

**MINUTES**  
**LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 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 25, 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, Sam Jennings, Phil Gillies and Devin Keating, Solicitor: Thomas J. Profy, IV., Borough Manager: Peter Gray, Secretary-Treasurer: Bonnie McGoldrick.

**PERSONS ABSENT** – Mayor Robert Byrne, Police Chief John Kenney.

- 2. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Sam Jennings

- 3. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS** –

Teresa Weiser, 206 Prospect Avenue, asked if the council would hold a meeting to educate residents about the borough tax increase and the E.I.T. Council President agreed.

- 4. REVIEW OF FINAL GRUPP ESCROW CLAIM** - Council President presented the final accounting of the Grupp Escrow and advised that Mr. Grupp had agreed with the presented summary. Following a brief question and answer period, Council President called for a motion to approve the refund of \$6,739.59 from the Escrow Account. Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Mr. Gillies seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried

- 5. REVIEW OF TERMS OF FIRST NEWTOWN BANK \$250,000 CREDIT LINE; MOTION FOR APPROVAL** –

The First National Bank of Newtown agreed to provide a Line of Credit to Langhorne Manor Borough in the amount of \$250,000 to support cash flow needs

at a fixed interest rate of 5.75% for one year. Council President presented the terms of loan to the council for their review and consideration.

Council President called for a motion to approve the line of credit loan for \$250,000 with First National Bank of Newtown. Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Mr. Gillies seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Council President read the resolution to authorize the establishment of a Credit Line with First National Bank and Trust of Newtown in the amount of \$250,000. Council President called for a motion to approve the resolution as written. Mr. Gillies made the motion as called for. Ms. Oessenich seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

**6. MOTION TO APPROVE CANDIDATE JADA CARTER TO SHADE TREE COMMISSION.**

Council President welcomed Jada Carter to the meeting and asked Mr. Jennings to introduce her to the council. Mr. Jennings commented that he found Ms. Carter's resume impressive and felt that she would be a great fit to the Shade Tree Commission. She attended a recent meeting where she came prepared with great questions and fresh ideas. Mr. Jennings asked the council to approve Ms. Carter's appointment to the Shade Tree Commission.

Council President called for a motion to appoint Jada Carter to the Langhorne Manor Borough Shade Tree Commission. Mr. McBeth made the motion as called for. Mr. Niwinski seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

**7. MOTION TO AMEND PEDDLING ORDINANCE: LOCAL ORGANIZATION & OUTSIDE VENDOR REQUIREMENTS.** Council President presented the latest iteration of the changes to the peddling ordinance. After some discussion the council agreed to a few modifications in language.

The Borough Secretary will handle the applications and registry. The Borough Police will handle the background checks and enforcement. There can be no fees for the application other than the cost of a background check which appears to be \$22 + \$5 notary fee, according to the State Police Website.

The Borough Manager advised that the final document would need to be posted at the administration building, on the borough website and advertised in a local newspaper. The Ordinance can be enacted after advertising. Following the enactment, we need to prepare the registration notice, the permit application and printable signs for the borough website.

The Borough Manager projected the enactment of the ordinance could be accomplished by April.

On page 3, Section F (1), should we change Boy Scouts to Scouting America?

On page 4, Section 5, could you change “License for Soliciting in Parks”, replacing “Parks” with “Borough Property”.

Council members were clear that the Ordinance would not apply to Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts (or Scouting America).

Other corrections from Council Members included, page 3, Section 3 – Time Limitations should read: “No person licensed as a peddler, a door-to-door solicitor, or canvasser under this chapter shall engage in those activities within the Borough on Saturdays and Sundays or state or federal legal holidays or other than between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on other days.

Council President called for a motion to approve the final wording of the ordinance as discussed and to be corrected and approved at the next meeting. Ms. Keating made the motion as called for. Mr. Gillies seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

#### **8. REVIEW OF REQUIRMENTS NEEDED TO ENACT .5% EARNED INCOME TAX**

Council President provided two handouts explaining the Earned Income Tax to the council members. He asked that the council members review the information to discuss at the next meeting.

#### **9. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT** - Council President explained, due to the late reception of the Treasurers Reports, no one on council had a chance to

review them in time for the meeting on February 11, 2025. Therefore, review and approval were deferred to this council meeting.

Council President asked if there were any questions, concerns or comments regarding the General Fund for January 2025. Council President called for a motion to approve the General Fund for January 2025. Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Mr. Gillies seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Council President asked if there were any questions, concerns or comments regarding the Sewer Fund for January 2025. Council President called for a motion to approve the Sewer Fund for January 2025.

Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Mr. Jennings seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Council President asked if there were any questions, concerns or comments regarding the Highway Aid Fund for January 2025. Council President called for a motion to approve the General Fund for January 2025.

Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Mr. Gillies seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Council President advised the council members that each of them had received an envelope this evening that came from PennDOT regarding the RC3 Highway Project. This correspondence arrived too late to be included on the agenda for this meeting.

The RC3 Highway Project affects the section of Route 1 that bisects Langhorne Manor Borough. The intention of the project is to eliminate the access lanes and make the highway two lanes each direction with a shoulder. For our residents the streets will end at a Cul-de-Sac rather than accessing Route 1. The existing bridge will only be a connection between the two sides of the community. Access to Route 1 will be on Route 413 between Wood Services and the Langhorne Presbyterian Church. Some properties will be affected. The letter is asking if we want to be considered an “interested party”. The council members should plan to discuss this at the next meeting.

## **10.COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS –**

Teresa Weiser, 206 Prospect Avenue asked if someone from the council would request that a bike lane/sidewalk/walkway be included on the access bridge between the two sides of the Borough.

Bob Grupp, 305 Hill Avenue, asked if he could have a copy of the letter the council received from PennDOT. Mr. Pizzola deferred the question to Mr. Profy. Mr. Profy will respond at the first meeting in March.

Christine Bach, 601 Station Avenue, asked if every member of the council would contact Representative Fitzpatrick and ask him to hold Town Hall Meetings to address questions about what is happening federally.

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

**12. NEXT MEETING MARCH 11, 2025**

Respectfully Submitted

Bonnie McGoldrick

Secretary/Treasurer