

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting of Langhorne Manor Borough was called to order in the Langhorne Manor Borough Hall, 618 Hulmeville Avenue, Langhorne, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 8:00 P.M. Eastern Time by William McTigue, President.

At this point in the meeting, Mayor Byrne led us in the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

PERSONS PRESENT – Maryann Barnes, Vice President; Jay Ferraro; Sharon Gimpel; William McTigue, President; Nicholas Pizzola; Robert Byrne, Mayor; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer.

PERSONS ABSENT – Edward Hanisco; Dawn Seader and Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor.

At the meeting’s opening Mr. McTigue stated the road project has three main parts, and noted that the meeting’s purpose is for Council to decide whether to advertise the bid solicitation as three separate projects or as a single project that requires one contractor to assure completion of the project’s three parts, which he identified as fabric installation, paving overlay and driveway tie-ins.

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS – Alicia Gasparovic (406 Station Avenue) spoke about ADA ramps, Jason Snyder and Insurance for the road project.

Mr. Pizzola stated that he would address her issues in his report.

Mr. Steven Yourtee (502 Hulmeville Avenue) questioned if necessary re-profiling of some intersections, resolving drainage issues and bringing sidewalks into ADA compliance were included in the scope of proposed work.

In response to Mr. Yourtee opining that drainage for the entire Borough should be addressed before any road paving project is undertaken. Mr. McTigue stated that the cost of doing so would likely cost millions of dollars that the Borough does not have and that the length any required approval is completely unknown. Mr. Yourtee stated that municipalities always fix drainage problems before repaving a road. Mr. McTigue expressed his doubts about the accuracy of Mr. Yourtee’s claim.

Concerning Mr. Yourtee’s calls for installation of curbs and installation of ADA ramps at each intersection’s corner, Mr. McTigue noted such work is not within the scope of the road paving project. Mr. Ferraro added that ADA regulations allow a period of up to ten (10) years to install ADA street curb ramps and the regulations provide that the number of ramps required at an intersection depends upon conditions.

Comment form was also received from Cheryl Ossenich (301 West Fairview Avenue) pertaining to the roads.

Mr. Frederick Tomlinson (204 West Gillam Avenue) Three years ago he addressed Council about hazardous potholes and blacktop debris on road shoulder on the 200 block of West Gillam Avenue. He was also concerned about stop sign traffic control by painting white lines at each stop sign and Access road project as he feels that it was not done very well as it is bumpy and not properly sealed at the edges.

Ms. Gimpel stated that she objects to the road project and she wants the worst section to be done first and then see how long it lasts and have it completed right this time.

Mr. Yourtee addressed ADA ramps he asked if there would be ramps on all four corners and will this project take over where Pickering Courts & Summerson left off.

Ms. Gimpel referred to deep gullies along the roads.

Mrs. Lois Abbott (803 Hulmeville Avenue) addressed the drainage problem at Park Avenue and Hulmeville Avenue and she asked when this problem would be corrected.

In response to residents' questions, Mr. Pizzola again gave a detailed review of the work that was done on the access roads and referred residents to the 11/13/18 minutes where a detailed explanation was included in the minutes.

Mr. Pizzola stated that the bid for the street paving project had been prepared and only clarification needed whether the paving project be bid as a single contract for the paving fabric, paving work and driveway tie-ins or should separate contracts for each aspect be bid upon. The Borough's solicitor had reviewed the bid documents and advised Mr. Pizzola that the entire project be bid as a single contract. A contract with a single general contractor responsible for doing the entire project would give the Borough the best legal protection in the event there were unresolved issues to be addressed either while the project was underway or after the project was completed.

Mr. Ferraro addressed his concerns pertaining to milling through fabric. He also spoke about swales along straight roads.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Ferraro to solicit bids for the road project as a single contract. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Ms. Gimpel abstained.

10. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. McTigue entertained a motion to adjourn this meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday April 2, 2019 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough