

MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF MAY 9, 2023

- 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 9, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. Daylight Savings Time by Dawn Seader, President.

PERSONS PRESENT – Dawn Seader – President, Nicholas Pizzola – Vice-President, Councilpersons: James Niwinski, Alicia Gasparovic, Cheryl Oessenich, Grace Judge and Bob McBeth, Solicitor - Thomas J. Profy, IV., Jay Ferraro – Borough Manager, Bonnie McGoldrick – Secretary/Treasurer.

PERSONS ABSENT – Mayor Robert Byrne, Police Chief John Kenney.

- 2. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Bob McBeth
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Ms. Seader asked if there were any questions, concerns, corrections, or comments on the minutes of April 11, 2023. Ms. Seader called for a motion to approve the minutes of April 11, 2023. Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Mr. McBeth seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.
- 4. RESIDENT COMMENT** – No comments.
- 5. POLICE REPORT** – No report.
- 6. APPROVAL FOR THE COMLY AVENUE PROJECT BID** – Issac Kessler of RVE presented the bids that were received for the Comly Avenue project. Three bids were received. The three bids were \$324,518, \$352,925 & \$486,867.

Ms. Seader asked Council for any questions or concerns. Several questions were addressed by Mr. Kessler. Ms. Seader asked for a motion to accept the bid from

J N S Paving & Excavation for \$324,518. Ms. Gasparovic made the motion as called for. Ms. Judge seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

7. LANGHORNE MIDDLETOWN FIRE COMPANY PRESENTATION –Ms.

Seader introduced Steve Link, President of the Langhorne/Middletown Volunteer Fire Department, which also provides emergency and fire services to Langhorne Manor Borough. Mr. Link stated that a member of the Langhorne Borough Council has been lobbying to have the Fire Company siren silenced and described actions the council member had taken to establish their position which includes circulating petitions at local businesses.

Mr. Link explained the reasons why the siren is still necessary despite electronic communication methods and stated that anyone who has questions can email info@lanhorne-middletownfc.com. Mr. Link also stated that other members of the Langhorne Borough Council currently support continued use of the siren for the safety of residents and businesses. The Fire Department Membership has voted unanimously to keep the siren working.

Mr. Link appealed to the residents and council for their support and to promote the need for volunteers of any capacity. Mr. Pizzola agreed to create a resolution in support of Langhorne Middletown Fire Company for consideration at the next meeting.

8. APPROVAL FOR FENCE ORDINANCE – Ms. Seader read the revisions to the Fence Ordinance and asked if there were any questions or concerns. Ms. Seader asked for a motion to approve the Fence Ordinance. Ms. Gasparovic made the motion as called for. Mr. Niwinski seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

9. INSPECTORS REPORT –

April Permits – 3 Issued

April Permits on hold – 1

April Final Inspections – 3 (two of the inspections were for permits issued in 2021)

10. REPORTS

10.1 Jim Niwinski – Mr. Niwinski presented background information on the investments available for the maturing CD’s. Discussion followed. The finance committee will prepare a plan for next month.

10.2 Alicia Gasparovic - The Growing Greener Grant approved the first payment and noted that the second payment, for \$16,525.75, was already deposited on 4/20/2023. The Email address has been successfully corrected. A decision should be made soon regarding additional grants applications.

Applications for Workers Comp and GL/Package policy renewals have been submitted. Ms. Gasparovic will need driver information for Nick Palladino and updated information on the new Police Vehicle.

The Shade Tree Commission met and elected Sam Jennings as their Chair and requested tree survey data, which Ms. Gasparovic supplied.

Ms. Gasparovic stated that she would like to revisit the idea of lower fees/escrows for Zoning Hearing Board cases regarding fences.

10.3 Cheryl Oessenich – No report

10.4 Dawn Seader – At the last work session, Council reviewed the home-based business ordinance, it did not require any changes. The Truck Ordinance was addressed and there will be further discussion.

Middletown Twp has engaged with Simone Collins, Consultant and with surrounding municipalities to identify pedestrian and bike trails. There will be three public meetings and one virtual meeting conducted. This is expected to be a long and intensive process.

The annual rescue fund report was submitted.

10.5 Nick Pizzola - Mr. Pizzola hired a new employee, Nick Paladino, a student and employee of Cairn University, to do maintenance work in LMB. He will be officially hired at the next meeting.

The lift gate on the borough truck needs to be repaired. It will cost a few hundred dollars to have it fixed.

Unless the council disagrees, Mr. Pizzola would like to retain the responsibility for road repairs and signs.

Mr. Pizzola spoke with the Police Chief about the value of the police car that Cairn University wants to buy. The Chief agreed to research the value. Mr. Profy stated that the vehicle had to be sold in a public sale.

Mr. Pizzola stated that the fees for the building inspector have already exceeded the budget for this year. Looking back at five years, the fees had doubled in 2022. The council discussed reasons for the increases. Further investigation will be carried out.

Ms. Gasparovic advised Mr. Pizzola that a dead-end sign was still down and asked if the gutter cleaning had been addressed. Mr. Pizzola agreed to add them to the work list.

10.6 Grace Judge - no report

10.7 Bob McBeth – The next meeting of the Zoning Ordinance Workgroup is May 25 and there are no pending zoning or variance issues.

11. MAYORS REPORT – No Report

12. BOROUGH MANAGER’S REPORT – Mr. Ferraro discussed the need to have a builder’s risk policy in place for the work on Comly Avenue.

The Shade Tree Commission will need to enhance their knowledge of the requirements governing right of way areas and the impact on overhead utilities.

13. SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Mr. Profy reported that they are obtaining a new hearing date in May for the 306 Comly Avenue property.

14. CORRESPONDENCE – The Treasurer advised there were payments received, in the last few days, that were not in the reports this month. Those payments included Tax receipts of \$14,000 to the Roads Account and \$99,000 to the General Fund, \$33,800 from BCWSA for the first quarter of 2023 and \$2300 from Comcast.

15. APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT – Ms. Seader asked for a motion to approve the General Unpaid bills for May. Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Ms. Gasparovic seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

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

The Borough Secretary advised that a check payable to Langhorne Bookkeeping and a check for a donation to Jesse W. Soby Post 148 were not included in the Unpaid Bills report. Ms. Seader asked for a motion to approve the two additional bills for May. Mr. Pizzola made the motion as called for. Mr. McBeth seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

16. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT - Ms. Seader asked for any comments on General Fund Report. Mr. Pizzola stated that a typographical error misstating the budget amount and would be corrected in the next report. Ms. Seader asked for copies of the corrected reports going back to the beginning of the year. Ms. Seader asked for a motion to approve the General fund Report for April noting the correction. Ms. Judge made the motion. Ms. Gasparovic seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Ms. Seader asked for a motion to approve the Sewer fund Report for April. Mr. Pizzola made the motion. Mr. McBeth seconded. There were no objections. The motion Carried.

Ms. Seader asked for a motion to approve the Highway Aid Fund Report for April. Ms. Judge made the motion. Mr. McBeth seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

17. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS – Bob Grupp, 305 Hill Avenue asked if the placement of the speed monitoring sign on Gillam Avenue could

be moved to Hill Avenue. Ms. Seader advised that steps were already in place to have the sign moved.

18. SECOND MEETING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY – May 23, 2023

19. ADJOURNMENT - Ms. Seader 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.

20. NEXT MEETING – June 13, 2023

Respectfully Submitted
Bonnie McGoldrick
Secretary/Treasurer