

MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2024

- 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 December 10, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time by Nick Pizzola.

PERSONS PRESENT – Nick Pizzola – President, Cheryl Oessenich – Vice-President, Councilpersons: James Niwinski, Philip Gillies, Sam Jennings and Bob McBeth, Mayor Robert Byrne, Solicitor: Thomas J. Profy, IV., Borough Manager: Peter Gray, Secretary-Treasurer: Bonnie McGoldrick.

PERSONS ABSENT – Police Chief, Jack Kenney, Councilperson Devin Marie Keating.

- 2. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Mayor Robert Byrne

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 22, 2024**

Ms. Oessenich noted necessary corrections to the minutes which included attendance and the presentation by Cairn University, the secretary will amend the minutes.

Council President called for a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes for October 22, 2024, with the corrections noted by Ms. Oessenich. Mr. Gillies made the motion as called for. Ms. Oessenich seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

- 4. RESIDENT COMMENTS** – No comments.

- 5. POLICE REPORT**- No report.

6. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TAX ORDINANCE TO INCREASE LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH MILLAGE RATE TO 10 MILLS. MOTION TO APPROVE.

Council President deferred the approval of the Tax Ordinance to a later meeting allowing time to advertise.

7. ADVERTISEMENT OF THE 2025 BUDGET AND TAX INCREASE ORDINANCE TO APPEAR IN THE COURIER TIMES THURSDAY 12/12/24. MOTION TO APPROVE.

Council President advised the 2025 budget and tax increase ordinance would be advertised in the Courier Times on Thursday 12/12/24.

Council President called for a motion to advertise the 2025 budget and tax increase on 12/12/24 in the Courier Times Newspaper. Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Ms. Oessenich seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

8. REVIEW OF POSTING THE ZONING FOR RESIDENT INFORMATION SHEET. MOTION TO APPROVE.

Council President deferred to Mr. Jennings. Mr. Jennings advised that the document, initiated by Alica Gasparovic was intended to educate and explain what to expect at a Zoning Hearing Board Meeting. The document was reviewed and edited by Thomas E. Panzer, Esq., Solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Jennings asked the council to post the informative document to the Langhorne Manor Borough Website for resident access and asked Lois Abbott to update the website.

Council President called for a motion to post the Zoning Hearing Board document to the website. Mr. McBeth made the motion as called for. Ms. Oessenich seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried

9. THE 2025 APPROVED BUDGET WITH ADJUSTMENTS MADE AT THE NOVEMBER 26, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING TO BE POSTED ON THE BOROUGH WEBSITE.

Councilmember, Devin Marie Keating joined the meeting at 7:13p.m.

Council President presented the final budget noting inclusion of the changes discussed at the last Council Meeting.

10.INSPECTORS REPORT

October: 4 Permits & 1 U&O

November: 4 Permits

11. REPORTS

- a. **Jim Niwinski** – Mr. Niwinski asked the council to approve immediate payment for a Greenup Turf Care contract which required payment by December 31, 2024 and would save the Borough 5% annually.

- b. **Cheryl Oessenich** – Ms. Oessenich is working on the Bucks County Recycle grant for 2025, that has provided funds around \$3200 - \$3500 in past years.

Ms. Oessenich advised that the newsletter was not done in 2024. She is investigating options to continue the borough newsletter and is looking for sponsors to advertise in our newsletter.

- c. **Nicholas Pizzola** – Mr. Pizzola advised the council that we received the \$10,000 donation from Higher Education and Health Authority. Similar payments are also due from Cairn University and Wood Services.

Our new police car, which was ordered months ago is finally due this week.

Mr. Pizzola inspected the road repairs. Reported issues were caused by the elevation between our streets and Bellevue Avenue which is a state road. Large trucks (i.e. trash trucks, UPS, etc.) are “bottoming out” at these locations. Mr. Pizzola is asking PennDOT to consider how to resolve this problem.

- d. **Bob McBeth** – Reported the Zoning Hearing Board met on 12/4/2024. They denied the application 108 Gillam Avenue and approved the application for 702 Hill Avenue .
- e. **Sam Jennings** – Mr. Jennings asked if the Shade Tree Committee could pursue a program in 2025 similar to the one launched in 2024? Mr. Pizzola advised affirmatively.

Mr. Jennings advised, he will not be attending the 12/26/2024 council meeting. Council President stated that at least four council must be present at the next meeting and conducted a poll. Mr. Niwinski, Ms. Oessenich, Mr. Gillies, Ms. Keating, and Mr. McBeth all responded affirmatively.

- f. **Phil Gillies – No report**

- g. **Devin Keating** – Ms. Keating advised that the Stormwater committee meeting was held Thursday, December 5th.

Ms. Keating confirmed with Dominic Cundari (RVE) that the NPDES permit renewal was submitted and she requested he provide an updated cost estimate on the Station Ave project. She will be working on the Grants; what we have, what they cover and identifying new opportunities. Ms. Gasparovic has agreed to assist her as she familiarizes with the programs.

12. MAYORS REPORT – No report

13. BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT – No report

14. SOLICITOR'S REPORT - No report.

- 15. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Ms. McGoldrick reported two refunds: P-Card Rebate \$623.06 and an insurance refund for workers comp \$484.00 . Whitetail had advised that they were setting up a communication network for complaints and other issues.

16.APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Council President asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the General Unpaid Bills Report for December.

Council President called for a motion to approve the General Unpaid Bills report for December. Mr. Niwinski made the motion to approve the General Unpaid Bills for December with the inclusion of the payment to Green Up Turf Care. Ms. Oessenich seconded. There were no objections. The motion Carried.

Council President asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the Sewer Unpaid Bills Report for December.

Council President called for a motion to approve the Sewer Unpaid Bills report for December. Mr. McBeth made the motion as called for. Mr. Niwinski seconded. There were no objections. The motion Carried.

17.APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT

Council President asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the General Treasurers Report for November.

Council President called for a motion to approve the General Treasurers report for November. Mr. Gillies made the motion as called for. Mr. Niwinski seconded. There were no objections. The motion Carried.

Council President asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the Sewer Report for November.

Council President called for a motion to approve the Sewer report for November. Mr. Jennings made the motion as called for. Mr. Gillies seconded. There were no objections. The motion Carried.

Council President asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the Highway Aid Report for November.

Council President called for a motion to approve the Highway Aid report for November. Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Mr. Gillies seconded. There were no objections. The motion Carried.

18.COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS – No comments.

19. NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 26, 2024

20.ADJOURNMENT - Council President called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Mr. McBeth seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Bonnie McGoldrick

Secretary/Treasurer