

MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF April 3, 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 April 3, 2018 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; Jay Ferraro; Sharon Gimpel; Edward Hanisco; William McTigue President; Nicholas Pizzola; Dawn Seader; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer Robert Byrne Mayor ;and Thomas J. Profy III; Solicitor.

PERSON ABSENT –

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to approve the minutes of March 6, 2018 as amend No objections were presented. Motion carried.

3. POLICE REPORT – Mayor Byrne gave the police report for March 2018. Mayor Byrne reported that someone had been living in the wood area at the corner of Comly Avenue and Hulmeville Avenue, the police had investigated this complaint and they were located and he had an outstanding warrant and was taken to Bucks county Correction Facility.

4. INSPECTOR’S REPORT – Mrs. Luff gave the inspector’s report for March 2018.

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS –**State** Representative Frank Farry stated that he would like to start by thanking Council for their invitation to come clear the air about House Bill 1620. Although the legislation is not his legislation, He had been meeting with and listening to stakeholders on both sides of the issue. Despite being a cosponsor of House Bill 1620, He had been very public with his position that the language in the bill needs some work before passage. There has been a lot of misinformation spread about this legislation. He would like to assure us that local government zoning rights relating to things such as new 70’ cell towers will not be usurped in the final version of this bill, or else he will not vote for it. They will not be refrigerator sized boxes installed on every other yard as some have been stating locally. This legislation is really about the next generation of cellular equipment being installed on already existing poles and right of ways. He noted that he believes around 21 other states have already passed similar laws. In addition to the public’s desire for the latest technology, this equipment would also help address the public safety issue of dead zones, which could prevent a resident of a municipality from being able to call for help in an emergency. Moving forward He will continue working with stakeholders on all side of this issue to find a common ground resolution He thanked council for having him here to address this issue, and would be happy to keep Council up to date as it progresses forward.

Alicia Gasparovic (406 Station Avenue) addressed the drains on the access roads that are still clogged. Ms. Gasparovic also spoke about Middletown Township paving of the Borough roads. Ms. Gasparovic reported of the break in of cars on Station Avenue that were unlocked.

Lynn Barry (301 West Park Avenue) stated that the 2017 minutes were back on line. She asked if the Borough Code and Ordinances could be put on the website. She stated that she would offer her time to get the information together. She would like to have someplace where the residents can go and find the information they are looking for.

Joseph Vitella (314 Hill Avenue) spoke about the tree that was damaged at the corner of Gillam and Hulmeville Avenues that needs to be cleaned up, as the tree is hanging down and is obstructing the view at the stop sign. Mr. McTigue stated that this is the responsibly of the homeowner. Mr. Vitella referred to the trees that had been damaged and if there are any plans with the Shade commission to replace the damaged trees. Mr. McTigue stated that the shade Tree Commission would come out and make the decision as to what trees are to be removed and replaced and homeowners are responsible for the trees in the right of way.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mrs. Barnes reported that the Planning Commission did meet on Thursday March 29, 2018, and they reviewed the list of 21 recommendations by the Borough Engineer for the Rivera’s subdivision and the representative for the builder and their engineer stated that they would comply with all 21 recommendations. They will have to review their plans based on the new recommendations from our Engineer. They will bring the new plans to The Borough Council as there are some questions regarding sidewalks etc. and Council will have to vote on the recommendations made by the Engineer, and she thinks that will take place at the June Council meeting, at the earliest. Mrs. Barnes stated the recommendations were received from Bucks County Planning Commission, but were not available for the meeting, they agreed with the variances granted when they met on March 1, 2018. There was a question regarding a tree, if the tree is removed, which is a 48’ poplar tree; it would be replaced with eight trees with a caliber of not less than 3”.

Mr. Profy stated that the variances would be granted on the condition that the final deeds are recorded for the two lots and that the restrictions would be incorporated in to the deeds.

Mrs. Barnes addressed the Deputy Tax Collector; she reported that the Bucks County Tax Association recommended that all Tax collectors have a Deputy Tax Collector in place in case something happens to the Tax Collector. After a discussion Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mr. Hanisco to appoint Donna Caracappa as Deputy Tax Collector. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Jay Ferraro reported that the first three proposals for the new police facility security system were not equal, so he put together a bid proposal for Entertaining Security, Custom Alarms Service and Reed Security. Only Entertaining Security responded with a proposal of \$4,200.00 for the security system for the new police facility. Motion was made by Mr. Ferraro and seconded by Mrs. Seader to accept the proposal of \$4,200.00 from Entertaining Systems. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Ferraro reported that he had sent requests for proposals for the 2018 ground maintenance to Alpine Gardens, Spenser's Landscaping and Scott Shablin Landscaping. He received proposals from Shablin Landscaping for \$3,316.00 and Alpine Gardens for \$2,829.00. Motion was made by Mr. Ferraro and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to accept Alpine Gardens proposal of \$2,829.00. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Ferraro reported that he had contacted Langhorne Electric to repair the light on the flag pole. Mr. Ferraro also asked Langhorne Electric for a proposal for all outside lights to be replaced with LED lights.

Ms. Gimpel stated that the Borough insurance is up for renewal and that we would be updating the records for the new equipment in the police facility.

Mr. Hanisco had no report.

Mr. McTigue reported that the interior door in the new police facility had been replaced. Mr. McTigue stated that he had expected to approve the invoice for the remaining 50% of the retainage; this will be referred to the May Borough Council meeting.

Mr. McTigue referred to the public use of the Borough hall, Mr. Pizzola stated that a decision should be made as to opening or not opening the Borough Hall to the Public.

Mr. Hanisco asked if there would be an increase of insurance.

Mrs. Seader asked what the guide lines would be, for the use of the Borough Hall, she said that someone would need to be here to open and close the Borough Hall.

Mr. McTigue stated that he was not in favor of the Borough hall being used by the public.

Mrs. Barnes stated the use of the Borough Hall by the 125th Anniversary Committee was for a Borough function.

Mr. Ferraro stated no, you cannot allow the use of the Borough Hall to one group and not another group.

Ms. Gimpel stated that the use of the Borough Hall is for Borough functions.

Mrs. Seader reported that she had submitted the grant application for recycling and there was a 20 ton increase.

Mrs. Seader reported that the Bucks County Commissioners meeting for Wednesday May 2, 2018 will be held in the Borough Hall, and at a later date the Commissioners will be invited for the ribbon cutting of the new police facility. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to authorize any expenses for the Bucks County Commissioners meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Pizzola distributed the fall 2017 to spring 2018 snow report. The cost for snow removal this past season was \$16,630 which was slightly higher than average spent over the last five years of \$16,306. He reported that Steve Schoell filled the worst of the potholes on the northbound lanes and used 2.5 tons of patching material that had been ordered in the past month. Mr. Pizzola said that additional patching material had been ordered. Steve Schoell will complete pot hole repairs on both the North and South bound lanes in the nest few weeks as weather permits. Mr. Pizzola reported that Middletown Township had placed their bid for milling and paving the North and South bound access lanes and include the Langhorne Manor Borough as an addendum in case we wanted to have the work done at the same time. Middletown estimated the bid would come back at about \$140,000 per mile of paving being performed, in addition Middletown would be adding 4% supervision and administration fee. Mr. Pizzola did not recommend that Langhorne Manor Borough pursue a full milling of the access lanes with Middletown Township at this time because he expects PennDot to complete the full reconstruction of Route 1 to be done in the next five to ten years. When that is done, PennDot will be repaving the access lanes as part of that project. Mr. Pizzola said the he would have the paving consultant prepare a bid for the repairs to the access lanes. It would be a repair bid that would not be as expensive or comprehensive as the full mill and paving as Middletown has proposed. This bid will be an addendum to the paving project scheduled for this summer for all of the local borough roads. Mr. Pizzola also reported that street sweeping of the access lanes will be scheduled in the next month to six week depending on weather and availability of Reilly Sweeping's equipment.

Mr. Ferraro asked Mr. Pizzola if he had any knowledge with respect to permission for people placing yard signs on Borough right-of-way. Mr. Pizzola responded that he didn't and referred to Mr. Profy.

Mr. Profy responded: The Borough Building Inspector should be contacted to inspect the type and location of the signs, as the zoning ordinance has very specific requirements for all signs in the Borough. Mr. Ferraro stated that he would contact the Borough Building Inspector.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Byrne presented a proposal from Custom Maid for cleaning of the Borough Hall, police station and office. Service is to be performed once monthly, cost per visit \$160.00. This proposal will be discussed at the May borough Council meeting.

8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Profy reported that he had received plans from Cairn University for modifications of their sport fields. Mr. Profy will have the Borough Engineer review the plans.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – Mrs. Luff reported that an invitation had been received from the Jessie W. Soby American Legion Post inviting Borough Council to participate in their Memorial Day Service

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 Mr. Ferraro and seconded by Mrs. Barnes 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 March 2018 and asked if anyone has any comments. Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Ferraro to table the Treasurer’s Report for March 2018. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

11. SECOND MEETING – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 17, 2018; at the present time there is no business for the agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Ferraro 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. Ferraro to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough