

MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2018

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 March 6, 2018 at 8:00 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; Edward Hanisco; William McTigue President; Dawn Seader; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer and Thomas J. Profy III; Solicitor.

PERSON ABSENT – Jay Ferraro; Sharon Gimpel; Nicholas Pizzola; Robert Byrne
Mayor

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –Motion was made by Mrs. Seader and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to approve the minutes of February 6, 2018 as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Judge Daniel Baranoski who serves Hulmeville Borough, Langhorne Borough, Langhorne Manor Borough, Pennel Borough , Upper 2 and 4 and Lower 1,2,and 3 districts in Middletown Township and Lower Southampton. Judge Baranoski presented a report showing the many changes in his Magisterial District Court 07-1-07 during 2017. He gave a condensed view of the challenges and trends for the municipalities and citizens that the court is proud to serve.

3. POLICE REPORT – No police report

4. INSPECTOR’S REPORT – No inspector’s report

5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS –Lynn Barry (301 West Park Avenue) was wondering why the 2017 minutes were not on the Borough’s website. Mrs. Luff stated that she will check as they had been available on the website. Mrs. Barry was wondering if the Borough Ordinances and the different Borough committee meetings could be on the website. Mr. McTigue stated that there are very few committee meetings and committee results are referred to Council for actions. Mrs. Barnes stated that Council approves the committees at the reorganization meeting which is the first meeting in January of the even years. Mrs. Barnes said that they are always the same committees that are required by the Borough Ordinances.

Mr. McTigue stated that the committees meet as necessary; they do not hold regular monthly meetings.

Mr. McTigue read a letter from Alicia Gasparovic (406 Station Avenue) requesting the use of the borough Hall for the Langhorne Manor Democrats monthly meetings. Mr. McTigue stated that the Borough Hall is not typically used by different groups, it is used for Council meetings and when PENDOT has an instructional seminar for the different road masters. It has been a long standing policy that the Borough Hall would not be used for weddings, parties, etc.

Ms. Gasparovic referred to HB 1620 where wireless companies have been installing towers and antennas, known as Distributed Antenna System (DAS), in the public rights-of-way. DAS towers range in heights from 25 to 125 feet. Municipalities currently have significant zoning authority over the “placement, construction, and modification” of these towers and antennas. Some of the adverse effects are, the bill would strip if HB1620 is enacted, Pennsylvania municipalities of all their zoning authority over wireless antennas and equipment in the public rights-of-way. The bill would strip municipalities of most of their authority over wireless towers in the rights-of-way. While one section of the bill states that municipalities have zoning rights over towers taller than 50 feet or more than 10 feet taller than the highest utility pole within 500 feet. The bill would severely limit the assessment of fees for wireless facilities in the right-of-way.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barnes reported the Planning Commission will be meeting on Thursday March 29, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. pertaining to the Rivera subdivision.

Mr. Jay Ferraro reported that he had sent requests for proposals for 2018 ground maintenance to Alpine Gardens, Spenser’s Landscaping and Scott Shablin Landscaping.

Mr. Ferraro also reported that he had sent requests for proposals for the new police station security system to Entertaining Security, Custom Alarms Service and Reed Security. All proposals are due by March 9, 2018.

Mr. Ferraro had contacted our electrician to replace bulbs on outside lighting and the flag pole. He requested proposal to replace light heads and or bulbs with LED for all exterior lighting.

Ms. Gimpel was absent.

Mr. Hanisco had no report.

Mr. McTigue reported that the Borough had received \$100,000.00 from the Redevelopment Authority for the new police facility.

Mr. McTigue stated that there are two outstanding issues pertaining to the new police facility, the door between the police facility and administration building glass is too wide and the door is going to be replaced along with a double key lock. The second item is the grading behind the police facility which will be seeded in the spring. Mr. McTigue reported that all documents that are required had been received.

Mr. McTigue reported that pay request #6 had been received from Vaughan Buckley in the amount of \$14,260.43 for retainage. Motion was made by Mr. Hanisco and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to approve pay request #6 for Vaughan Buckley in the amount of \$14,260.43. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Seader No report

Mr. Pizzola reported that he was aware of several large potholes, however Steve Schoell can only work on Saturdays, and as soon as there is a sunny Saturday and the potholes are dried out, and he will begin patching starting with the worst first.

Mr. Pizzola stated that Middletown Township is preparing a bid spec for paving the access roads to be submitted for quotation in about a month. Graciously, they will include the borough's section, about one mile, as an option or add on to their bid. Mr. Pizzola will have more details for the next meeting as to what the borough should do with the access lanes along with estimated cost after he speaks with our state representative concerning time frame for the route one project and Jason Snyder our road consultant.

Mr. Pizzola reported that LTAP is sponsoring a Road Maintenance Symposium at the Hershey Lodge and he would like to attend, one of the areas they will be discussing is paving fabric, which is what we plan to use this summer on our borough streets. The cost of registration is \$65.00. He would like to ask Council to reimburse him for the registration, mileage and tolls.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mrs. Seader to approve the \$65.00 registration fee

Mr. McTigue reported that Denise Reid Langhorne Manor Borough Tax Collector stated that Donna Caracappa who is the Tax Collector for Penndel Borough has offered to be Mrs. Reid's Deputy Tax collector.

Motion to appoint Donna Caracappa Deputy Tax Collector for Langhorne Manor Borough was made by Mr. Hanisco. There was no second for this motion.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Byrne was absent.

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Profy presented Resolution NO. 2018-001 approving the increasing of the amount of the advancing of funds from the reserve account of the sanitary sewer collection and transmission system of the Borough to the general fund of the Borough for the purpose of providing bridge funding for the Borough Hall renovation project. The funding for which is being provided under the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania administered through the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks'.

Motion was made by Mrs. Seader and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to adopt Resolution NO. 2018-001 as presented by Mr. Profy.. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy reported that the Langhorne Manor Borough Planning Commission has scheduled a hearing for March 29, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Langhorne Manor Borough Hall on the Subdivision and Land Development Application of Rivera, Victor C. and Milagros C. and EVV Homes II, LLC; and the Applicants have submitted the required Contract for Professional Services of the Borough.

The motion was made by Mr. Hanisco and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to approve the Contract for Professional Services dated March 6, 2018, for the project. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy stated that there was a question as to whether Chief Bumm could work at the Bucks County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff and continue as Chief of Langhorne Manor Borough. Mr. Profy stated that Chief Bumm could serve in both positions.

9. CORRESPONDENC Mrs. Luff reported that a letter had been received from the Jessie W. Soby American Legion Post #148 pertaining to their Memorial Day Parade. Motion was made by Mrs. Seader and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to donate \$200.00 for their Memorial Day Parade. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Letter from SEPTA thanking all who helped with moving so many passengers from Langhorne Station to Center City for the Eagles Championship 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. Added to the bill list Payment #6 for Vaughan Buckley-\$14,260.43 and Jessie W. Soby American Legion Post-\$200.00 Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to pay the bills as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Mr. McTigue stated that all Council members have received a copy of the Treasurer's report for February 2018 and asked if anyone has any comments. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mrs. Seader to table the Treasurer's Report for February 2018 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. SECOND MEETING – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 20, 2018; at the present time there is no business for the agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Hanisco and seconded by Mrs. Seader 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. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday April 3, 2018 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough