

**MINUTES**  
**LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF JULY 12, 2022**

**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 July 12, 2022 at 7 P.M. Daylight Saving Time by Dawn Seader, President.

**PERSONS PRESENT** – Dawn Seader-President, Police Chief John Kenney, Councilpersons: Grace Judge, Robert McBeth and Cheryl Oessenich, Thomas J. Profy, IV-Solicitor, Jay Ferraro-Borough Manager, Bonnie McGoldrick-Secretary/Treasurer.

**PERSONS ABSENT** - Nicholas Pizzola-Vice-President, Robert Byrne-Mayor, Councilpersons: James Niwinski and Alicia Gasparovic.

**2. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Councilperson Cheryl Oessenich.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The Council President asked if there were any questions, concerns, corrections or comments on the Minutes of April 12, 2022 . Ms. Gasparovic requested to add that the tree was free from Arbor Day and was planted to help replace the borough trees that were removed recently. Council President called for a motion to approve the minutes of April 12, 2022 with the corrections. Ms. Oessenich made the motion as called for. Ms. Judge seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

The Council President asked if there were any questions, concerns, corrections or comments on the Minutes of April 26, 2022 . Council President called for a motion to approve the minutes of April 26, 2022. Ms. Judge made the motion as called for. Ms. Oessenich seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

The Council President asked if there were any questions, concerns, corrections or comments on the Minutes of May 10, 2022 . Council President called for a motion to approve the minutes of May 10, 2022. Ms. Judge made the motion as called for. Ms. Oessenich seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

The Council President asked if there were any questions, concerns, corrections or comments on the Minutes of May 24, 2022 . Council President called for a motion to approve the minutes of May 24, 2022. Ms. Oessenich made the motion as called for. Ms. Judge seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

The Council President asked if there were any questions, concerns, corrections or comments on the Minutes of June 14, 2022. Ms. Gasparovic submitted that Item #8 should state that it is for RVE to design, bid and manage construction of the Comly Avenue project. The correct spelling of Viet Nam is Vietnam.

The June 14<sup>th</sup> minutes currently state that Councilman McBeth had no report however, he did report that the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) was working in conjunction with the solicitor, are formalizing the ZHB process which will manifest as FAQs to inform and manage expectations for the residents of the Borough. No timetable provided.

Council President called for a motion to approve the minutes of June 14, 2022 with the corrections. Mr. McBeth made the motion as called for. Ms. Judge seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

The Council President asked if there were any questions, concerns, corrections or comments on the Minutes of June 28, 2022. Ms. Gasparovic submitted that Bob Rickerl had also asked if the garage RFP would be on the borough website. He was told by Council President they would be when the dates within the RFP were finalized and inserted into the RFP. Bob Rickerl also asked for clarification about the powers Council had granted the Zoning Enforcement Officer. Council President called for a motion to approve the minutes of June 28, 2022 with corrections. Mr. McBeth made the motion as called for. Ms. Judge seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

**4. RESIDENT COMMENT** – There were no request forms submitted for resident comments.

**5. POLICE REPORT** - Chief Kenney reported 275 hours this month

Alarms – 2  
Assist Other Police – 7  
Disturbance -1  
Fires – 1  
Lost or Found Property – 1  
All Other Complaints – 5  
Traffic Citations – 7  
Traffic Stops – 12  
Criminal Arrest – 0  
Non-Traffic Citations – 0  
Total Citations – 7  
Total Complaints – 17  
Total Gas – 111.5 Gal  
Total Mileage – 705  
Car Washed – 2

The Council President officially thanked the Police Force for the additional time they spent managing the Hulmeville Avenue Bridge traffic.

The Borough Manager asked if the reported fire had anything to do with a fire pit or chiminea as some residents had been asking about ordinances related to them. Chief Kenney stated

that the fire was the result of an error by PECO servicemen and that he did not receive any complaints about fire pits or Chimineas.

The Council President stated that an overzealous police officer, from another municipality, had caused concerns within Langhorne Manor over a person being sought by the FBI in Parkland. Much misinformation had circulated throughout the Manor causing undue panic. The person has not yet been found and he is not armed or dangerous. Concerned citizens can request direction from Chief Kenney.

Christopher Croteau, 608 Station Avenue wanted to recognize the good work done by the LMB Police force and asked if it would be appropriate to initiate a program supporting our Police by posting signs in Langhorne Manor Borough. Mr. Croteau was advised that there is an ordinance against posting signs of any nature and further advised that there are other ways to recognize their good work.

## **6. APPROVAL OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND HEALTH**

**AUTHORITY RESOLUTION** – Council President announced the resolution approving a plan of financing of the Borough of Langhorne Manor Higher Education and Health Authority and declaring that it is desirable for the health, safety and welfare of the people in the Borough of Langhorne Manor and the people in the area served by the project to undertake a project for Phoebe-Devitt Homes, Phoebe Berks Health Care Center, Inc., Phoebe Home, Inc. Phoebe Services, Inc and Phoebe Richland Health Care Center. Ms. Seader called for a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Judge made a motion as stated. Mr. McBeth seconded. There were no objections. Motion carried.

**7. APPROVAL OF THE WATERSHED RESTORATION AND PROTECTION (WRPP) GRANT-** Council President announced the resolution to request a WRPP grant of \$189,987.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for the Comly Avenue Basin Project. Ms. Seader called for a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Oessenich made a motion as stated. Ms. Judge seconded. There were no objections. Motion carried.

**8. INSPECTOR'S REPORT** – The Secretary/Treasurer stated there was no report from the inspector. The Borough Manager will talk to the Building Inspector about the reports.

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS –**

**James Niwinski** – Mr. Niwinski secured two estimates to replace the LMB office building heater. One from Siefert Plumbing, the other from Good Heating and Air Conditioning. The current system is a summer/winter hook up meaning there is no separate hot water heater and the heater is used even during summer months. Both companies recommended we split the system particularly due to the price of oil. Mr. McBeth questioned the viability of Good Heating and Air Conditioning with respect to a warranty. The borough manager advised that the warranty was with the manufacturer not the installer. Council President called for a motion to approve the purchase of

the office HVAC system with Good Heating and Air Conditioning. Mr. McBeth made the motion. Ms. Oessenich seconded. There were no objections. Motion carried.

**Alicia Gasparovic** – No report.

**Cheryl Oessenich** – No report.

**Dawn Seader** – Ms. Seader asked the Council to make a motion to approve the expenditure of \$150 for Bonnie McGoldrick to attend the training for secretary/administrative assistants presented by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB). Ms. Oessenich made the motion. Ms. Judge seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

**Route 1 Update** – Ms. Seader provided an update to the request to PennDOT to provide an in-person option to their public meeting rather than a virtual option only. Langhorne Borough is taking the lead in crafting a letter to PennDOT to reiterate and emphasize the importance of a hybrid meeting which will be signed by the three municipalities.

**Bridge Update** – Ms. Seader had a conversation with Pennel Borough's president Bev Wolfe regarding the signage and striping request for Hulmeville Bridge. They will not pursue the striping and signage as the bridge is a railroad bridge only and was not designed for pedestrian or bike traffic. Adding striping and signage gives a false sense of safety which increases the municipalities' risk. Mr. Profy added that unlike the West Interchange Bridge, that PennDOT is for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, the Hulmeville Bridge is not designed for such and agrees that Langhorne Manor should not pursue the signage and striping.

**Fireworks Ordinance** – The House of Representatives recently passed HB 2157 that limits the use of fireworks between 10:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. Except on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and New Year's Eve when fireworks are permitted until 1:00 a.m. It also allows some latitude on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. We received complaints recently so Council may want to address this when the new law is passed.

**Stormwater Management (SWM) Ordinance** – At our next meeting we will be discussing the approval of an amendment to our SWM Ordinance. RVE provided some information regarding the DEP requirement that necessitates an updating of the language in the ordinance. In essence it involves a permit being approved based on false, misleading or erroneous information and the conditions under which a waiver can be approved.

**Nicholas Pizzola** – No report.

**Grace Judge** – No report.

**Robert McBeth** – Reported that the next Zoning Ordinance Working Group session is scheduled for Wednesday, July 20, 2022.

**10. MAYORS REPORT** – No report.

**11. BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT** – The Comly Avenue SWM basin pipe and head wall work has been completed by Eckman. The soils from the basin are no longer needed by Eckman, so the soils will be placed back into the RFP for the basin when it is released.

The Garage RFP is being advertised this week and is also being posted on the LMB website.

**12. SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – Hearings for the conservatorship of 701 S Pine and 306 Comly will be held this week and next. Record retention will be addressed at the August Council meeting.

**13. CORRESPONDANCE** – The Bucks County Boroughs Association announced their dinner meeting to be held at Northampton Valley Country Club, 299 Newtown-Richboro Road, Richboro, Pa on September 20, 2022.

**14. APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT** –The Council President stated that all Council members received a copy of the bills list for payment and asked for questions and concerns. Ms. Seader called for a motion to pay the General Unpaid Bills. Ms. Judge made a motion as stated. Mr. McBeth seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

The Council President asked for a motion to approve the Unpaid Sewer Bills. Mr. McBeth made a motion as stated. Ms. Oessenich seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

**15. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT** – The Council President asked if there were any questions or concerns for the General Fund report. The Council President asked for a motion to approve the General Fund report for June. Ms. Oessenich made a motion as stated. Mr. McBeth seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

The Council President asked if there were any questions or concerns for the Sewer Fund report. The Council President asked for a motion to approve the Sewer Fund report for June. Mr. McBeth made a motion as stated. Ms. Oessenich seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

**16. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS** - Christopher Croteau, 608 Station Avenue asked if it would be appropriate to challenge the ordinance which prohibited posting signs in order to allow for signs that support the local police. He was advised that an ordinance must be more broad than specific and at this point Council is not looking to make any changes.

**17. SECOND MEETING FOR MONTH OF JULY** – Ms. Seader made a motion to dispense with the second meeting in July. Ms. Judge seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

**18. ADJOURNMENT** – The Council President called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Oessenich made the motion as stated. Mr. McBeth seconded. There were no objections. The meeting adjourned.

**19. NEXT MEETING** – August 9, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie McGoldrick  
Secretary/Treasurer