

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF DECEMBER 1, 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, December 1, 2015 at 8:00 P.M. Eastern Time by William McTigue, President.

At this point in the meeting, Mayor Byrne led us in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

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

PERSON ABSENT - Sharon Gimpel;

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Mr. Yourtee and seconded by Mrs. Silcox to approve the minutes of November 10, 2015 as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

3. POLICE REPORT – Mayor Byrne gave the police report for November 2015.

Mayor Byrne stated that the extra hours for the weekend that the Pope was in Philadelphia were 43. Mayor Byrne reported that Chief Bumm had purchased new laser gun and ammunition.

Mayor Byrne reported on the radio that the Borough had bought for Constable McMeeking; he stated that the Borough will have to pay for it, as it was ordered after the date that it could have been added to the radio equipment installment loan. The cost of the radio is \$4,879.84.

Mrs. Barnes referred to the guide rail on Gillam Avenue that had been damaged. Mayor Byrne said that he would have Chief Bumm look into it.

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

5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS – Mrs. Grace Judge (1004 Hill Avenue) stated that she is interested in the vacancy on the Auditor's committee. After Mrs. Judge gave her qualifications a motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Yourtee to approve Mrs. Judge for the position of Auditor. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Ms. Tracy Smith (100 Fairview Avenue) reported that there is a very slippery area in the middle of the 100 block of Fairview Avenue. Mr. Pizzola said that he would look into it.

Ms. Smith also inquired about rental units in private homes and she wondered if the regulations had changed. Mr. McTigue stated they had not changed. She believes that non related renters are living in an in-law suite on this property. Mr. McTigue stated that Mr. Peet will look into her concerns.

Mr. John Swenson from Carroll Engineering spoke on the recent infiltration studies to see why the flows in the system are higher than they are supposed to be. Mr. Swenson stated that there are four manholes-one on Hill Avenue, one on North Avenue, one on Station Avenue and one on Comly Avenue. The sewers from these areas were observed with clear flows which indicate that flows are from groundwater or Stormwater sources. Some manholes were observed with infiltration while some were not observed. The sources are likely from a combination of manhole defects and cleanout defects. No evidence of illegal drainage water connections were observed during this inspection, however, if public sewer facility repairs do not sufficiently reduce flows, private property inspections may be warranted. Mr. McTigue asked Mr. Swenson to have a proposal for the work that he is proposing for the January 4, 2016 council meeting.

Mr. Chip Vaughn and Mr. Warren Buonanno from the Vaughn Collaborative presented different plans for renovation to the police area. One was a new garage and two were for renovating the basement area. After a discussion as to what should be done, it was decided to set-up a meeting with the police to see what they need and what would work for them.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barnes that the Planning Commission meet prior to the Council meeting this evening to discuss the Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan for the Borough. The plan has to be presented to council and also have a public meeting to present this plan. Mrs. Barnes reported that she had attended the Bucks County Boroughs Association dinner on November 24, 2015. Mrs. Barnes reported that an article pertaining to our 125th Anniversary celebration was in the last issue of the Pennsylvania Borough News.

Ms. Gimpel had sent a report that the PennVest sewer fund had been renewed for 180 day at the rate of .34 percent.

Mr. Hanisco reported lights out 804 South Pine Street, 400 block Hill Avenue and the Access Road and Pole 19 on Hulmeville Avenue.

Mr. McTigue asked that the website be updated with the new information for refuse and recycling with the new company Republic whose contract will start January 1, 2016.

Mr. McTigue stated that he would be doing a newsletter and if anyone had anything that they wanted in it to let him know.

Mr. McTigue stated that he would be having a meeting with the Police committee and Chief Bumm in the next couple of weeks

Mr. Pizzola reported that Hotham Paving and Sealcoating had done patching and sealing areas on the Access road at a cost of \$2100.00.

Mr. Pizzola presented the revised budget. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Silcox to approve the advertisement of the budget for 2016. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Silcox had no report.

Mr. Yourtee reported that he had received a bill from Winter's Best for the work that had been done for the 125th Anniversary Committee in the amount of \$1,015.00. It was decided that \$500.00 of the bill was the Borough's responsibility and \$ 515.00 was the 125th Anniversary Celebration's responsibility. Mr. Luff will pay the entire bill of \$1015.00 and be reimbursed by the Anniversary Committee for \$515.00.

Mr. Yourtee reported that a tree at the corner of Gillam and Station Avenues is blocking the view of the stop sign.

Mr. Yourtee stated that the Borough needs to contact the contractor that did the paving on Route 1, as they left debris and trash on the raised mediums and they were supposed to clean this up and they didn't and they are finished working in this area at this time. When we have our first snow all of this debris will be plowed on to the Access Road.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Byrne had no report.

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Profy presented the Tax Ordinance for 2016. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded By Mrs. Silcox to adopt the Tax Ordinance for 2016 as presented by Mr. Profy. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy reported that PennDot is giving notice of intention to take a portion of the Borough's Property; it is a long strip of ground that runs parallel to the railroad tracks along Comly Avenue close to Hulmeville Avenue. It is 1300 square feet and they will pay \$4,950.00.

Mr. Profy recommends that council get an appraisal from George Sengpiel and Associates for this area cost not to exceed \$450.00. Motion was made by Mrs. Silcox and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to get the appraisal for this strip of property from George Sengpiel and Associates and the cost is not to exceed \$450.00. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Mr. Yourtee abstained.

9 CORRESPONDENCE- Mrs. Luff read a request from Natalie Hoff (1003 Hulmeville Avenue) for an ad for her Pennsylvania Youth Chorale ad book. After a discussion a

motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to not take an ad, as it would set a presented for future requests. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

- 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. Added to the bill list was Winter's Best-\$1015.00. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Hanisco 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 November 2015 and asked if anyone has any comments. Mr. Yourtee referred to the escrow accounts. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to adopt the Treasurer's Report for November 2015. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. McTigue reported that a check from The Langhorne Manor Borough Higher Education Authority had been received in the amount of \$16,500.00.

9. **SECOND MEETING** – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 15, 2015; at the present time there is no business for the agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Hanisco and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to dispense with the second meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. McTigue thanked Mr. Yourtee for his service on Borough Council as this was Mr. Yourtee's last meeting.

10. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. McTigue entertained a motion to adjourn this meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mrs. Silcox to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

The next meeting will be Monday January 4, 2016, at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough