

**MINUTES**  
**LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF MARCH 25, 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 March 25, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. Daylight Savings Time by Nick Pizzola.

**PERSONS PRESENT** – Nick Pizzola – President, Cheryl Oessenich – Vice-President, Councilpersons: Devin Keating, Sam Jennings, Phil Gillies and Bob McBeth, Solicitor: Thomas J. Profy, IV., Borough Manager: Peter Gray, Secretary-Treasurer: Bonnie McGoldrick.

**PERSONS ABSENT** – Mayor Robert Byrne, Police Chief John Kenney, Councilman, James Niwinski.

- 2. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Phil Gillies
- 3. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS** – Jim Keba, 604 Hill Avenue, asked why the council is only planning a .5% Earned Income Tax rather than the fully allowed 1%? Council President stated this would be discussed in detail under Item 8 of the agenda.
- 4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RVE PROPOSAL FOR 2024-25 MS-4 SERVICES.**

The Council President assumed council members had reviewed the proposal from RVE and asked if there were any questions or concerns. The council discussed points of clarification and inquired if any exemptions to our overall MS4 requirements were possible, considering the size of our borough and the limits on the space available for projects. Mr. Cundari (RVE) said he was unaware of any concessions but, under the planning section of the terms of the contract proposal, RVE would be required to investigate the possibility of exemptions.

Council President called for a motion to accept RVE's proposal for 2024-25 MS-4 Services with the added request that they specifically look for exemptions in our

borough's favor. Ms. Oessenich made the motion as called for. Mr. Gillies seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

## **5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ROAD REPAIRS USING BRAY BROTHERS TO APPLY HOT POUR MASTIC FOR CRACK SEALING –**

Council President presented a proposal for crack sealing and pothole fixing and explained, under certain circumstances the borough is required to advertise proposed road projects for bidding. The cost of the project dictates what the borough is required to do. No bidding is required for projects under \$12,500. Between \$12,500 and \$23,500 we must acquire telephone bids. If the project exceeds \$23,500, formal bidding is required. Since this project does not exceed \$23,500 no formal bidding process is required.

The council president contacted Bray Brothers, Inc., 16 Moon Drive, Fallsington, Pa., the contractors who completed our repairs in the fall. The repairs are expected to take 4 days at \$2,475 per day for labor only.

Council President then contacted Costars which is an approved vendor for PA Boroughs and requires no bidding process. Their price for Hot Pour Mastic is \$4400 and the rental price for the equipment is \$1530 for 5 days. We will need to contact our insurance company to certify that we are insured.

Summary of Costs: \$4,400 – Mastic – estimated amount. \$ 9,900 – Labor based on 4 days at \$2,475 per day. If a 5<sup>th</sup> day is needed the same daily rate would apply. \$1,530 – Equipment Rental for 5 days.

The Council President called for a motion to accept the proposal from Bray Brothers, Inc. Ms. Oessenich made the motion as called for. Mr. Gillies seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

## **6. VIALYTICS TRAINING STARTED. SEPARATE CAMERA FOR BOROUGH STAFF RECOMMENDED.**

Council President advised that the borough secretary, the police chief, the council president and Mr. Cundari from RVE all attended the initial training and

demonstration of the Vialytics software. We learned that the software could also be used to catalog and track code enforcement and zoning issues.

It was recommended that the borough purchase an iPhone for use with the system rather than using personal phones. The additional cost would be approximately \$800. Ms. Keating asked if we would require a phone line for that or if the phone would work via WIFI. Mr. Pizzola agreed to investigate.

#### **7. STATUS OF RESIDENTS CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES DUE TO SANITARY SEWER BLOCKAGE. –**

A grease blockage in the sanitary sewer system caused a back up at 3 homes along Hill Avenue. KE Seiffert responded promptly and cleared the blockage.

Mr. Niwinski supervised the clean-up, and claims have been submitted by a resident whose basement was damaged. The claim was submitted to our Insurance Provider, and we await further information.

The Borough Engineers were consulted and did not advise a general cleaning of the whole sanitary system.

#### **8. REVIEW OF REQUIREMENTS NEEDED TO ENACT ½% EARNED INCOME TAX –**

Council President relayed information provided by the Borough Manager and acquired from Keystone Collections Group on the potential revenue from the proposed Earned Income Tax. This is informative only, no action will be taken tonight.

This information was provided with the following disclaimer:

“Revenue estimates are based on current year and prior year collection data of the tax officer. Additional information is based on data from outside sources including the PA Dept of Revenue, the U.S. Census, the Center for Rural Pennsylvania, the Penn State Data Center and USBoundary.com. These estimates are subject to modification based on updated information, economic changes, accuracy of employer-supplied data, accuracy of taxpayer-supplied data, accuracy of state and federal data and demographic factors that could impact income and tax levels and

accordingly affect any estimated totals. As such, no estimate is a guarantee of future collections and may not be relied upon for this purpose”.

The amount of Earned Income reported for Langhorne Manor Borough on 386 State Returns was \$31,715,578.00. Based on that amount .5% would be \$158,577.89 and 1.0% would be \$317,155.78.

The EIT currently paid by 316 Langhorne Manor residents to other Municipalities with a non-resident, or commuter EIT and where Keystone is the Act 32 Tax Officer, is \$100,650.35 in 2024. Virtually all this revenue would revert to Langhorne Manor if the Borough imposed the tax at 1%, in addition to other EIT revenue sources. In most cases, those residents would see no increase in their current local EIT payments.

Residents who work in Montgomery County are not included in the above figure as Keystone is not the Act 32 Tax Officer.

Residents who work in Philadelphia would not pay additional tax to the Langhorne Manor Borough EIT as they already pay 3.44% to the city commuter wage tax.

Residents who work in Delaware pay the Delaware state tax and anyone who works in Wilmington is also subject to local income tax. These residents will not be taxed again by the Langhorne Manor Borough EIT.

In the future, Neshaminy School District may impose up to .5% EIT at which time the Borough would be limited to .5%.

The council discussed the potential of excess tax money and stated that it was not the intention to build up excess funds. If that were to happen the council would either decrease the millage or consider a tax rebate.

Lynn Barry, 301 W. Park Ave, asked to clarify how EIT would impact people who work at home.

Teresa Weiser, 206 W. Prospect and Bob Grupp, 305 Hill Avenue, addressed how to determine where you pay the EIT if you work from home.

Stewart Krywonos, 204 W. Park Avenue, commented on the taxes he paid during Covid.

Another resident noted that some people are currently paying the EIT but don't realize it because it is not identified as such on their pay stub.

**9. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS –**

Jada Carter, 507 Hill Ave, Asked about the accuracy of the electronic speed limit sign on Hulmeville Avenue. Council President will check with the Police Chief on the status of that repair.

**10.ADJOURNMENT** - Council President called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Oessenich made the motion as called for. Mr. Gillies seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

**11.NEXT MEETING APRIL 8, 2025**

Respectfully Submitted

Bonnie McGoldrick

Secretary/Treasurer