

MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF JULY 8, 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 July 8, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. Daylight Savings Time by Nick Pizzola.

PERSONS PRESENT – Nick Pizzola – President, Cheryl Oessenich – Vice-President, Councilpersons: James Niwinski, Phil Gillies, Sam Jennings and Bob McBeth, Solicitor: Thomas J. Profy, IV., Borough Manager: Peter Gray, Secretary-Treasurer: Bonnie McGoldrick and Police Chief John Kenney.

PERSONS ABSENT – Mayor Robert Byrne, Councilperson: Devin Keating.

2. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Jim Niwinski

Mr. Niwinski asked for a minute of silence in consideration of the lives tragically lost in floods in Texas last week.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, MOTION TO APPROVE.

Council President asked if there were any questions, concerns or corrections to the minutes of June 10, 2025. There were none.

Council President called for a motion to approve the minutes from June 10, 2025. Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Ms. Oessenich seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

4. RESIDENT COMMENTS –

Bob Grupp, 305 Hill Avenue, asked if there was an update on the legal situation regarding Cairn University and the Gillam Avenue house. Mr. Pizzola advised that there was nothing new to discuss right now.

Mark Shapcott, 108 E. Langhorne Ave, commented on the service by Whitetail Disposal. He contacted them about damaging his trash can and they delivered a replacement, but it was smaller than the one they damaged. Ms. Oessenich said she would be addressing this further in her report tonight.

Andrew Shifferly, Chief/Director of the Langhorne/Middletown Emergency Services, noted that the council was addressing House Bill 1152 on their agenda tonight. This bill is continually “shot down” by the Insurance Lobby in the Senate. He expressed his gratitude for their attention to the subject and clarified the importance of council support.

5. POLICE REPORT –

The Police Chief reported 208.5 total hours for June and 16 Total complaints.

Animal Complaints – 1	Parking complaints – 1
Assaults – 1	Suspicious Vehicle – 1
Assist Other Police – 3	Thefts – 1
Criminal Mischief – 1	All Other Complaints – 4
Disturbance – 1	Car Washes – 1
Fires – 1	Gas – 73 Gallons
Medical emergency – 1	Total Mileage – 414

The reported theft was 150 feet of copper wire stolen from the electric lines that service Cairn University. Residents are encouraged to notify police if any resident sees unusual activity around the electric poles or lines.

The Neshaminy School District has proposed an intergovernmental agreement to add cameras on school buses which will record video of any cars that violate the School Bus Law. The local police force will review the film and issue fines by mail. Chief Kenney is in support of the plan and he feels it would be no problem for our police force to comply with the request.

There are still some issues with the new cell phone service from Vialytics. The Chief is continuing to work with their representative.

6. INSPECTOR’S REPORT – no report

7. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT RE: AUTOMATED STOP ENFORCEMENT.

The intergovernmental agreement was addressed in the Police Chief's report.

8. AUTHORIZED SIGNERS ON PLGIT ACCOUNT.

The Council President deferred to the Borough Secretary who explained that the PLGIT Account contains invested funds for maintaining the Sewer lines. The Borough Auditor has requested access to the account so that he can confirm the information for the annual audit. Ms. McGoldrick said, as far as she knew, she was the only person with access to the accounts and asked the council how they wanted to address this request, suggesting that there should be another person with access to the account information.

After some discussion, the council agreed that there should be two signatures required for any financial transaction, this would be the same requirement that exists for check requests to vendors and contractors. They also agreed that the Council President and/or Vice-President should be required to co-sign any transaction on the PLGIT account. It was also agreed that the Auditor should not have access to the accounts.

Council President called for a vote to authorize the Council President and/or Council Vice President as co-signers for any PLGIT account transactions. The council agreed.

9. INSURANCE REVIEW.

Jim Niwinski detailed his analysis of the borough's current insurance policies. Our current broker has not marketed the boroughs insurance since 2012. Our insurance proposal for 2025 is double the rate we paid in 2020. Mr. Niwinski communicated his concerns to our current broker who was able to have the proposed rate lowered slightly and increase the current protection value.

Council President called for a motion to authorize Mr. Niwinski, based on his knowledge and experience, to move forward with any changes or improvements he can make to our 2025 renewal which is due July 15, 2025. Mr. McBeth made the motion as called for. Mr. Jennings seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

10.DRAFT RESOLUTION REQUIRING INSURANCE COMPANIES TO DIRECTLY REIMBURSE EMS PROVIDERS FOR SERVICES RENDERED TO COMMONWEALTH RESIDENTS.

Council President asked Andrew Shifferly, Chief/Director of the Langhorne/Middletown Emergency Services to explain the background of House Bill 1152.

Council President read the resolution supporting Pennsylvania House Bill 1152 requiring Insurance Companies to directly reimburse Emergency Medical Service Providers for services rendered to Commonwealth Residents.

Council President called for a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Mr. Gillies seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

11. CLOSE CAPITAL RESERVE POLICE BANK ACCOUNT.

Council President explained that the Capital Reserve Bank Account had been specifically established to set aside \$8000/year for new police cars. More recently we have received grants to purchase our police cars, and this account is not currently used but we are being charged a monthly fee for not maintaining a minimum balance.

Council President called for a motion to close the unnecessary Capital Reserve Police Bank Account. Mr. Gillies made the motion as called for. Mr. Niwinski seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

12. REPORTS

a) **Jim Niwinski** – no report

b) **Cheryl Oessenich** – reported on communications with Whitetail Disposal to complaints about damaged trash cans and lids. Ms. Oessenich was not aware that the Chief of Police was also getting involved in issues regarding damaged trash cans, indicating this is a much larger concern.

There are cameras mounted on the back of the Trash Trucks to monitor the trash collectors which Whitetail will review when presented with a complaint.

When asked about the number of damaged cans, Ms. Oessenich deferred to the Secretary. It is difficult to estimate because, some people are reporting directly to Whitetail. While others report to Ms. Oessenich and the Police Chief. But the consensus is that Whitetail is responsive.

Council President commented that his experience with the new service has been positive.

Ms. Oessenich reported that traffic on Manor Avenue is an unmonitored problem.

c) **Nick Pizzola** – Mr. Pizzola received a PennDOT letter regarding The Interchange Bridge and required repairs. After reviewing, he determined that this was not our bridge, it said it is the bridge over Pennypack Creek.

Stormwater Management update – Mr. Pizzola reported that he received preliminary estimates on required improvements that are located on Highland Avenue for \$317,000 and another unidentified location for \$699,000. Mr. Pizzola is aware of a grant for \$700,000 that we could apply for, but he has not been able to find the specifics on how to apply for it.

Mr. Niwinski commented that he believed the borough already had an approved Grant.

Ms. Teresa Weiser asked why these estimates were not referred to the Stormwater Commission and that there are grants already applied for and approved. Mr. Pizzola stated that he was unaware of the information she was referring to and would like it to be presented to council at the next meeting.

Boxing Gym inquiry- Mr. Pizzola read a letter from a “newly forming business”, interested in opening a boxing gym in Langhorne Manor. To support their plan, they asked if the borough had any unused or abandoned facilities that could be offered rent-free or low-cost in exchange for the public benefit provided to local youth. The Borough Council will thank them for their interest but there is nothing available.

d) Bob McBeth- no report

e) Sam Jennings- Asked if anyone had an update on the Telephone Poles. Mr. Gray will follow up with PECO.

f) Phil Gillies –no report

g) Devin Keating –Absent, no report

13. MAYORS REPORT – Absent, no report

14. BOROUGH MANAGER’S REPORT–

The Borough Manager stated that he received correspondence from the BC Department of Health regarding the Mosquito disease control program update. The information will be added to the Langhorne Manor Website.

15. SOLICITORS REPORT – no report

16. CORRESPONDENCE –

Ms. McGoldrick advised that the Borough received a check from Wood Services for \$12,000.

17. APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT –

Council President asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the General Unpaid Bills Report for July.

Council President called for a motion to approve the General Unpaid bills for July. 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 or concerns regarding the Sewer Unpaid Bills Report for July.

Council President asked for a motion to approve the Sewer Unpaid bills for July. Mr. Jennings made the motion as called for. Mr. Niwinski 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 July.

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

18. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT –

Council President asked if there were any questions or concerns about the Treasurers Reports for June.

Council President asked for a motion to approve the General fund Report for June. Mr. Niwinski made the motion. Mr. Gillies seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Council President asked for a motion to approve the Sewer fund Report for June. Mr. Niwinski made the motion. Mr. Jennings seconded. There were no objections. The motion Carried.

Council President asked for a motion to approve the Highway Aid Fund Report for June. Mr. Gillies made the motion. Mr. McBeth seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

19. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS – None

20.ADJOURNMENT - Council President called for a motion to dispense with the July 22nd meeting and hold the next council meeting on August 12, 2025. Mr. Niwinski made the motion. Mr. McBeth seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

The residents and the Borough Secretary were asked to leave the meeting so the council could conduct an executive session to discuss a legal matter.

21.NEXT MEETING AUGUST 12, 2025

Respectfully Submitted

Bonnie McGoldrick

Secretary/Treasurer