

MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF MAY 13, 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 May 13, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. Daylight Savings Time by Nick Pizzola.

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

PERSONS ABSENT – Mayor Robert Byrne, Council Members: Sam Jennings and Bob McBeth.

- 2. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Cheryl Oessenich
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, MOTION TO APPROVE.**

Council President asked if there were any questions, concerns or corrections to the minutes of April 8, 2025. There were none.

Council President called for a motion to approve the minutes from April 8, 2025. Mr. Gillies made the motion as called for. Mr. Niwinski seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Council President asked if there were any questions, concerns or corrections to the minutes of April 22, 2025. There were none.

Council President called for a motion to approve the minutes from April 22, 2025. Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Ms. Oessenich seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

- 4. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & VISITORS** – Council President addressed Teresa Weiser and acknowledge that a comment she made at the last

meeting regarding the proposal for road repairs was correct and his response was incorrect.

Barney Wheeler, 702 Hill Avenue, asked that the council consider installing stop signs along Hill Avenue to deter speeding. Bob Grupp, 305 Hill Avenue and Mark Shapcott, 108 E. Langhorne Avenue agreed with Mr. Wheeler, expressing similar observations. The Police Chief and Council Members added to the conversation and agreed to look into options to address the speeding issues but stressed that most actions like stop signs are ineffective and that it is not possible to have a constant police presence.

5. JAYSON LAWSON OF KEYSTONE COLLECTIONS GROUP TO ANSWER QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE EARNED INCOME TAX.

Council President introduced Jayson Lawson. Mr. Lawson stated that Keystone Collections Group is the EIT Officer for Chester, Bucks and Delaware Counties. They have 220+ employees, support over 2 million residents and process over \$3 billion annually.

Mr. Lawson advised, within Bucks, Delaware, Chester and Northampton counties, 316 Langhorne Manor Residents are currently remitting \$100,650 in Earned Income Tax (EIT). And in Montgomery County, he was able to confirm that approximately 68 Langhorne Manor Residents are paying \$33,605 in Earned Income Tax (EIT). Those funds currently stay in the coffers of those respective counties. If Langhorne Manor Borough (LMB) institutes an EIT of 1%, those currently paid and collected funds (\$134,255) will be redistributed to LMB.

Mr. Lawson also advised that LMB residents who work in Philadelphia and Delaware are currently paying the Philadelphia Wage Tax (3.44%) or the Delaware imposed taxes, but no part of those monies will be redistributed to LMB. However, those same residents will not be charged any additional EIT should LMB institute the tax.

Mr. Lawson stated that only “Earned Income” is subject to the EIT and does not include Pensions or Social Security. When asked for a clear definition of “Earned Income” Mr. Lawson said he will research that and provide a more detailed explanation. He will also find out what he can about residents who pay taxes in New York City.

If LMB institutes the EIT, Keystone will help with that transition with Residents and Businesses notification, Press release, Website information, Communication with payroll providers and other collectors, FAQ and Customer Service Education.

6. **POLICE REPORT** – Chief Kenney reported 215 total hours for April.

Assist Other Police – 6
Civil dispute/Matter – 1
Criminal Mischief – 2
Medical Emergency – 1
All Other Complaints – 2

Total Gasoline – 51 gal.
Total Mileage – 404
Traffic Citations – 1
Non-Traffic Citations - 0
Total Citations – 1
Traffic Stops - 1
Criminal Arrest - 0
Total Complaints – 12

7. **INSPECTOR’S REPORT** – There were 5 permits issued for April.

8. **ADOPTION OF PEDDLING AND SOLICITING ORDINANCE WITH PROPOSED CHANGES.** Council President advised that the Ordinance had been approved and advertised and will be adopted by the Council tonight.

Council President called for a motion to approve the PEDDLING & SOLICITING ORDINANCE. Mr. Gillies made the motion as called for. Mr. Niwinski seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

9. **UPDATE ON WAIVER FROM STORM WATER MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL BOROUGHES.**

Council President advised that there are no concessions for Stormwater management requirements for small boroughs.

10.REVIEW OF COST OF REPAIRS TO ACCESS LANES AND HIGHLAND AVENUE. REVIEW OF RESIDENT ISSUES CONCERING ACCESS LANE TRAFFIC.

Council President advised that the cost of the road repairs to Bray Brothers totaled \$15,530. The cost of materials is not finalized.

11.ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION FOR A PLAN OF FINANCE BY THE BOROUGH OF LANGHORNE MANOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND HEALTH AUTHORITY.

Mr. Profy explained the purpose of the resolution. Council President read the resolution to the council.

Council President called for a motion to approve the resolution for a plan of finance by the Langhorne Manor Higher Education and Health Authority Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Mr. Gillies seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

12.APPROVAL OF SPENCER LANDSCAPING FOR BOROUGH LAWN CARE AND COMLY AVENUE BASIN MAINTENANCE.

Mr. Niwinski recommended rehiring Spencer Landscaping for 2025, at the same cost as 2024 and include the care and maintenance at Comly Avenue and Pine Street Infiltration Trench.

Council President called for a motion to approve. Mr. Gillies made the motion. Ms. Keating seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

13.REPORTS

- a. **Jim Niwinski** – reported that he will be finalizing the insurance renewal by next month.
- b. **Cheryl Oessenich** – reported on the bulk trash collection notices that were sent.
- c. **Nick Pizzola** – Vialytics meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for May 30.

Online access to the bookkeeping program will cost \$65 per account and we have three accounts. Mr. Pizzola did not think that we needed all three accounts available online as all accounts would be recorded in the general account except for the single uses designated for the other two accounts (one is for the road loan payment and the other for sewer services).

d. Bob McBeth- Absent no report

e. Sam Jennings-Absent no report

f. Phil Gillies – We are expecting another \$46,000 in Liquid Fuels money.

g. Devin Keating - Is looking into the Comcast and Verizon account. And, is looking into a grant to repair existing sidewalks but will not cover new sidewalks.

14. MAYORS REPORT – Absent no report

15. BOROUGH MANAGER’S REPORT– Continues to attend the BCPC Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee.

16. SOLICITORS REPORT – Mr. Profy gave an update on the Cairn University case and at some point, possibly in May, the council will need to hold an executive session to discuss the circumstances.

17. CORRESPONDENCE – Mary Zimmerman, the manager of Langhorne Borough forwarded a letter to the borough secretary from the PA Public Utility Commission. The letter details plans proposed by SEPTA to replace the quadrant gates and a few other upgrades at the Bellevue Avenue train crossing, to be completed by December 31, 2027. Dissatisfaction with this proposal must be filed within 20 days of the date of this letter (by June 2, 2025).

18. APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT – Council President asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the General Unpaid Bills Report for May.

Council President called for a motion to approve the General Unpaid bills for May. Mr. Gillies 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 Sewer Unpaid Bills Report for May.

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

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

Council President asked for a motion to approve the Highway Aid Unpaid bills for May. Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Ms. Keating seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

19. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT - Council President asked if there were any questions or concerns about the Treasurers Reports for April 2025.

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

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

20. MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE MAY 27, 2025 MEETING

Council President asked for a motion to dispense with the council meeting on May 27, 2025. Mr. Niwinski made the motion. Mr. Gillies seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

21.COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS –

Mr. Shapcott, 108 Langhorne Ave had 3 points to make:

1. He asked if there was any update on the PECO poles to which, Mr. Gray commented that PECO acknowledged the poles are there and that they will be removed in time.
2. Hill Avenue Stop Signs will most likely be ineffective.
3. For 18 years at Pine & Langhorne Ave, a stop sign has been ineffective and mostly ignored.

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

23.NEXT MEETING JUNE 10, 2025

Respectfully Submitted

Bonnie McGoldrick

Secretary/Treasurer