

MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

- 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 September 24, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. Daylight Savings Time by Nick Pizzola.

PERSONS PRESENT – Nick Pizzola – President, Cheryl Oessenich – Vice-President, Councilpersons: James Niwinski, Alicia Gasparovic, Bob McBeth, Sam Jennings, Solicitor: Thomas J. Profy, IV., Borough Manager: Peter Gray, Secretary-Treasurer: Bonnie McGoldrick.

PERSONS ABSENT – Police Chief John Kenney, Mayor Robert Byrne, Councilperson: Grace Judge

- 2. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Cheryl Oessenich.
- 3. RESIDENT COMMENT** – The Council recognized:
Bob Friar, 401 Station Avenue. Mr. Friar voiced his disagreement with the council’s decision regarding the sidewalk on Gillam Avenue.

Dr. Ken Eicher, 404 Station Avenue. Dr. Eicher expressed concerns regarding the Cairn University plans for the property at 108 Gillam Avenue. Dr. Eicher asked what would happen if Cairn was successful in having the property rezoned institutional and then their venture failed?

Ms. Oessenich commented, in her experience, from a real estate perspective, the property would revert to residential.

Ms. Gasparovic stated that was correct if a special exception was granted but, not if the property was rezoned.

Council President called an end to the discussion stating that item 5 on the agenda would further address the circumstances at 108 Gillam Avenue.

4. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES TO REQUEST FUNDING FROM BUCKS COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

a. RESOLUTION REQUESTING FUNDING FOR PENNDEL

MIDDLETOWN RESCUE SQUAD EQUIPMENT Council President read the proposed resolution to request funds on behalf of the Pennel Middletown Rescue Squad in the amount of \$18,601.50 to be used to build an Oxygen Filling Station. Council President asked if there were any questions or concerns.

Council President called for a motion to approve the resolution to request funding for Pennel Middletown Rescue Squad Equipment. Ms. Oessenich made the motion as called for. Mr. Niwinski seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

b. RESOLUTION REQUESTING FUNDING FOR NEW POLICE

VEHICLE- Council President read the proposed resolution to request funds to purchase a new Police vehicle, not to exceed \$83,146.24. Council President asked if there were any questions or concerns.

Council President called for a motion to approve the resolution to request funding for a new police vehicle. Ms. Oessenich made the motion as called for. Mr. McBeth seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

c. RESOLUTION REQUESTING FUNDING FOR ROAD REPAIRS

Council President read the proposed resolution to request funds to repair our roads in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. Council President asked if there were any questions or concerns.

Council President called for a motion to approve the resolution to request funding for Road Repairs. Ms. Gasparovic made the motion as called for. Ms. Oessenich seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

d. RESOLUTION REQUESTING FUNDING FOR SWALE AND CURB IMPROVEMENTS

Council President explained that Ms. Gasparovic advised Council President that we already have \$700,000 in grant money for improvements related to

Stormwater management and these swale and curb improvements would qualify as part of that grant. Therefore, this resolution for additional funding is not necessary.

e. RESOLUTION REQUESTING FUNDING FOR ROAD ANALYTICS SOFTWARE.

Council President read the proposed resolution to request funding for Road Analytics Software not to exceed \$4,500. This software would monitor the roadways and signs, would be used to enhance road safety and would be used by Borough Employees and Borough Engineers for the benefit of Langhorne Manor Borough. Council President asked for any questions or concerns.

Council President called for a motion to approve the resolution to request funding for Road Analytics Software. Mr. Niwinski made the motion as called for. Mr. Jennings seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

5. CAIRN UNIVERSITY’S REQUEST TO MEET WITH RESIDENTS AND COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THEIR PLANS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL & RESIDENTS PRIOR TO FILING FOR A VARIANCE WITH THE LMB ZONING HEARING BOARD.

Council President stated that Cairn University submitted a letter requesting an opportunity to meet with the council and the residents of Langhorne Manor Borough, to discuss their intentions for the property at 108 Gillam Avenue and to hear and address the questions and concerns of residents. Cairn University would like to hold this meeting before they move forward with a rezoning application.

The council agreed to schedule this for the October 22, 2024 council meeting. Mr. Pizzola encouraged Dr. Eicher to attend and notify other neighbors of the meeting. Mr. Niwinski requested that, prior to the meeting, Cairn provide “handouts” for distribution to council and residents. Ms. Gasparovic agreed and stated the information should also be posted on the website.

6. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS

Council President asked Ms. Gasparovic if she wanted to speak. Ms. Gasparovic stated that the council is moving in a direction she is not comfortable with and announced that she intends to resign her position as a council member following the next meeting on October 8.

Ms. Oessenich addressed Dr. Eicher stating that the council has no prior knowledge of potential sales in the borough or to the intents of future residents. She was concerned about the “word on the street” and that residents misunderstood. A discussion resulted and reverted again to the issue of sidewalks. Council President called an end to the discussion.

7. ADJOURNMENT TO WORK SESSION TO SET PRIORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR FUTURE WORK SESSIONS

Council President said they would not hold a work session tonight and 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.

8. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 8, 2024

Respectfully submitted

Bonnie McGoldrick

Secretary/Treasurer