

**MINUTES  
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 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 November 13, 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; William McTigue, President; Nicholas Pizzola; Dawn Seader; Loretta M. Luff, Secretary/Treasurer; Robert Byrne, Mayor; and Thomas J. Profy III, Solicitor.

**PERSON ABSENT** – Edward Hanisco.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Ferraro to approve the Minutes of October 2, 2018 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**3. POLICE REPORT** – Mayor Byrne gave the police report for October 2018. Mr. Profy presented the snow bid from K.E. Seifert-\$90.00 hourly rate and \$115.00 per ton for salt and cinders. Motion was made by Mrs. Seader and seconded by Mr. Ferraro to accept the bid from K.E. Seifert as presented by Mr. Profy. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**4. INSPECTOR’S REPORT** – Mrs. Luff gave the Inspector’s report for October 2018.

**5. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS** –Ms. Lynn Barry (301 West Park Avenue) asked if the paving on the access lanes was completed. Mr. McTigue replied yes. Ms. Barry replied that they could have been repaired a lot better.

Mr. Steve Yourtee (502 Hulmeville Avenue) referred to his questions previously pertaining to curbs and pot holes on Hulmeville Avenue. Mr. Yourtee stated that they are getting worse. He also referred to the quality of work that had been done on the access roads and he would like to see a breakdown of expenses for the road project.

Ms. Alicia Gasparovic (406 Station Avenue) asked what the procedure is for getting the zoning permit fee schedule on the web site.

Mrs. Abbott explained the procedure of getting information on the web site and who she has to contact. Mr. McTigue thanked Mrs. Abbott for all of the work she is doing to get the web site up to date.

Mario Canales from Pickering Corts & Summerson provided Council a synopsis of the meeting between Council President McTigue, Mr. Canales and DEP to discuss DEP's Technical Deficiency Letter. The main area of discussion was the increase in the pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) planning area to include Cairn University. DEP was requiring that either the planning area be increased to account for the University or that the municipal Stormwater flow be diverted around the University. This could be accomplished by providing a hump across Fairview Avenue at Pine Street and by providing either curbing or a vegetated berm along Pine Street from Fairview Avenue to Manor Avenue. After some discussion Council directed Mr. Canales to include Cairn University in the Borough's PRP planning area.

Motion was made by Mr. Ferraro and seconded by Mrs. Seader to authorize the Borough to enter into a professional services agreement with RETTEW Associates, Inc./ Lancaster, PA for the purpose of providing the necessary support to Borough Engineer Pickering, Corts and Summerson in revising the Borough's 2018 MS4 Notice of intent, Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP). Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Plan and Mapping as required by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP). No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Seader and seconded by Mr. Ferraro to direct Pickering Corts and Summerson to revise the Borough's "Pollution Reduction and TMD Plans Parsed Area Map, to remove Cairn University from the parsed area delineated in the map, and consequently include the University's land area in calculating sediment reduction requirements and all other applicable provisions of the Borough's MS4 permit application and final permit. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Eric Schrock from Cairn University and their engineer Nave Newell presented conceptual sketch plans for the Council to review so that they may obtain guidance for obtaining the preliminary and final land development for the sports fields.

Motion was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to unanimously approve the grant of a waiver to permit Cairn University to proceed directly to Preliminary-Final Plan submission for its Sports Fields and Facilities Project. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Mrs. Barnes had no report for the Planning Commission. Mrs. Barnes stated that something has to be done with the driveway stating one way in and one way out.

Mr. Ferraro reported that the outdoor lights would be replaced within the next two weeks.

Mr. Ferraro stated that he would look into one way signs for the parking area.

Mr. Ferraro reported that a lot of damage had been done to the grass areas on Election Day. He asked if a resolution could be proposed for controlling the use of the Borough property.

Ms. Gimpel reported that she has met with Ryan Manno from the accounting firm who did the audit report.

Ms. Gimpel reported that Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority (BCW&SA) has increased the whole sale rate for residential 1.2% and commercial rate 5.5%. Ms. Gimpel stated that we will need an ordinance showing the rate increases with BCW&SA to be advertised in December and be passed in January. Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to adopt and advertise Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority sewer increase as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Ms. Gimpel stated that all bills that are to be paid have to be in prior to the end of the month and she stated that a lock box will be installed for leaving bills. Mr. Ferraro said that he would take care of getting keys for the lock box.

Mr. Hanisco was absent.

Mr. McTigue reported that Mario Canales would be retiring January 1, 2019 and Pickering Corts and Summerson will not be providing Engineering services. Mr. McTigue stated that he contacted Carroll Engineering and he will have information for the January meeting. In the meantime Mr. McTigue will be looking for an engineering service.

Mrs. Seader had no report.

Mr. Pizzola gave a detailed review of major repairs that were due to the access lanes in October 2018. Borough Council, in consultation with the Engineering Firm Effective Technical Application Inc. agrees upon the following:

1. Safety: In the past year it became evident that the access lanes had deteriorated to the point that routine maintenance would no longer be effective in maintaining the safety and integrity of the lanes. Residents complained that they had experienced flat tires, wheel damage, and found driving at night to be particularly hazardous due to the cracked and pothole surface.

2. Matching the scale of the work on the access lanes to the work on the route 1 Reconstruction Project that has been under consideration by PennDot for several years. Preliminary work started on the first phase (RC001) this month. Work is scheduled as follows:

a. RC001-Reconstruction of the PA Turnpike interchange at Route 1. Completion is estimated by the fall of 2021.

b. RC002-work to add a third lane between PA Turnpike and the Neshaminy Creek is expected to start in the summer of 2020 and be completed by fall of 2023.

c. RC003-work to reconstruct US Route 1 and its access lanes from the Neshaminy Creek to Route 413 US 1 interchange is expected to start in the summer of 2022 and be completed by fall of 2025.

Since the access lanes are to be reconstructed starting in 2022 (RC003) there was no need for a complete access road to grade, which would have a 15 to 20 year life, to be done at this time. Instead it was decided to make the roadway safe and drivable in as cost effective manner as possible.

3. Repair of base joint failure: The engineer determined that the cause of the major deterioration along the entire length of both the access lanes was due to base failure resulting from a poorly constructed joint (where the two 11 ft. wide bases meet when originally installed, or potentially a widening at some point in the past, meaning the supporting structure under the wearing course (top layer of asphalt) had failed. If the joint failure were not repaired, the effect of that failed joint would migrate through to the wearing course causing it to fail in one or two years, making further repairs necessary. Therefore it was determined that the best course of action was to have the contractor do a 1.2 miles by 4 feet wide joint base repair (remove all asphalt to a depth of six inches and new binder asphalt) to replace the failed joint. The restored section is thicker than the original construction.

4. Restoration of the entrance and exit ramps: It was recognized that the two ramps exiting to the North bound access lanes and the Bellevue Avenue entrance ramp carried the highest traffic volume at the highest speeds. For driver safety they needed to be brought up to the new condition. That was done.

5. Work guarantee and Performance Bond: Roadway repairs are not always equally uniform over their entire length due to small variations in the temperature of the asphalt when installed, the temperature on the day the asphalt was applied, the length of time the asphalt cooled before traffic was allowed access, and small variations in the composition of the subbase upon which the base rests. This is not unusual. Residents have mentioned it appeared there were some seam sealing failures and raveling (dislodgement of the aggregate particles from the surface of the asphalt). The contractor J.D. Morrissey is required by contract to make repairs to the work for up to one year. J.D. Morrissey has also provided a performance bond which would provide funds to the Borough to do repairs in the event they were unwilling or unable to do so. The contractor has been made aware of these issues and will be back in the spring to address them because such repairs cannot be done in cold weather.

Residents have noted that driving on the access lanes between the exit and entrance ramps is bumpy. Eliminating the bumps would require installing a wearing course on top of the base repair, which J.D. Morrissey estimated would cost approximately \$117,000. Because these areas are low volume and low speed areas (40 mph posted speed limit) and are safe to drive on, Council decided spending the funds to smooth over these areas added nothing to safety and was not a good use of taxpayer money, since PennDot would be reconstructing the access lanes in 4 or 5 years.

Mr. Pizzola presented the preliminary budget for 2019, he said there is an increase in the General fund from \$328 to \$348 for trash and recycling. Motion was made by Ms. Gimpel and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to advertise the preliminary budget as amended. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**7. MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Byrne reported that he had sent flowers to Judge Baranoski and Chief Bumm.

**8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – Mr. Profy presented the Tax Ordinance for 2019. Motion was made by Mr. Ferraro and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to advertise the tax ordinance for 2019 as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy presented Resolution No. 2018-006 approving the extending of the term for 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 and borough Administration Building 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 Mr. Ferraro and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to adopt Resolution No. 2018-006 as presented by Mr. Profy. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Profy gave the summary of the bids for a three year contract 2019, 2020, and 2021 from Republic Services of Pennsylvania and J.P. Mascaro & Sons. Motion was made by Mrs. Seader and seconded by Mrs. Barnes to accept the section (i) of the bid proposal from Republic Services of Pennsylvania for a three year contract in the amount of \$327,400. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE** – There was no correspondence.

**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. Ferraro to pay the bills as presented. No objections were presented. Motion carried.

Ms. Gimpel explained that the Treasurer’s Report is done the month after the bills had been approved along with the bank statements to be sure that the cash balances are correct. Next month you will receive the October Financial Statement.

**11. SECOND MEETING** – Mr. McTigue stated that a second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 27, 2018; at the present time there is no business for the agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Ferraro 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. Seader and seconded by Mr. Ferraro to adjourn this meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

The next meeting will be Tuesday December 4, 2018 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta M. Luff  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Langhorne Manor Borough