

MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2025

- 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 February 11, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time by Nick Pizzola.

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

PERSONS ABSENT – Councilman, Sam Jennings, Police Chief John Kenney.

- 2. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Mayor Byrne
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Council President asked if there were any questions, concerns, corrections, or comments on the minutes of January 14, 2025.

Council President called for a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2025 - Phil Gillies made the motion as called for. Cheryl Oessenich seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Council President identified a typographical error on page 3 of the January 28th minutes and on page 5 the appointment of Kevin Oessenich should read the re-appointment of Kevin Oessenich. Council President asked if there were any other questions, concerns, corrections, or comments on the minutes of January 28, 2025. There were none.

Council President called for a motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2025. Mr. McBeth made the motion as called for. Mr. Gillies seconded. Mr. Niwinski abstained. There were no objections. The motion carried.

4. **RESIDENT COMMENT** – The Council recognized Chris Croteau, 608 Station Avenue, commented on the Whitetail Disposal Service.

Jim Keba 604 Hill Avenue noted that PennDOT is holding a public meeting for officials on Feb 27 regarding Route 1 construction plans, and asked if residents could come here, to borough hall, to attend the meeting. Council President advised that he would be addressing the meeting details in his council report.

5. **POLICE REPORT** – Chief Kenney was not in attendance. On behalf of the Chief, Council President reported that there were resident complaints regarding bon fires and Chief Kenny will address the issue with the offending resident (s) as the bon fires are not acceptable.

During the last storm, the Chief was alerted to a downed tree blocking the road on Hulmeville Avenue. It was promptly removed by Spencer Landscaping.

If the council votes to approve the purchase of Vialytics software, Chief Kenny has agreed to be trained to operate the road scanning software.

6. INSPECTOR'S REPORT – No Report

7. **REVIEW OF FINAL ESCROW ACCOUNTING OF GRUPP PROPERTY REVIEW.** Mr. Pizzola was contacted by Mr. Grupp with questions and comments about the accounting that needed to be reviewed. This subject will be addressed at the next meeting.

8. **RVE REVIEW AND COMPLETION OF PINE ST. INFILTRATION TRENCH AND APPROVAL OF RELEASE OF RETAINAGE OF \$3,333.43** – RVE inspected the work on Pine Street and advised that everything was proper, they authorized lease of the retainage of \$3,333.43. There were no questions or concerns

The Council President asked for a motion to approve the release of \$3,333.43 as advised by RVE. Ms. Oessenich made the motion as called for. Mr. Gillies seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

9. MOTION TO APPROVE VIALYTICS BID TO PROVIDE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE MONITORING.

The GIS monitoring system was presented in detail at the Council Meeting on January 28, 2025. The cost of the system is approximately \$4500. Council members received a copy of the proposal. RVE attached \$450 to the cost for training Chief Kenny. The cost of the system is reimbursable through the RDA Road Grant.

Mr. Niwinski asked Council President to summarize the purpose and benefits of the Vialytics Geographic Information System (GIS). Mr. Pizzola explained the software is utilized on an iPhone which is mounted on the dash of any car and records the condition of the roads and adjacent areas while you drive through the borough. Since Chief Kenney will be trained in the use, he will run the program while he is on regular patrols. The information is uploaded and evaluated for changes in the road surface. Langhorne Manor Borough will receive reports which will be used to determine what and when repairs are needed. The software can be used by anyone who has an iPhone. As a comparison for cost and effectiveness Mr. Pizzola noted that Langhorne Manor Borough had an evaluation of our roads, done by Carrol Engineering. That is a one-time evaluation which is already outdated and the cost of that one evaluation was virtually the same as the cost of the Vialytics GIS software.

Council President called for a motion to approve the purchase of Vialytics software. Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Mr. Gillies seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

10. REVIEW OF PEDDLING AND SOLICITING ORDINANCE WITH MOTION TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE ORDINANCE - Mr. Profy presented the peddling ordinance from Chalfont Borough which he explained, closely matched the ideas and concerns voiced by council members at a previous meeting. He intends to use the Chalfont Borough ordinance as a model to re-establish our ordinance.

Council President asked the council to review the proposed document and address any modifications at the next council meeting.

11.MOTION TO APPROVE THE PEDDLING AND SOLICITING ORDINANCE – Will be addressed at the next meeting.

12.REPORTS

12.1 Jim Niwinski – Mr. Niwinski stated that he changed contact names for the LED lights to Peter Gray and Bonnie McGoldrick.

12.2 Cheryl Oessenich – Ms. Oessenich asked the borough secretary if the Text system is up and running. Ms. McGoldrick stated that she has not utilized the system yet, but she has been authorized and trained. Council President asked if we could come up with ideas on how to get more residents signed up for the Text Messaging System. He suggested that we advertise on our website and in the next newsletter.

12.3 Nick Pizzola – Mr. Pizzola addressed the earlier question from Mr. Keba regarding PennDOT public meetings. There is a zoom meeting on Feb 27th that is only for borough officials. There will be a public meeting a few weeks later and Mr. Pizzola will find out when and where the meeting will be held, and we will provide the information to our residents.

Mr. Pizzola reported there has been a valve leak at North and Elm Avenues. BCWSA has agreed to fix it. It has not been addressed yet, but Mr. Pizzola will continue to follow up.

In the first meeting of January, we approved the application to renew the credit line with our bank. The application has been submitted.

12.4 Bob McBeth – No report but Mr. McBeth asked if any residents were affected by the leaking valve. Mr. Pizzola said the hazard is in the ice that is produced but no homes are impacted.

12.5 Sam Jennings – no report

12.6 Phil Gillies – Mr. Gillies reported that he is working on the Liquid Fuels reporting and should be done by Monday.

12.7 Devin Keating – The Stormwater Committee is working on an upcoming meeting.

Ms. Keating reached out to Devin Brown from the State regarding the Grant we were awarded by the commonwealth financing authority for approximately \$350,000 and it does cover 10% of engineering costs.

13. MAYORS REPORT – No Report

14. BOROUGH MANAGER’S REPORT– Mr. Gray attended the Hazard Mitigation Planning meeting. The current plan expires at the end of 2026. There will be ongoing meetings to plan for the updated 2027 plan.

15. SOLICITORS REPORT - The petition has been filed in the Cairn Appeal to advise the Council of any actions or notices.

16. CORRESPONDENCE – none

17. APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT – Council President asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the General Unpaid Bills Report for February.

Council President called for a motion to approve the General Unpaid bills for February. Ms. Oessenich 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 Sewer Unpaid Bills Report for February.

Council President asked for a motion to approve the Sewer Unpaid bills for February. Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Mr. McBeth seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

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

Council President asked for a motion to approve the Highway Aid Unpaid bills for February. Mr. Gillies made the motion as called for. Mr. Niwinski seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

18. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT - Due to the late reception of the Treasurers Reports, no one on council had a chance to review them, Council President deferred review and approval for the next council meeting on February 25, 2025.

19. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS –

Chris Croteau, 608 Hill Avenue, complimented the council members on their willingness to communicate with him and answer his questions. Mr. Croteau also complimented the Borough Secretary on the service provided. Mr. Croteau also commented on the social media conversations about the borough tax increase and stated that residents should attend meetings instead.

Charlie Ingulli, 701 South Pine, introduced himself as a new resident in Langhorne Manor Borough. This is his first council meeting. He wanted to see what the process was, and he is happy to be here.

20. ADJOURNMENT - Council President call for a motion to adjourn the meeting - Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Mr. McBeth¹ seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

21. NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 25, 2025

Respectfully Submitted

Bonnie McGoldrick

Secretary/Treasurer