

MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 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 October 10, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. Daylight Savings Time by Nick Pizzola, President.

PERSONS PRESENT – Nicholas Pizzola – President, Cheryl Oessenich – Vice-President. Councilpersons: Alicia Gasparovic, Bob McBeth and Dawn Seader. Police Chief John Kenney, Solicitor - Thomas J. Profy, IV., Secretary/Treasurer - Bonnie McGoldrick.

PERSONS ABSENT – Councilpersons: James Niwinski, Grace Judge, Mayor Robert Byrne.

- 2. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Ms. Oessenich.

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Council President asked if there were any questions, concerns, corrections, or comments on the minutes of September 12, 2023.

Council President asked if there were any questions, concerns, corrections, or comments on the minutes of September 26, 2023. Ms. Seader identified a clarification to the Garage expenditures. Ms. Gasparovic noted additional information to the vice-president nomination.

Council President made a motion to approve the minutes of September 12, 2023. There were no objections. The minutes were approved.

Council President made a motion to approve the minutes of September 26, 2023 with the identified corrections. There were no objections. The minutes were approved.

4. **COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS** – There were no resident comments.
5. **PATRICK WRIGHT TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER PENONI ASSOC CONSULTANT TO PENNDOT.**

Ms. Gasparovic introduced Patrick Wright. Mr. Wright spoke about the installation of crosswalks on Hulmeville Avenue. One potential location; in front of Borough Hall and the other at West Highland Avenue. He also discussed the option of a four way stop at Hulmeville and West Highland. Other areas of discussion included lowering the speed limit, which would be up to PennDOT and would require a letter of request to District 6. Ms. Seader asked about sidewalks and the need to be ADA compliant.

Ms. Gasparovic stated that we have already purchased the signage. Mr. Wright stated that we could install the crosswalks as long as we sought permission in writing to install the signs, following the recommendations as outlined by PennDOT and we should request they lower the speed limit with the same request.

6. **POLICE REPORT** – Chief Kenney reported 207 total hours and 10 calls for September.

Accident Non-Reportable – 1

Assist Other Police – 4

Lost or found Property - 1

Medical Emergency – 1

All Other Complaints – 3

Traffic Stops – 3

Traffic Citations – 3

Car Washed – 2

Total Gasoline –62 gal.

Total Mileage –349

Total Complaints – 10

The Chief has concerns about the Comly Avenue & Hulmeville Ave intersection. Since the bridge had reopened visibility is poor, stop signs are not clearly visible to drivers and drivers are not stopping. Different options were discussed including lowering the speed, stop signs with reflective lights, trimming trees, Ms. Gasparovic wanted Council to address the Hulmeville Bridge safety with PennDOT.

There are still plans to move the speed signs, scheduling is a problem.

The new police car is not ready, it is still being outfitted for service. Mr. Pizzola asked about selling the old car. The Chief stated that there is interest from Cairn University.

We are still looking for an additional officer.

AEDs are here and ready to be installed.

Ms. Gasparovic confirmed that the police would be available to stop traffic on Saturday during the ribbon cutting.

7. INSPECTORS REPORT – None

- 8. APPROVAL OF RDA PRIORITIES** – Mr. Pizzola asked Ms. Seader to discuss the RDA applications and the order of priority. There are 3 grants pending: Police Cars, \$70K+, Stormwater Management, \$470K+ and Tree Replenishment, \$3K. Ms. Seader recommended that strategically they be prioritized in order stated.

Council President agreed with Ms. Seader's recommendation and called for a motion to approve the RDA order of priority. Mr. McBeth made the motion as called for. Ms. Seader seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

9. Reports:

9.1 Jim Niwinski – no report. Mr. Pizzola advised that Mr. Niwinski will be absent from Council Meetings until the first meeting in November.

9.2 Alicia Gasparovic – Ms. Gasparovic reported on the Shade Tree commission activities. A letter was sent to residents identifying the current members. Their next meeting is tomorrow night. They had tried to get a dead tree addressed but PECO was not helpful. Verizon may be an option

CSX train blockages are beginning again. Middletown Police Chief has a ongoing case against CSX.

Ms. Gasparovic acknowledged that Ms. McGoldrick prepared a list of possible apartments in the borough that are not presently registered for bi-annual inspections and safety certifications. Ms. Oessenich will add available information to the list to help identify owners. At least half are not registered. The next steps need to be identified. The Solicitor will review the ordinance and report on potential actions.

Ms. Gasparovic discussed the ongoing insurance issues, specifically workers comp, and specifics that need to be addressed every year. Council needs to be more conscientious about uploading information into teams. Files must be available in public folders, for everyone to access, particularly in lieu of elections this year so that incoming council members have access to the records and status of previous works in progress. Ms. Seader agreed and stated that a few people who do not utilize the system.

Storm drains culvert repairs still need to be addressed and repaired. Mr. Ferraro advised that there was a discussion, but action was never initiated. There are openings on Station Ave and Hill Ave.

The Stormwater project update: progress was slowed down a little bit. There was a resident at the end of Hill & Comly who identified a problem with hanging wiring that had been repaired. Plantings in the basin will include wildflowers and native grasses. There will be additional costs for plantings around the basin. We hope to hear about the H2O Grant in November. We will hold the Ribbon Cutting on Saturday, October 14, 2022.

9.3 Cheryl Oessenich – no report.

9.4 Dawn Seader – Ms. Seader had discussions with the RDA about our reallocating money from the Garage grants to the Stormwater project. The board meets on the 20th. We are awaiting bills from Integrated Construction to submit to the RDA for reimbursement. We will be getting a dumpster and cleaning out the Borough Hall basement can proceed.

Ms. Seader asked Mr. Pizzola about the progress on the Volunteer Fire company resolution. Mr. Pizzola has yet to connect with them.

We gave a 45-day time-period to follow up on the abandoned cars ordinance and that would have been the end of September. Ms. McGoldrick stated that the target properties have not been identified yet and the second-round letters have not been mailed yet. Ms. Seader felt we should adhere to the 45-day timeframe.

The Landscapers accidentally cut the internet line. The bill for repair must be sent to Spencer's Landscaping.

Ms. Seader advised that the sunshine law requires all meeting agendas be posted 24 hours before a meeting and that the Council had previously agreed that 5 days was necessary. Mr. Pizzola stated that he cannot meet a 5-day requirement. Council members had differing opinions. Mr. Pizzola will provide the Agenda 24 hours before a meeting.

9.5 Nick Pizzola – We should run the ad for a new Borough Manager and resumes should be received by November 7th.

Mr. Pizzola received a letter from PA Dept of EPA regarding the Neshaminy receptor with BCW is closed or at capacity. This suggests, though it does not state, that new sewer connections may be denied.

The fire relief association check has been received for \$8978.20. We immediately forward that money to the Fire Department.

Last Month, Ms. Gasparovic asked about a payment to Spencer's Landscaping. The payment of \$600 was for emergency tree removal and cleanup.

Ms. Gasparovic had 3 questions for Mr. Pizzola. 1. Have we received the report from the Engineers on the roads maintenance plan. Mr. Pizzola stated that the report was due in the next month. 2. There is a PennDOT Litter patrol sign that needs repair, but it is no longer valid and should be removed. 3. The Access Road sweeping and storm drain shoveling needs to be done. Mr. Pizzola stated that as soon as we remove the objects which will be done when the dumpster arrived.

9.6 Grace Judge – no report

9.7 Bob McBeth – Mr. McBeth stated that there are no zoning hearing board meetings scheduled. Mr. McBeth will regroup with Mr. Oessenich as to when they intend to present their report to Council.

9 MAYORS REPORT – No Report

10 SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Mr. Profy discussed the proposed building project on Highland & the Interchange. The documents were forwarded to Mr. Panzer who determined the submission did not meet the criteria for a Zoning Appeal. Ms. McGoldrick will send him all correspondence from the first application in 2021.

The other property that we are seeking conservatorship on is in the process of being rescheduled with the court.

11 CORRESPONDENCE – none

12 APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT – Council President stated that everyone has had the opportunity to review the bills for the month and asked if there were any questions on the General Fund Report for August. Council President asked for a motion to approve the General Unpaid bills for August. Mr. McBeth made the motion as called for. Ms. Oessenich seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Council President asked if there were any other questions on the Unpaid Sewer Bills Report for September.

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

13 APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT -

Council President asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the General Fund report for September. Ms. Gasparovic identified some items that may need better clarification for budgeting.

Council President asked for a motion to approve the General Fund Report for September. Ms. Gasparovic made the motion as called for. Mr. McBeth seconded. There were no objections. The motion Carried.

Council President asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the Sewer Fund report for September.

Council President called for a motion to approve the Sewer Fund Report for September. Ms. Seader made the motion. Ms. Oessenich seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Council President asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the Highway Aid Fund report for September.

Council President called for a motion to approve the Highway Aid Fund Report for September. Ms. Gasparovic made the motion. Ms. Oessenich seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

14 COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS – Lois Abbott, 803

Hulmeville Avenue, asked if there was a better way to control the speeding on Hulmeville Avenue. Mr. Ferraro, 402 Hill Avenue, suggested that the Police Chief address how difficult it is to control the speeding and what steps the police are required to take to enforce the problem.

15 SECOND MEETING FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER – October 24, 2023.

16 ADJOURNMENT - Council President called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Seader made the motion as called for. Ms. Gasparovic seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

17 Next Meeting - November 14, 2023

Respectfully Submitted

Bonnie McGoldrick

Secretary/Treasurer