

**MINUTES  
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2020**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting of Langhorne Manor Borough Council was called to order in the Langhorne Manor Borough Hall, 618 Hulmeville Avenue, Langhorne, Pennsylvania, on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 8:19 P.M. Eastern Time by Dawn Seader, President.

**PERSONS PRESENT** – Dawn Seader-President, Nicholas Pizzola-Vice President, Robert Byrne-Mayor, Maryann Barnes, Alicia Gasparovic, Grace Judge, James Niwinski, William McTigue, Jr., Thomas J. Profy, IV-Solicitor, Sarah Brucie-Solicitor, and Barbara Ferraro-Assistant Secretary.

**PERSON ABSENT** – Loretta Luff-Secretary/Treasurer

**2.** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Byrne.

Ms. Seader recognized the passing of Congressman Mike Fitzpatrick, honored his work for our community and offered her condolences to his family during this time.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Due to the medical leave of Ms. Luff, the December meeting minutes are deferred until February.

**4. POLICE REPORT** – Mayor Byrne deferred the police report. He stated that the police car was in an accident. No one was hurt and the insurance company of the other party in the accident is covering the cost of the repairs.

Mayor Byrne reported that the oil tank in the basement of the Borough Hall is rusting and needs to be replaced. He is getting bids for the replacement and will inform council by phone of the bid result as it should be replaced soon.

Mayor Byrne lowered the Borough flag to half-mast today in honor of Congressman Fitzpatrick.

**5. INSPECTOR'S REPORT** – no report.

**6. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS** – none

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Mr. Ferraro and Ms. Oessenich had no final report from their term on council.

Mr. Pizzola presented an invoice from Geotechnology Associates for the daily rate of inspection for the road work totaling \$4,080.08 and requested the addition of the \$4,080.08 invoice to tonight's bills list.

Mr. Pizzola reported that PennDOT said the Hulmeville Avenue bridge between Langhorne Manor Borough and Pennel will be a concrete bridge, 4' wider than the current bridge and have 12' wide travel lanes with 5' shoulders and no sidewalks. Ms. Gasparovic reported that Pennel is working to pass a resolution to encourage PennDOT to provide proper signage and markings for a pedestrian and bike path for the bridge. Ms. Gasparovic asked council to piggyback onto Pennel and pass a similar resolution. She stated that the borough could possibly get a grant for a sidewalk from the bridge to the train station

Mr. Niwinski had no report.

Mr. McTigue reported the expense for Waste Management dumpsters for disposal of road debris is \$88 per ton plus \$230 for each dump fee. \$1,800 to \$2,000 is the approximate cost for each full dumpster.

The Redevelopment Authority (RDA) issued a \$200,000 grant for the Roads program, \$31,000 for a public works vehicle and \$40,000 for a self-contained breathing apparatus.

A motion to accept Resolution #2020-01 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract awarded by the RDA of Bucks County for \$200,000 for the Roads program and Resolution #2020-02 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract awarded by the RDA of Bucks County for \$31,000 for the public works vehicle was made by Ms. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Niwinski. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Mr. McTigue indicated that it would be best for Council to postpone the approval of the grant for the self-contained breathing apparatus pending completion of an agreement between the Borough and Langhorne-Middletown Fire Company (LMFC). The agreement would name LMFC as a subgrantee of the Borough and stipulate LMFC's obligations under the agreement.

Ms. Judge had no report.

Ms. Gasparovic offered a thank you for the Access Road sweeping.

Ms. Gasparovic generated a list of general questions and possible errors in the Utility and Street Excavation Ordinance. Ms. Gasparovic questioned the fees and content of the ordinance. Mr. Pizzola reported that the form of ordinance was something our engineer has previously used in other municipalities and the fees were recommended by our engineer as standard rates.

Ms. Barnes had no report

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT** – none
9. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – no formal report
10. **CORRESPONDENCE** – none

**11. APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT** - Ms. Seader stated that all Council members received a copy of the bills list for payment and noted that there was a \$60 duplicate entry that showed up on the General Fund. Motion was made by Mr. McTigue and seconded by Mr. Pizzola to approve the bills for payment removing the \$60 duplicate entry and add the \$4080.08 Geotechnology Associates invoice. There were no objections. Motion carried.

General Fund: Ms. Gasparovic questioned the increase in the Rivera negative balance escrow fund. Mr. McTigue will look into the Rivera escrow issue and report at the next meeting. Ms. Gasparovic inquired if the Cairn zoning fees would be reimbursed by the escrow fund. Mr. McTigue responded that the escrow will reimburse the General Fund for the Cairn zoning fees. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola to approve the General Fund report as presented and seconded by Mr. McTigue. There were no objections. Motion carried.

Highway Fund: Motion was made Mr. Pizzola to accept the Highway Fund report as presented and seconded by Mr. McTigue. There were no objections. Motion carried.

Sewer Fund: Motion was made by Mr. McTigue to accept the Sewer Report Fund as presented, seconded by Mr. Pizzola. There were no objections. Motion carried.

**12. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS:** Visitor Geraldine Marfia stated that she was very impressed by the work of the council.

Mr. Pizzola thanked Mr. McTigue and Ms. Barnes for the excellent work they did in their many years of service on the council as President and Vice-President. Ms. Seader thanked Mr. Ferraro and Ms. Oessenich for their service to the community during their time on council.

**13. SECOND MEETING** – There will be no second meeting in January 2020.

**14. ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Seader entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Pizzola and seconded by Ms. Barnes to adjourn the meeting. No objections were presented. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

The next meeting will be held on February 4, 2020 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara T. Ferraro  
Assistant Secretary  
Langhorne Manor Borough