

MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF MARCH 12, 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 March 12, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. Daylight Savings Time by Nick Pizzola.

PERSONS PRESENT – Nick Pizzola – President, Cheryl Oessenich – Vice-President, Councilpersons: James Niwinski, Alicia Gasparovic, Grace Judge, Sam Jennings and Bob McBeth, Mayor Robert Byrne, Police Chief John Kenney, Solicitor: Thomas J. Profy, IV., Borough Manager: Peter Gray.

PERSONS ABSENT – Secretary-Treasurer: Bonnie McGoldrick

- 2. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Cheryl Oessenich
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Council President asked if there were any questions, concerns, corrections, or comments on the minutes of February 13, 2024. Council President called for a motion to approve the minutes of February 13, 2024. Mr. Jennings made the motion as called for. Ms. Gasparovic seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Council President asked if there were any questions, concerns, corrections, or comments on the minutes of February 27, 2024. Council President called for a motion to approve the minutes of February 27, 2024. Ms. Gasparovic made the motion as called for. Mr. McBeth seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

- 4. RESIDENT COMMENT** – The Council recognized Jay Ferraro regarding “The Barbara T. Foundation, Fun Run Fundraiser”. Mr. Ferraro presented background on the foundation and asked for Council support on a four borough, 10K/5K Fun Run through Hulmeville, Penndel, Langhorne Manor and Langhorne Borough.

Such support would require a representative from the Events Committee and Police Department to join the Fun Run Committee. Council President voiced his support of the event and asked if anyone on the Council had concerns or questions. As a member of the Events Committee, Dawn Seader volunteered to participate and keep Councilperson Oessenich up to date on the status of the event. Police Chief Kenney agreed to participation and police support. (Presentation attached)

Council President called for a motion to support the Barbara T Foundation Fun Run. Ms. Judge made the motion as called for. Mr. Jennings seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

The council recognized Dawn Seader of the Langhorne Manor Events Committee. Ms. Seader advised the council that Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (rain date of Sunday, April 28) has been chosen as Clean Up Day in the Borough. Mayor Byrne and a local scout troop will be participating. The committee is still deciding on which streets to target. Police assistance and use of the Borough's pick-up truck will be required. The committee will send flyers to the community at the beginning of April to solicit volunteers. (Presentation attached)

Council President called for a motion to approve police assistance and use of the borough truck. Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Ms. Judge seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION PROPOSALS: MESSAGE APPROVAL TO WEBSITE: LETTER TO RESIDENTS.

Council President asked Councilmember Sam Jennings to present information on behalf of the Shade Tree Commission. The Shade Tree Commission met at Feeney's Nursery. Along with recommendations from the Nursery, two types of trees were selected, Ivory Silk Japanese Lilac Tree and Eastern Redbud Single Stem Tree. A total of 10 will be purchased and planted throughout LMB for a total cost of \$2,924.92. Feeney's would plant the trees. Ten interested residents would need to be selected and once the trees were installed, they would become the responsibility of the homeowner.

The Shade Tree Commission would like to solicit resident interest on a first come first served basis, by posting on the borough website and direct correspondence would also be necessary. Ms. Judge suggested a lottery for interested residents. The council discussed points of clarification such as the size of the trees, planting locations and contracts. Ms. Gasparovic asked if the planting cost was included in the purchase price and would be covered by the RDA grant that paid for the trees.

Council President called for a motion to approve posting the availability of Trees on the Website. Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Ms. Gasparovic seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Council President called for a motion to draft an approved letter to the residents. Ms. Oessenich made the motion as called for. Ms. Judge seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Mr. Jennings also advised; the first action taken by the STC, directing a specific resident to remove dead trees, was effective and the trees have been removed.

6. RVE PRESENTATION OF BIDS FOR PINE STREET INFILTRATION PROJECT

Dominic Cundari, the representative from RVE, presented the results of the bids received for the Pine Street Infiltration project. Nine bids were received in total, ranging from \$183,750 to \$286,413. Bids were reviewed by the Borough Solicitor. RVE is recommending CPA Pavement Services, Harrisburg, PA, for \$183,750.

Several council questions were asked and addressed by Mr. Cundari.

Council President called for a motion to approve CPA Pavement Services as the contractor for the Pine Street Infiltration Project and agree to their proposal for \$183,750 pending approval by the Borough Solicitor. Ms. Gasparovic made the motion as called for. Ms. Oessenich seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

7. PRESENTATION OF ENGINEERING FIRM PROPOSALS FOR 2024 LMB STREET MAINTENANCE

Council President Tabled this item for the next meeting.

8. **POLICE REPORT** – Chief Kenney reported 212 total hours for February 2024.
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| Assist Other Police – 1 | Disorderly Conduct – 1 |
| Harassment – | Medical Emergency – 1 |
| All Other Complaints – 2 | |

Car Washed – 1	Total Gasoline –40 gal.	Total Mileage – 367 miles
Traffic Citations –	Non-Traffic Citations – 2	Total Citations – 2
Traffic Stops – 1	Criminal Arrest – 1	Total Complaints – 6

Chief Kenney stated that he has received resumes for new hires. Interviews to be conducted soon.

One police car has been traded toward the purchase of a new car which is ordered and should be received in April, and the remaining surplus car will be sold at that time.

An incident occurred in Bensalem (last week), the suspect crashed between Middletown Township & LMB. He escaped on foot and was presumed to be hiding in our area. There were 15-20 officers from various departments working in the area to try and locate the suspect. The Bensalem Police were in constant contact with our Chief but, unfortunately not all information is or can be available to the public. Consequently, a lot of misinformation was posted on social media.

Chief Kenney advised residents to be vigilant about locking their cars and doors. Three weeks ago on W. Fairview Avenue, an individual was trying to identify unlocked cars and a car was stolen in Parkland.

Mr. Niwinski asked about restarting a Town Watch Program. The Police Chief commented that Town Watch is not always an effective program and may create more problems than it resolves.

9. INSPECTORS REPORT – None

10.REPORTS

10.1 Jim Niwinski – no report

10.2 Alicia Gasparovic –

Ms. Gasparovic asked Mr. Pizzola about signs that need to be removed Between highland and Route 1

After more research, the Stormwater Management Grant for \$10K is not for current projects. It will be available when Bucks County adopts the Stormwater ordinance, not this year. Also, the \$10k will only be available to pay for Langhorne Manor Boroughs adoption of the Stormwater ordinance and nothing else.

An accounting of the Cost vs. Grant money indicates we did not lose any money on the Comly Avenue Project.

A resident has expressed his intentions to mow the Comly Basin. Ms. Gasparovic stated this should not be done and we need to put a lock on the gate to prohibit entry.

Ms. Gasparovic noted that LMB has utilized some American Rescue Funds and that the appropriate paperwork needs to be submitted.

Ms. Gasparovic asked Dominic Cundari if JNS had completed the necessary repairs on Comly Avenue. Mr. Cundari stated that they have fixed the fence and put down more seed.

Ms. Gasparovic stated that 2 grants which were applied for may not be needed.

An Insurance Broker contacted the Borough Secretary suggesting we may be able to improve our current coverage cost. Ms. Gasparovic plans to meet with them.

Ms. Gasparovic was able to listen to the last meeting recording. She believes we should have that available to anyone.

10.3 Cheryl Oessenich –

Bulk Trash Dates for 2024 are May 18 & October 19th. Community Yard Sales are the preceding weeks, May 11th & October 12th.

Ms. Oessenich commented that “Brody” our contact for Republic Services continues to be very responsive. In the future, Republic Services is looking into “one man collection” which would require new trash cans for all residents.

Ms. Judge asked if there were any dates for Electronic Waste Collection. None have been identified.

10.4 Nick Pizzola -

Mr. Pizzola added Bob McBeth to the group of council members looking into Zoning Board Procedures & Fees for a future work session discussion. All other committees will be discussed during our work session in two weeks.

The Waste load Management Report is due this is a DEP requirement. Carroll Engineering will submit it.

The Liquid Fuels report will be submitted.

Ms. Judge asked what is happening with the 2023 Audit. Mr. Pizzola will look into that.

10.5 Grace Judge -

The new laptops were ordered from Lenovo. We had a \$5000 budget, and the total cost is \$4845. This price included a \$3000 discount. Once they arrive Ms. Judge and Nathaniel Nelson will get them set up and distributed.

10.6 Bob McBeth – no report

10.7 Sam Jennings – reported earlier on the Shade Tree Commission.

11.MAYORS REPORT – No Report

12.SOLICITOR’S REPORT – no report

13. RESOLUTION FOR BOROUGH MANAGER TO UPLOAD RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND MINUTES TO LMB MICROSOFT TEAMS.

Council President read the resolution in full, asked if there were any questions or concerns about the resolution, and called for a motion to approve the resolution 2024-09. Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Ms. Oessenich seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

14. RESOLUTION TO DESTROY LMB BOROUGH RECORDS NOT REQUIRED TO BE RETAINED PER PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM RETENTION AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULE ADOPTED 9/27/2022.

Council President read the resolution in full, asked if there were any questions or concerns about the resolution and called for a motion to approve the resolution 2024-10. Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Mr. McBeth seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

15. CORRESPONDENCE – None

16. APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT –

Council President asked if there were any questions about the General Unpaid Bills report for March. Ms. Gasparovic questioned two bills that were submitted for payment. One to Scantek which will be held until the Borough Secretary can explain. The second was for CSX, which was explained and approved by the council president.

Council President asked for a motion to approve the General Unpaid bills for March with the exception of the Scantek bill. Ms. Judge made the motion as called for. Mr. Niwinski seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

NOTE: The Scantek bill was for scanning and electronic filing of financial reports and meeting minutes. This project was approved and completed in 2023.

Council President asked for a motion to approve the Sewer Unpaid bills for March. Ms. Judge made the motion as called for. Mr. Niwinski seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

17. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT -

Council President asked for a motion to approve the General fund Report for February. Ms. Judge made the motion as called for. Ms. Oessenich seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

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

Council President asked for a motion to approve the Highway Aid Fund Report for February. Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Mr. Jennings seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

18. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS – Council President recognized Christopher Croteau, Hill Avenue. Mr. Croteau commented that there should have been better communication with the community about the active manhunt. Chief Kenney responded to the concerns.

19. NEXT MEETING – March 26, 2024

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

Respectfully Submitted

Bonnie McGoldrick

Secretary/Treasurer

Attachments: [Barbara T Foundation Presentation](#)
[Event Committee Clean Up Day Presentation](#)