

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF DECEMBER 29, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER - The Zoom virtual meeting of Langhorne Manor Borough Council was called to order in the Langhorne Manor Borough Hall, 618 Hulmeville Avenue, Langhorne, Pennsylvania, on December 15, 2020 at 7:02 PM Eastern Standard Time, after Zoom participants were admitted to the meeting at 6:59 PM Eastern Standard Time by Dawn Seader, President.

PERSONS PRESENT - Dawn Seader-President, Nicholas Pizzola-Vice President, Maryanne Barnes, Alicia Gasparovic, Grace Judge, James Niwinski, Cheryl Oessenich, Robert Byrne-Mayor, Jay Ferraro-Borough Manager, Tom Profy-Solicitor and Barbara Ferraro-Secretary/Treasurer.

PERSONS ABSENT - none

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nicholas Pizzola.

3. ADOPTION OF TAX RATES - Ms. Seader read Ordinance #2020-04.

Taxes are hereby levied and assessed on all property and occupations within the said Borough subject to taxation for Borough purposes for the fiscal year of 2021 as follows:

The sum of 30.0 mills in each dollar of assessed valuation of occupation of person within the borough.

The sum of 7.125 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation of real estate within the Borough subject to taxation for Borough purposes.

The sum of 2.0 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation of real estate within the Borough subject to the taxation for lighting and illuminating with electric lights for the streets, highways and other public places within the Borough.

The sum of 3.4 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation of real estate within the Borough subject to taxation for the permanent street improvement capital fund program of the Borough.

The sum of 0.75 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation of real estate situate in the Borough subject to taxation for fire assistance and protection purposes.

Refuse collection and disposal assessment of Three Hundred Forty-Eight and 00/100 (\$348.00) Dollars is hereby levied and assessed against each residential dwelling unit, including apartments, guest houses and servants' quarters situate within the Borough from which refuse is collected pursuant to the Refuse Collection Contract of the Borough as provided within the Borough code.

Mr. Niwinski made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2020-04 Fixing the Real Estate Tax Rate and Occupation Tax rate for the 2021 Fiscal Year: Imposing a refuse collection charge and continuation of taxes heretofore enacted, levied and assessed under the local tax enabling act.

Ms. Oessenich seconded. Ms. Seader asked for comments or questions. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Ms. Judge expressed concern and asked about the timing of this meeting referring to why the meeting to approve the Tax Ordinance was not brought up at the beginning of December and why it had to be an emergency meeting. Ms. Seader took part of the responsibility and stated that since there were no changes to the taxes for this year, it could have been adopted as a Resolution with no need to advertise, but she did not have that information. Mr. Profy stated that the budget meetings started in November instead of October as previous budget meetings which pushed the process later as far as advertising. Out of an abundance of caution it was decided to advertise and have the meeting tonight and he apologized for the inconvenience. Ms. Judge stated she wanted to know what would change so it did not happen again next year. Mr. Niwinski stated that Council should set an agenda throughout the year for certain items to occur in certain months. Ms. Seader stated that this would not happen again. Ms. Gasparovic stated that Council should start the budget process as far as questions or getting preliminary information sooner. Mr. Pizzola stated that some of the budget cannot be too early because the information may not be accurate or known.

Ms. Gasparovic stated that she had done research on unclaimed funds and found three PECO items for the Borough, one item for the tax collector and one item for the police department. Ms. Ferraro stated that she was aware of two unclaimed checks from PECO. Reissuance of the checks were asked for directly to PECO last week. Ms. Gasparovic will send the information to Ms. Ferraro.

Ms. Seader stated that there will be a Zoom Meet and Greet with the Borough Manager on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 and it is advertised on the website.

4. ADJOURNMENT - Ms. Seader entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Barnes to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Oessenich seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

The next meeting will be Monday January 4, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara T. Ferraro
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough