

MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER – The Meeting of Langhorne Manor Borough Council was called to order in the Langhorne Manor Borough Hall, 618 Hulmeville Avenue, Langhorne, Pennsylvania on August 9, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. Daylight Saving Time by Dawn Seader, President.

PERSONS PRESENT – Dawn Seader-President, Police Chief John Kenney, Councilpersons: Grace Judge, James Niwinski, Alicia Gasparovic, Robert McBeth and Cheryl Oessenich, Thomas J. Profy, IV-Solicitor, Jay Ferraro-Borough Manager, Bonnie McGoldrick-Secretary/Treasurer.

PERSONS ABSENT - Robert Byrne-Mayor, Nicholas Pizzola-Vice-President,

2. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Councilperson Alicia Gasparovic.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The Council President asked if there were any questions, concerns, corrections, or comments on the Minutes of July 12, 2022 . Council President called for a motion to approve the minutes of July 12, 2022. Ms. Judge made the motion as called for. Ms. Oessenich seconded. There were no objections. Mr. Niwinski abstained. The motion carried.

4. RESIDENT COMMENT – There were no request forms submitted for resident comments.

5. POLICE REPORT - Chief Kenney reported 237.5 hours this month

Abandon 911 Call - 1
Assist Other Police – 6
Disturbance - 1
Fraud – 1
Local Ordinance – 1
Lost or Found Property – 1
Suspicious Person – 1
All Other Complaints – 3
Traffic Citations – 6
Traffic Stops – 10
Non-Traffic Citations – 0
Criminal Arrest - 1
Total Citations – 6
Total Complaints – 16
Total Gas – 102.2 Gal
Total Mileage – 674
Car Washed – 3

Chief Kenney presented a breakdown on the speed signs. 15,990 cars were clocked on West Fairview and Station Avenues, the average speed was 40.1 mph, only 28 cars were clocked more than 15 miles over the speed limit. The perception is that many cars are speeding but the data doesn't support that and once the Hulmeville Avenue Bridge opens the traffic will be rerouted.

Chief Kenney stated the Local Ordinance violation was an unattended fire. The disturbance threat was for an ordinance violation.

Ms. Gasparovic reported resident comments that Quads were sighted in the woods; the Chief advised they were reported to Middletown Township. He and the Middletown Chief are talking to improve management.

Mr. Niwinski asked if the police presence on Station Ave is deterring traffic violations, the Chief stated that they issued 21 violations at that location and felt it was effective.

Resident Christopher Croteau, 608 Station Avenue stated he had a confrontation with a speeding driver and had concerns for neighborhood safety, he asked if the speed signs would be moved around the Manor to which the Chief agreed that was his intention, and he plans to move the speed signs every 3-6 months Mr. Croteau also asked if LMB had Tag Readers, to which Chief Kenney advised that we do not.

6. APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE REVISION – RVE, the Stormwater Management Engineer, notified the Council that the DEP requires the addition of Article 1, Section 111 to the Stormwater Management Ordinance and Section 112, Waivers. Council President Seader read the revisions to the Stormwater Management Ordinance. The changes will be posted on the Langhorne Manor web site. Ms. Seader called for a motion to approve the advertisement of the resolution with the changes. Mr. Niwinski made a motion as stated. Mr. McBeth seconded. There were no objections. Motion carried.

7. GARAGE RFP – President Seader asked the Borough Manager to discuss the status of the Garage RFP. Mr. Ferraro advised that only one contractor attended the mandatory pre-bid conference on July 21, 2022 but later withdrew. There were several publications that advertised the project but no one complied with the mandatory bid conference. There will have to be an extension to the funding source so that we can avoid winter conflicts. Ms. Seader advised the RFP can be extended for 3 months but that is not long enough and a longer extension has been requested. If the extension is not approved we will have to reapply. The Garage RFP needs to be re-advertised when RDA approves a grant extension. Ms. Seader called for a motion to approve the readvertisement of the Garage RFP contingent on the grant extension approval. Ms. Gasparovic made a motion as stated. Mr. Niwinski seconded. There were no objections. Motion carried.

8. SALE OF BCWSA SEWER SYSTEM – President Seader attended a meeting with BCWSA and the municipalities on July 28; it was reported that an offer had been made on the sale of BCWSA to Aqua. There is no talk of LMB selling their sewer system to Aqua but we would have to negotiate our contract with Aqua rather than the BCWSA. Some municipalities have adopted resolutions urging the County not to sell to Aqua. LMB owns their mains, the homeowner is responsible for the laterals. Aqua has the capacity to upgrade the mains but LMB

does not have that need as our mains were replaced in the 90's. The purchase price will pay-off debts from BCWSA and the balance will go to the County. The following questions are unanswered: Since we own our sewer system, will we still pay higher rates to help cover the cost of upgrades in other municipalities? If Aqua will assume the cost of laterals, will that benefit LMB residents? Does our uniqueness present negotiable differences from other municipalities? What, if any, are our options if the sale is made? The Council will invite someone from Aqua to meet and discuss our specific situation and Ms. Seader will reach out to BCWSA for a contact name.

9. INSPECTOR'S REPORT – The Secretary/Treasurer read the Building Inspectors reports for June and July. In June 2022, there were 4 Final Inspections, 1 U&O Inspection and 4 Permits Issued. In July, there were 4 Final Inspections, 3 Rough Inspections, 3 U&O Inspections and 7 Permits Issued.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Robert McBeth – Mr. McBeth reported the Zoning Ordinance Working Group (ZOWG) reviewed subsections of Article IX and all of the Articles X, XI, and XII, in July. Moving forward the group will organize proposed changes to the current Zoning Ordinance for presentation to Council. The Manor's Comprehensive Plan updated 2006 is under review to ascertain if elements of this plan correspond to the Zoning Ordinance. The ZOWG plans to review the sub-ordinances during the fall months of 2022.

Grace Judge – No Report

Nicholas Pizzola – No Report

Dawn Seader – Ms. Seader reported that PennDOT has offered to hold a virtual meeting regarding the Route 1 Reconstruction project. They have not responded to the request for a live public meeting, as yet.

The Hulmeville Avenue Bridge Dedication will take place on August, 19th. Mayor Byrne will represent Langhorne Manor Borough and will speak at the dedication. The Bridge **will reopen** that day.

Ms. Seader stated that she added the language in the Stop Work Order SOP that allows our Inspector and Borough Manager to identify unpermitted work that may be taking place. Our Inspector has been sworn in to allow him to issue citations based on unpermitted work. The SOP will be posted and any changes can be addressed in a work session.

Ms. Seader asked Mr. Ferraro to contact General Asphalt to move on any issues with road paving. If anyone knows of any locations that need repaving, please make Mr. Ferraro aware of any additional fails in the road. Street Sweeping and Storm drains (which are PennDOT responsibility) still need to be addressed. **Also, crosswalks need to be addressed.**

Ms. Seader reported that new rounds for RDA grants are due September 30th.

Cheryl Oessenich – Ms. Oessenich reported that a Household Hazardous Waste Collection will take place at Bensalem High School on Saturday, August 13 from 8:30 – 2:00. Their address is 4319 Hulmeville Rd., Bensalem. And another in Richland in September.

The second Bulk Trash pick-up for Langhorne Manor Borough is October 22, 2022. No hazardous material or electronics are allowed.

Dominick Fulginiti is working on setting up a system whereby LMB residents can receive and be billed directly by Republic Trash Service for trash cans.

Ms. Oessenich attended the public meeting regarding the possible sale of the Bucks County Sewer Authority to Aqua.

Alicia Gasparovic - Several residents complained that they did not receive prior notification that Langhorne Manor would be sprayed for mosquitos. In the future, Ms. Gasparovic would like to see a notice posted on the website and/or a text message advising the residents in advance.

Ms. Gasparovic attended the Zoom training for the online system controls for our new LED lighting along with Ms. Oessenich and Mr. Niwinski.

Langhorne Manor Borough should receive a \$168 refund from the Glatfelter package policy renewal, the police equipment (laptops, body cams) resulted in a lower premium than expected.

The Workers Comp Insurance audit was completed with the help of Bonnie, Dawn and Ellyn Schoen.

The next meeting of the Stormwater Commission (SWC) is August 22, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. At the last meeting Isaac Kessler and Michael DeAngelis from RVE came and presented. Since the Comly Avenue Basin will not give us enough MS4 credits alone, we are looking at some swale reconfigurations. Focus is on the grassy swales, not the rock-lined swales that lend character to the neighborhood. We are also trying to avoid interfering with existing trees that might be in the way. RVE is tasked with delivering a “menu” of options before the next SWC meeting allowing the SWC to make recommendation for Council to consider at the September Council meeting, which RVE will attend.

Ms. Gasparovic is working with RVE on reporting expenditures for reimbursement from the Growing Greener Grant, received for the Comly Avenue Basin Project. The first report will be at the end of August.

Ms. Gasparovic reminded the Council that we have no Shade Tree Commission (STC), we need a plan to advertise for members.

James Niwinski – A training session was held with Mike Fuller (Ms. Gasparovic and Ms. Oessenich were also in attendance). We are waiting on Verizon and Mike Fuller to advise on the SIMS Card so we can take control of the lights. We are getting closer to resolving this.

A proposal was signed with Good Heating & Air Conditioning for the office heater. They are busy with AC issues and will advise when they have time, over the next couple weeks, to replace the heater and install the new hot water heater. The consortium that we worked with last year, did not get any bids for heating oil for municipalities of our size. Mr. Niwinski will reach out to the company who provided our oil last year and see what they have to offer.

Mr. Niwinski will follow up with Mr. Ferraro regarding what needs to be done about the mold issue in the Borough Hall and will acquire estimates. Ms. Seader advised that 2-3 years ago some investigation had been done on this issue but it was put on hold. There are two spots on the roof of the police station that are buckling and roofing estimates are needed. Recommendations for roofing contractors are appreciated.

A resident complained about the weeds on the 300 block of Hulmeville Avenue which is Middletown Township property. Mr. Ferraro will speak with the Middletown Township Manager.

Bank reconciliations from Ellyn have not been received.

11. MAYORS REPORT – No Report

12. BOROUGH MANAGER’S REPORT – Items on Mr. Ferraro’s agenda have already been covered by President Seader.

Mr. Ferraro clarified that non traffic citations will come from the Chief not the Building Inspector. The Borough Manager plans to purchase a body cam for use when visiting residents and for complaint and violation calls. Much like some of the audio equipment being used in the Borough Hall, the body cam will be his personal property and not transferable. Ms. Seader felt the Council should purchase the body cam for him. Mr. Profy will be asked to investigate the legality.

13. SOLICITOR’S REPORT – No Report

14. CORRESPONDANCE – The Borough Secretary presented two items of correspondence. A letter was received from the Jesse W. Soby American Legion Post #148, thanking LMB Council for their generous donation to the Langhorne Memorial Day Parade Fund. The Bucks County Opportunity council thanked LMB for a contribution in support of their Food Program.

15. APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT – The Council President stated that all Council members received a copy of the bills list for payment and asked for questions and concerns. Ms. Gasparovic asked if all of the MS4 and Comly Avenue invoices can be drawn from the Growing Greener Grant. Mr. Ferraro will work with the Borough Secretary to collect all of those invoices. Ms. Seader called for a motion to pay the August General Unpaid Bills. Ms. Judge

made a motion as stated. Ms. Gasparovic seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

The Council President asked for a motion to approve the August Unpaid Sewer Bills. Mr. Niwinski made a motion as stated. Ms. Judge seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

16. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT – The Council President asked if there were any questions or concerns for the General Fund report. The Council President asked for a motion to approve the General Fund report for July. Mr. Niwinski made a motion as stated. Mr. McBeth seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

The Council President asked if there were any questions or concerns for the Sewer Fund report. The Council President asked for a motion to approve the Sewer Fund report for July. Mr. Niwinski made a motion as stated. Ms. Judge seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

The Council President asked if there were any questions or concerns for the Highway Aid Report. The Council President asked for a motion to approve the Highway Aid Report for July. Mr. Niwinski made a motion as stated. Mr. McBeth seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

17. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS – Resident Christopher Croteau, 608 Station Avenue had the following comments: 1. He doesn't want to lose the Garage RFP, so whatever can be done to retain that would be good. 2. With the bridge opening he asked that there be extra patrols and marked vehicles in different locations to deter speeding. 3. What happens to the \$304,500 in the Sewer fund if the BCWSA is sold? We are unique and we should press back with pointed questions, ask Solicitor Profy to get involved. 4. It is unfortunate that someone was threatened and before going into that situation the police should be involved and, yes, body cams should be provided, and individuals should not have to pay for them. 5. He thanked the Council for doing a great job.

18. SECOND MEETING FOR MONTH OF AUGUST – The Council President called for a motion to dispense with the second meeting for August. Mr. Niwinski made the motion as stated. Ms. Judge seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

19. ADJOURNMENT – The Council President called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Niwinski made the motion as stated. Mr. McBeth seconded. There were no objections. The meeting adjourned.

20. NEXT MEETING – September 13, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie McGoldrick

Secretary/Treasurer