

MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF 01-02-2024

- 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 01-02-2024 at 7:36 P.M. Eastern Standard Time by Nick Pizzola, President.

PERSONS PRESENT – Nick Pizzola – President, Councilpersons: James Niwinski, Alicia Gasparovic, Grace Judge and Bob McBeth, Solicitor - Thomas J. Profy, IV., Mayor Robert Byrne, Bonnie McGoldrick – Secretary/Treasurer.

PERSONS ABSENT – Cheryl Oessenich – Vice-President, Police Chief John Kenney,

- 2. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Mayor Robert Byrne
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of the Minutes will be tabled until the next council meeting.
- 4. RESIDENT COMMENT** – Mr. Ferraro asked if a new snow removal contract was in place for 2024.

Mr. Rickerl stated that he was listening to the reorganization meeting on the live feed, but the sound quality was poor and he asked why his name was mentioned. Mr. Pizzola stated that Mr. Rickerl was identified as a member of the LMB Zoning Hearing Board and Higher Education and Health Authority.

- 5. POLICE REPORT** – No Police Report.
- 6. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR POLICE CAR** - The Council President read the resolution to accept an RDA Grant for \$51,000 for the purchase of a new Police Car. Council President called for a motion to approve the resolution as

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

7. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENTS - The Council President read the resolution to accept an RDA Grant for \$298,995.00, for Stormwater Management Improvements. Council President called for a motion to approve the resolution as read. Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Ms. Gasparovic seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

8. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR TREE REPLENISHMENT PROJECT - The Council President read the resolution to accept an RDA Grant for \$3,000 for to replace shade trees in the borough. Council President called for a motion to approve the resolution as read. Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Ms. Gasparovic seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

9. INSPECTORS REPORT – No report.

10. REPORTS –

- a. **JIM NIWINSKI** - Mr. Niwinski reported that he purchased two Dehumidifiers for the Borough Hall Basement at \$230 each. He also reported that the RDA did not approve our grant request for the electronic upgrades to Borough Hall but feels we should still consider purchasing this if the budget permits. The current quote is for \$6400 to \$6800. Ms. Judge said that replacing the laptops was in the budget but that may not be necessary and could be a possible alternative use of the monies.
- b. **ALICIA GASPAROVIC** – Stormwater Management: there are still items on the punch list which may not be completed until spring.

Reimbursement from the growing greener grant is expected in spring.

Ms. Gasparovic asked if someone could clean the leaves clogging the grate in the basin along Comly Ave. Mr. Pizzola will ask Nick to do that and to get a

combination lock for the gate. Ms. Gasparovic also noted that someone dumped 2 tires along the Basin and they also need to be removed.

Pine Street & Prospect Avenue Project: RVE will be out soon to begin testing, residents have been notified, Jim Keba spoke with residents directly and he reported that the conversations went well.

We just received \$300k from an H2O Grant & \$300k from RDA. Combined with the \$185k recently received we are within \$500 of full funding.

Ms. Gasparovic reported that Jim Keba identified another \$10,000 available annually to all municipalities to maintain stormwater management upkeep, which we should be eligible for.

Ms. Gasparovic reported that The Shade Tree Commission received \$3000 for tree replenishment. They will be meeting to discuss usage. The Borough Secretary has been asked to send a letter to the property owner at 307 Park regarding the removal of a dead tree and include the Borough Ordinance. The Shade Tree Commission will need advice from Tom if the owner does not comply in 45 days.

The train crossing on Bellevue Avenue continues to be a problem. There does not seem to be much we can do about it. Mayor asked if we can get Frank Farry involved in train crossing issues.

PennDOT has not responded to our letter about walkways and signage on Hulmeville Avenue. Ms. Gasparovic will follow up.

Ms. Gasparovic asked where Ms. Seader's records are stored. Ms. Judge stated that all records should be in a public space. Mr. McBeth advised that they are available under "shared files".

- c. **CHERYL OESSENICH** – Ms. Oessenich provided the following report, read by the Secretary/Treasurer.

The 904 Recycling Grant was submitted on 12/30. We should know by early Spring what we will receive. Last year, the monies were received in May.

Our Republic Services Representative has not confirmed the bulk trash dates yet. They will be posted on the Borough Calendar when they are received. They have provided 4 dates in 2024 when, due to holidays, Wednesday trash collection will be moved to Thursday. They are January 4th, May 30th, September 5th and December 26th, the information was provided to Lois who will add those dates to the Borough Calendar.

- d. **NICHOLAS PIZZOLA** - At our next meeting we will be choosing a new council member. After Ms. Seader's resignation on 12/26/2023, we have 30 days to fill the seat, or it goes to the vacancy board. At the next meeting on 1/23/24, we will appoint the new council member. The new Council Member cannot be a School Board Member or Charter School Trustee. The length of their term will be until the end of Ms. Seader's term which ends in 2025. The nominations from the council will be on 1/23/24. We do not have to advertise. Anyone interested should talk to a council member. Information will be posted on the website. A signed & notarized "affidavit of residency" should be provided to the Borough Secretary before 1/23/24.

Mr. Pizzola stated that the credit line applied for has been approved. Details will be sent to council members to be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Pizzola stated that he will prepare a contract for the Borough Manager.

Mr. Pizzola advised that we received a membership bill from the Bucks County Consortium. He asked the council if we need to renew this membership. The council discussed the benefits of membership. Ms. Gasparovic advised that most members appear to be Borough Managers. Mr. Niwinski offered to investigate the extent of membership benefits. Mr. Pizzola decided to table this decision until we have more information.

- e. **GRACE JUDGE** - Thanked everyone for their support and patience over the last few months. In the near future, she will be updating Office 365. Nick Pizzola will replace Ms. Seader as program administrator and Ms. Judge will meet with him to share how to utilize the system.

Anyone who makes purchases for the borough should be using the BMO Credit Card.

f. BOB MCBETH – No report.

11.MAYOR’S REPORT – No report.

12.SOLICITOR’S REPORT – There is a minor problem with a property at 103-105 Langhorne Ave. The property was constructed as a duplex but converted to a single home by the original owner. The Current Owner, by inheritance, would like to sell the property as a single home. They must complete a merger of parcels before U&O can be issued. The Realtor asked for a conditional U&O which is not a practice in the Borough.

The Comly Ave property is still in litigation.

13.CORRESPONDENCE - none

14.APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT – Approval of the bills for payment will be tabled until the next meeting.

15.APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT - Approval of The Treasurers’ Report will be tabled until the next meeting.

16.COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS - Bob Rickerl asked if the Borough had received the funds from the Higher Education & Health Authority. The Secretary/Treasurer believed it had been received but would check her records for the date and amount.

17.SECOND MEETING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY – January 23, 2024.

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

19.NEXT MEETING – February 13, 2024

Respectfully Submitted

Bonnie McGoldrick

Secretary/Treasurer