

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF AUGUST 4, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting of Langhorne Manor Borough was called to order in the Langhorne Manor Borough Hall, 618 Hulmeville Avenue, Langhorne, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 8:07 P.M. Eastern Time by William McTigue, President.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Hanisco led us in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

PERSONS PRESENT – Maryann Barnes Vice President; Sharon Gimpel; Edward Hanisco; William McTigue, President; Nicholas Pizzola Patricia Silcox; Steven Yourtee; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer James Peet Zoning and Building Inspector; and Thomas J. Profy IV, Solicitor.

PERSON ABSENT - Robert Byrne, Mayor;

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Mrs. Silcox and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to approve the minutes of July 7, 2015 as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

3. POLICE REPORT – Mrs. Luff gave the police report for July 2015.

4. INSPECTOR'S REPORT –Mr. Peet gave the Inspector's report for the month of July, 2015.

5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS – Mr. Thomas Szcurek (1000 North Street) spoke about obtaining permission to install a fence on his property. He stated that he had contacted all of his neighbors and they were all in favor of it, they signed a paper stating this.

A motion was made by Mrs. Silcox and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to approve the fence request for 1000 North Street as long as it satisfies the fence ordinance. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Susan Pizzola (405 Hulmeville Avenue) Chairperson for the 125th celebration on October 5, 2015 from 1p.m. to 5p.m. spoke about what had been discussed with the committee. She said that there will be beer, tent maybe a trolley etc. They will be getting a banner 21' wide by 3' tall and there was a discussion as to where this should be hung. They figure that the affair will cost \$5,000.00 without the food. They are hoping to have the food donated. Mrs. Pizzola requested \$3,000.00 from Council to get a checking account opened.

A motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to take \$3,000.00 from public safety for the 125th celebration subject to checks being signed by a member of the committee and Mrs. Luff. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Pizzola stated that the committee is working on a booklet listing the history of Langhorne Manor Borough and all sponsors will be acknowledge in it.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barnes had no report for the Planning Commission.

Mrs. Barnes stated that after the new water meter had been installed by Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority (BCW&SA) she had received a bill three times the usual amount. She was told by BCW&SA the old meter had not been working since September 2014. Mr. McTigue asked Mr. Profy to have Mr. Profy III look into this.

Mrs. Barnes referred to an article in the Pennsylvania Borough News asking if Council is allowed to see how the money is spent that was donated to the fire company.

The answer was yes, section 1202 (56) of the Borough Cod states that the borough must require any emergency services organization receiving borough funds to provide to the borough an annual itemized list of all expenditures for which the borough's allocation of funds were used. The fire company, or any other emergency service organization receiving funding, must fulfill this requirement before council can consider future allocations.

Mrs. Barnes wants Mr. Profy to find out if Langhorne Middletown Fire Company can report to Council on how our donation to the fire company was used.

Ms. Gimpel reported that the guard rails on Highland Avenue and Gillam Avenue had been repaired by Long Fence.

Mrs. Gimpel stated that the air conditioner at the Borough Office needs to be replaced. Mrs. Luff is to acquire estimates.

Mrs. Luff is to get the rugs cleaned in the office with a coupon.

Mr. Hanisco reported that he had two quotes from Armour & Sons for the light to be replaced at the corner of Hill Avenue and Central Avenue.

- 1- To install a 12' street light arm with LED fixture on the existing utility pole is \$1,350.00
- 2- To install a 12' street light with 250W HPS cobra fixture on the existing utility pole is \$1173.00.

Mr. Hanisco is to get specifications on both quotes from Armour & Sons.

Mr. McTigue reported that the painting repair work by Besco Corporation had been completed and they are requesting their final payment of \$36,585.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Silcox, provided that Vaughn

Collaborative certifies that the work has been performed and that the amount due to the contractor is \$36,585.00. Besco Corporation is to be paid on Monday August 10, 2015. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. McTigue spoke about Segna Health Spring who had requested the use of the Borough Hall for presentations of health issues. Council was opposed to the uses of the Borough Hall based on the company handing out their information.

Mr. Pizzola spoke about the copier in the Borough Office and it was decided to wait to purchase a new one as long as this one doesn't keep breaking down.

Mr. Pizzola referred to the new refrigerator for the Borough Hall and a new recorder for the minutes. Motion was made by Mrs. Silcox and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to approve \$350.00 to purchase the refrigerator and recorder. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Pizzola referred to the motion that was made at the May 5, 2015 meeting where he requested that the Street Committee have money available for pot hole repairs and trees that fall across the roads and have to be removed as an emergency.

Motion was made by Mrs. Silcox and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to authorize the Road committee to repair pot holes as needed without prior Council authorization and not to exceed \$2,500.00 per job. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mrs. Silcox to rescind the motion of May 4, 2015. Mr. Yourtee abstained.

After a discussion a motion was made by Mrs. Silcox and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to authorize the Road Committee to repair pot holes and make other road repairs necessary to maintain the proper function of the borough roads without prior Council authorization, not to exceed \$2,500.00 per job and priced in accordance with proper procurement procedures. No objections were presented. Mr. Yourtee abstained.

Mr. Pizzola stated that he had spoken to Harvey Spence pertaining to the trees growing on the banks of the overpass behind the homes on the 400 and 500 block of Hulmeville Avenue. Mr. Spencer stated that although the trees growing from fill, he did not think they needed to be removed as they are still alive and leafy. Mr. Spencer stated that he was unaware of any dead trees at present on the banks behind those houses, in his opinion, there is no need to remove any of the leafy trees now, or in the foreseeable future.

Mrs. Silcox reported that she had applied for the recycling grant again this year.

Mrs. Silcox had been contacted by one of our police officer about obtaining casino money like Penndel Borough and Langhorne Borough had and used the money to purchase new police cars. Mrs. Silcox stated that she had looked into this and we are not eligible

Mr. Yourtee reported that he had contacted Winter's Best about what they would charge for the extra work on the Borough's property prior to the 125th celebration and he had not heard from them.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT –no report.as Mayor Byrne was absent.

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – There was no additional report

9. CORRESPONDENCE –Mrs. Luff read a thank-you from Jessie W. Soby American Legion post 148 for our donation for their Memorial Day Parade.

10. APPROVAL OF BILLS & TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PAYMENT – Mr. McTigue stated that all Council members have received a copy of the bill list for payment. He asked if there are any questions or discussions. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to pay the bills as presented. No objections were presented Motion carried. Mr. McTigue stated that all Council members have received a copy of the Treasurer's report for June and July and asked if anyone has any comments. Mr. McTigue stated that Pickering Corts & Summerson checks should be removed from the sewer account and paid out of the general account. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Silcox to accept the June Treasurer's report as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to accept the Treasurer's Report for July 2015 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. SECOND MEETING – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 18, 2015; at the present time there is no business for the agenda. Motion was made by Mrs. Silcox and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to dispense with the second meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

12. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. McTigue entertained a motion to adjourn this meeting. Motion was made by Mrs. Silcox and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:07 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday September 1, 2015 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough