr. McTigue reported that Mr. Profy, Vaughn Collaborative and Himself had met with Besco Corporation about the unfinished items from the Borough Hall project. Besco Corporation is not willing to pay the extra electric charge of \$159.00 and the \$400.00 to \$500.00 in repairs to the black top by the garage area. Besco Corporation is willing to drop all interest charges and is also willing to repair the paint problem with the bleeding knots on all of the walls in the Borough Hall.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to draft an agreement to reflect that Besco Corporation is not willing to pay \$159.00 additional electric charge and the \$400.00 to \$500.00 in repairs to the black top in the garage area. Besco Corporation is willing to fix the paint problem with the bleeding knots on the all of the walls of the Borough Hall and drop all interest charges. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Pizzola reported that Hotham Paving and Sealcoating had finished the paving project on the access road. There was an additional \$300.00 expense for extra tar that was needed. This would bring the total cost for the project to \$5,100.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Hanisco and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to approve the additional \$300.00 for the paving project. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Silcox had no report on grants. Mrs. Silcox gave out copies of the newsletter and asked the Council members for their input.

Mr. Yourtee had no report.

**7. MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Byrne stated that he had been discussing with the Mayors of Penndel Borough and Langhorne Borough about sharing coverage with our police departments.

**8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – Mr. Profy had no report.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE** –Mrs. Luff read an invitation from Jesse W. Soby American Legion Post inviting Council to participate in their Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 25, 2015. She read an invitation from Bucks County Economic Development Corporation inviting Council to the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Reorganization Meeting and Dinner on April 29<sup>th</sup> 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 was Jesse W. Soby American Legion Post \$200.00. Motion was made by Mr. Hanisco and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to pay the bills as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Mr. McTigue stated that all Council members have received a copy of the Treasurer's report for March 2015 and asked if anyone has any comments. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2015 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**11. SECOND MEETING** – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 21, 2015; at the present time there is no business for the agenda. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes 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 Mrs. Silcox and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday May 5, 2015 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Langhorne Manor Borough