

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER - The Zoom virtual meeting of Langhorne Manor Borough Council was called to order in the Langhorne Manor Borough Hall, 618 Hulmeville Avenue, Langhorne, Pennsylvania, on October 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time, after Zoom participants were admitted to the meeting at 7:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time by Dawn Seader, President.

PERSONS PRESENT – Dawn Seader-President, Nicholas Pizzola-Vice President, William R. McTigue, Jr., James Niwinski, Grace Judge, Alicia Gasparovic, Maryann Barnes, Sarah Brucie-Assistant Solicitor and Barbara Ferraro-Secretary/Treasurer.

PERSONS ABSENT – Robert Byrne-Mayor, Thomas J. Profy, IV-Solicitor

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Seader.

3. BOROUGH MANAGER ORDINANCE – Ms. Seader stated that Council received the Ordinance and asked for questions and comments. Ms. Seader stated that tonight Council would adopt the Ordinance approving the position of a Borough Manager and then advertise for the position. Interviews will be held at the November 10, 2020 meeting with the goal of hiring the new manager at the beginning of December. This will help when going into the new year, specifically looking at how the engineers, solicitors and inspectors work and to look for cost savings. Ms. Seader stated that for savings, the advertisement would have a link directing interested persons to the website for the complete job description. Ms. Ferraro said the job posting will be advertised in the Advance of Bucks County on 11/1/20 and 11/8/20. The Bucks County Courier Times is cost prohibitive. Ms. Seader stated it could go on PSAB's website and Ms. Gasparovic stated it could be sent to the Bucks County Consortium for distribution. Ms. Gasparovic stated she felt the person should be from outside the Borough as they would be more neutral. Mr. Pizzola stated the person who was best qualified should be chosen, residency is not as critical. He stated it would be an advantage for a resident who knows the Borough but someone outside the Borough might bring a new perspective. He stated that Council should look at all qualified candidates. Ms. Seader agreed. Ms. Brucie stated that if there was a residency requirement, it should be in the Ordinance. Ms. Seader, Mr. Pizzola and Ms. Barnes stated they did not feel that was necessary. Ms. Seader asked for any additional comments, questions and critiques on the Ordinance. There was none. Ms. Seader asked for a motion to adopt the Borough Manager Ordinance #2020-04. Mr. Pizzola made a motion to adopt the Ordinance 2020-04 as written. Mr. McTigue seconded. Ms. Seader asked for comments from the public. There were no objections. The motion carried. Ms. Seader stated that the Ordinance has been adopted and Ms. Ferraro will move forward with advertising the position.

4. NEW BUSINESS -

Ms. Seader asked Council for their thoughts on having leaf collection this fall. The cost is \$1,000 per collection. Mr. Pizzola stated that the budget can support two collections. Mr. McTigue stated that last year's collection was the third Wednesday in November and the first or second Wednesday in December. It was agreed that two collections should happen this November and December.

Ms. Seader stated that Tax Collector Denise Reid has tendered her resignation effective January 15, 2020. Ms. Seader thanked her for her over 20 years of service to the Manor. Ms. Seader stated that she would consult with Mr. Profy and Ms. Brucie about how to proceed and that there was some time in which to do this.

Mr. McTigue submitted and read his letter of resignation from Council and all Council committee assignments effective October 21, 2020. He stated that he would remain a member of the Langhorne Manor Higher Education and Health Authority. Ms. Seader stated that his resignation has been accepted and thanked him for his many years of service. She stated that Langhorne Manor Borough is better for his service. Mr. Pizzola offered his thanks for Mr. McTigue's service and being Mr. Pizzola's teacher. Ms. Barnes and Mr. Niwinski thanked Mr. McTigue for his service and stated that they would miss him and his input. Mr. Pizzola made a motion to accept the resignation of William R. McTigue, Jr. from Langhorne Manor Borough Council and his related committee assignments with regret. Ms. Barnes seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Ms. Gasparovic stated that she and others had gone into the woods to look at the stream for the Stormwater Project and found well used firepits and full ATV tracks with a clearing, jumps and moguls. She mentioned it to the Middletown Police Chief who wanted to know if the Borough wanted Middletown to patrol there. Ms. Gasparovic stated that it could be good clean fun, but sited safety concerns for the users as far as injury and fire and that it is clearly against what the land is for. She stated that it seemed that trees had been removed for the construction of the tracks. Ms. Seader spoke with one of the Borough's police officers and there had not been complaints recently, but they would keep an eye out. Ms. Gasparovic stated that there may be liability especially now that it is known to be there. Ms. Brucie stated that if the Borough is aware that it is being used, it cannot be willfully ignored, there is an obligation to minimize the risk and they can look into ways to do that, including signage and patrolling. Ms. Seader stated that there has been noise issues from it in the past, but not recently. Lois Abbott-803 Hulmeville Avenue, who lives across the street from the area, stated that it has been an ongoing issue for years and that the police have been called. Sometimes they show up and sometimes they do not. She said the last time the Manor's police arrived, they went into the woods, talked to the kids for 20 minutes to ½ an hour, and nothing happened after, so they called and Sgt. Kenney came down. Sgt. Kenney stated that none of the police had spoken to the kids. She is concerned for their safety when they come flying out the area popping wheelies going up the middle of the street. She stated that Middletown had come out, tore everything down and took it away. Ms. Seader asked Ms. Brucie to look into it. Ms. Gasparovic stated that she would speak with the

Middletown Chief. Ms. Seader stated that our Chief should be giving him a call. Ms. Seader stated that she would speak with Mayor Byrne.

5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS -

Lois Abbott, 803 Hulmeville Avenue thanked Mr. McTigue for his many years of service.

6. ADJOURNMENT – Ms. Seader entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. McTigue to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Niwinski seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

The next meeting will be November 10, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. This is the second Tuesday of the month due to Election Day on November 3, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara T. Ferraro
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough