

MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2026

- 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 January 5, 2026, at 7:35 P.M. Eastern Standard Time by Nick Pizzola, immediately following the Reorganization Meeting.

PERSONS PRESENT – Nick Pizzola – President, Cheryl Oessenich – Vice-President, Councilpersons: Bob McBeth, Devin Keating, Lynn Barry, Charles Ingulli and Dan Nicasro. Mayor Robert Byrne, Solicitor: Thomas J. Profy, IV., Secretary-Treasurer: Bonnie McGoldrick.

PERSONS ABSENT – Police Chief John Kenney, Borough Manager: Peter Gray

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, MOTION TO APPROVE.**

Approval of the minutes will be tabled until the next meeting.

- 3. RESIDENT COMMENTS –**

Theresa Weiser, 206 West Prospect Avenue. Starting the new year with a new board, I'm hoping we can start some new year resolutions to be a bit more transparent in how we operate. If the agendas could be put out earlier.

Council President commented that they were put out on Sunday.

Ms. Weiser clarified that they were not on the website where the agenda is supposed to be posted but you had to go to the calendar to see them.

Borough Secretary stated that she had a problem posting the agenda to the website because of the new year and had to turn to technical assistance. But they were posted on the building and the calendar.

Ms. Weiser said that's fine but if they were posted on Friday, it would give people more time to know what's going on.

Ms. Weiser also commented that committee information on the website may not be accurate. And, questioned if all the people who are on committees were asked if they wanted to continue in that capacity, as Ms. Weiser was not asked of her intentions.

Ms. Oessenich stated that it is up to the Chair of the committee to manage membership.

Christopher Crouteau, 608 Station Avenue. Congratulations to all the new members. We've adopted the EIT, I'm actually for it. I suggest you come up with a 2-year plan, a 5-year plan, because it's a precious thing, for a small borough like us, put that out there, not in the budget but, a separate thing, where those monies should go. My independent research, again, would be, our local police department, part-time police department, we're underpaying them by \$7/hr in the local area, Penndel, Langhorne. If we want to continue our fine enforcement, we need to pay them. These are full-time police officers. (The Mayor interjected that our police force is part-time). Talking to some former council members, we used to pay top dollar. We need them.

Council President commented that we have always paid below the average. But this fall we increased their salaries to meet the lower end of that average, and we are working on increasing their pay up over time. We agree with your sentiments.

Grace Judge, 1004 Hill Avenue, wondering if it is possible to reinstate the texting feature that the Borough used to have. Borough-Secretary said it is still being used and the last notice was at Christmas and that there are only about 100 people signed up for it. Council President and Vice-President both said the texting program is still in effect.

Ms. Judge also asked about the tech service currently being used and that council should consider hiring a person/company to oversee the network and security.

Borough Secretary stated, regarding the website, I am not qualified to be "that" person. I should have someone over me, I do what I can to keep the website up to date. But there are things that are "over my head". I do need help.

Ms. Judge suggested the borough hire a company to manage that.

Council President stated this will be addressed this year.

Phil Gillies, 303 West Prospect Avenue, asked would the accident on the southbound access road be something that the Police Chief would normally address at a council meeting? Mr. Gillies wanted it to be very well known that there were 4 cars involved in an accident over this weekend, and this is our fear of these access roads.

Jay Ferraro, 402 Hill Avenue read a prepared statement, following is the submitted narrative:

“Good evening. My name is Jay Ferraro and I live at 402 Hill Avenue. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you tonight.

First, I want to congratulate each of you on your election to this council. I truly believe today marks a turning point for our borough, a chance for government that better reflects the true demographic of our community.

When I talk about demographics, I’m not talking about political parties. I’m referring to a healthy mix of ages, backgrounds, and a better representation of the women in our community (not great but better-we need one more woman on council). This diversity is our strength.

With this fresh start, I hope we can move forward as neighbors first, leaving any partisan differences behind in favor of what is best for our community. Please let your discussions and decisions be guided solely by what is best for our borough. We cannot allow the divisions of the past to continue. So, as you face decisions, both easy and difficult, I hope you will respect one another as neighbors and friends.

Please value each other’s ideas and, above all, respect the voice of the community. Remember that your responsibility is to the entire community, not just the loudest voices in the room, but the quiet majority who rely on you to do the right thing for us all. I believe that if you lead with these principles, I am confident your decisions will benefit us all.

I also ask that when you are faced with a topic that falls outside of your expertise, that you please reach out to professionals and seek objective facts. Don’t rely on neighborhood gossip or those who claim to be experts without the credentials to back it up. Educate yourselves so you can lead us with confidence.

In closing, I hope you conduct yourselves with grace and respect for one another. Keeping the community you promised to serve at the center of everything you do.”

Council President commended Mr. Ferraro for his comments.

4. POLICE REPORT – No Report.

5. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR RE-PAVING MANOR AVENUE.

Council President announced that RDA approved our application for the Grant to repave Manor Avenue. The two other RDA Grants were not approved. One was to purchase new Vests for the Police and the other was to update the security of our Borough Buildings. Since we did not get approval for the new vests, we expect to have some additional funds from the EIT this year and we will use that to purchase Vests for the police. Mr. Ferraro asked if it was feasible for residents to donate toward the purchase of new vests. Mr. Pizzola agreed with the idea and would consider it. Ms. Keating commented that Dominic Cundari had provided a list of available grants and perhaps there would be another possibility.

Council President called for a motion to accept the \$150,000 grant from RDA for the repaving of Manor Avenue. Ms. Oessenich made the motion as called for. Ms. Barry seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

6. INSPECTOR’S REPORT – no report.

7. REPORTS

a. Cheryl Oessenich – No report

b. Nick Pizzola – The emergency lights and front door lights on the borough office were repaired for a cost of \$1600. The gas unit for the police department has failed, they are currently using space heaters. The parts have been ordered, and we are waiting for the final repair.

c. Bob McBeth- No report

d. **Devin Keating**- restated that she had received a large list of available grants from Dominic Cundari, not all federal and not all are Stormwater specific. She will review them for pertinence in consideration of security and police vests.

8. MAYORS REPORT – Mayor Byrne suggested; now that we have a third police car, our Police Chief should have use of that car for travel to and from his home. It would assist us in security as Chief Kenney resides in Bensalem and often travels from there to the Manor at all different hours. He makes himself available any time of day or night, he works a lot of holidays, whenever there is a need. It would be considered “Best Practice”.

Ms. Keating noted that we would have to consider the additional miles for insurance.

9. BOROUGH MANAGER’S REPORT– Absent, no report

10. SOLICITORS REPORT – No report

11. CORRESPONDENCE – None

12. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS –

Phil Gillies 303 West Prospect Avenue. Asked for an update on the legal situation regarding the case with Cairn University. Mr. Profy said the judge made the decision in favor of the Zoning Hearing Board and so far we have not received any notice of an appeal.

Stuart Krywonos 204 W. Park Avenue stated that the speed limit sign on Hulmeville Avenue is still not working properly. Council President will speak with the Police Chief.

John Brodbeck, Chair of the Auditors, gave an update on a problem with the DCED that hopefully will be resolved shortly.

13. ADJOURNMENT - Council President called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Nicastro made the motion as called for. Mr. McBeth seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried. The next meeting will be held on January 13, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted

Bonnie McGoldrick
Secretary/Treasurer