

**MINUTES
LANGHORNE MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER - The Zoom virtual meeting of Langhorne Manor Borough Council was called to order in the Langhorne Manor Borough Hall, 618 Hulmeville Avenue, Langhorne, Pennsylvania, on August 18, 2020 at 8:05 PM Eastern Daylight Time, after Zoom participants were admitted to the meeting at 8:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time by Dawn Seader, President.

PERSONS PRESENT – Dawn Seader-President, Nicholas Pizzola-Vice President, Robert Byrne-Mayor, James Niwinski, Alicia Gasparovic, Grace Judge, Maryann Barnes, Sarah Brucie-Solicitor, and Barbara Ferraro-Secretary/Treasurer.

PERSONS ABSENT – William McTigue, Jr., Thomas J. Profy, IV-Solicitor

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

Ms. Seader reminded people in attendance that the meeting is a professional Council meeting and should be treated as such. It should be treated as if it was in Borough Hall. The majority of the meeting would be Council discussion and the public would have an opportunity to speak towards the end of the meeting. Ms. Seader asked that participants not use the chat feature and to use the raise hand feature during the public comment time.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Ms. Seader asked for questions or comments. Ms. Gasparovic stated that she wanted additional statements she made pertaining to the Fence Waiver request by Daniel Marrazzo to be added to the minutes. ***Addition to July 7, 2020 minutes Section 5-Fence Waiver Request: Ms. Gasparovic wanted to make sure that Council considered the “hardship” request for the waiver and thought they did not meet that but thought there should be some remedy because of the uniqueness of the property and the awkwardness of the location of the fence. She also clarified that it was his side yard and not his front yard.*** Ms. Seader asked for a motion to approve the July 7, 2020 minutes as amended. A motion was made by Ms. Gasparovic to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2020 meeting as amended. Ms. Judge seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

4. ZONING HEARING REQUEST – Ms. Seader presented a Zoning Hearing Board Request for a variance from 200 W. Fairview Avenue for a pool. She stated that Council may remain neutral in their stance or deny the request. Ms. Seader asked for comments or questions from Council. Ms. Seader asked if there was a motion to take a neutral stance on the zoning request. Ms. Judge made a motion to take a neutral stance on the zoning request. Mr. Pizzola seconded. Ms. Gasparovic asked if residents should comment. Ms. Seader stated that the time of the Zoning Board Hearing would be advertised and the matter could be discussed there. Mr. Niwinski stated that going to Zoning is the appropriate avenue for discussion. Ms. Gasparovic asked Ms. Brucie for the legal opinion as to if residents should be allowed to comment before Council took a stance. Ms. Brucie stated that there is a public comment time at some point in the meeting, but that it was up to Council as to when. Ms. Gasparovic stated that residents should be

able to comment as usual after first and second motions were made. Ms. Seader stated the decision of the Zoning Hearing Board is a final decision but there is plenty of time at that meeting for public comment and discussion. Mr. Niwinski stated that he believed that matters such as fences and pools should go before the Zoning Hearing Board. Ms. Seader stated that the Fence Ordinance allows for waivers by Council in certain situations. Ms. Seader restated the motion from Ms. Judge and the second from Mr. Pizzola. There were no objections. The motion carried.

5. TRAFFIC ORDINANCE – Mr. Pizzola asked for discussion and comments from Council on the draft Traffic Ordinance. He stated that the approach was to simplify the Ordinance and its whole purpose is to be able to ticket trucks that violate the Ordinance. The Ordinance will need to be enforced by the police department at certain enforcement times. Trucks, except for local deliveries, will not be allowed on any of the Borough's streets. It is a \$140 ticket and should serve as a deterrent to trucks. Mr. Pizzola recommended a vote on the Ordinance. Ms. Gasparovic asked specifically about garbage trucks and what kind of vehicle they are considered. Ms. Brucie stated that there should be a definition section where that would be made clear. Ms. Seader stated that the Ordinance allows for governmental entities and utilities and she considers trash trucks such. Mr. Pizzola stated that our police will not be pulling over garbage trucks that service the Borough. He stated that the police would be made aware. Ms. Seader stated that Council needs to be sure that garbage trucks that do not service the Borough are ticketed. Mr. Niwinski asked that the trash trucks and other utilities contracted by the Borough be added specifically to the Local Traffic definition section. Ms. Gasparovic stated that Cairn University and Langhorne Gardens should be added to the serviced area. Ms. Brucie stated they could, but it is really a matter of enforcement, not a matter of putting more restrictive language in the Ordinance. Ms. Seader stated that it should be made clear in the Ordinance that only trucks servicing the Borough will be allowed. Mr. Pizzola repeated that it is a matter of enforcement. He stated that the police will know who is in violation and who is not. Ms. Gasparovic stated one of the reasons the Ordinance was written was to keep trash trucks off the Borough's streets and the language was void of that. Ms. Seader stated she was concerned that another trash company could use the unclear language against the Borough. Ms. Gasparovic stated that the Ordinance does not allow for trash trucks. Ms. Judge suggested using the words "vehicles under contract with Langhorne Manor Borough." Mr. Niwinski requested that the word "exempted" be changed to "exempt" in Section 5 (B). Ms. Seader asked for the title of Section 4 to be amended to read "Findings of the Council of Langhorne Manor Borough." Ms. Seader asked for a motion to approve the Ordinance as amended for advertisement. Ms. Gasparovic made the motion to approve the Ordinance as amended for advertisement. Mr. Pizzola seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Ms. Seader introduced the subject of safety in the Borough. She stated that the following items are being addressed: overweight vehicles, the flashing light, CSX and the issue with the train arms remaining in the down position, the addition of ADA ramps on sidewalks, and the increase in speeding. The police will be putting down acu-trak painted lines, doing safety details and there is discussion of possible radar signs. Ms. Seader stated that Council is hearing the concerns of the residents and is addressing them in order to make things safer in the Borough.

6. POLICE REPORT –

Mayor Byrne's report for July 2020:

- Total hours – 294 hours
- Total fuel – 110 gallons
- Total mileage –749 miles
- Total citations - 16
- Total complaints –13

Mayor Byrne reported that he spoke to the Chief about the Use of Force Policy. Chief Bumm is not engaged in the meetings of other chiefs in the area who are working on Use of Force Policies as he is only an associate member due to his part-time status. Ms. Seader stated they can use the information that comes out of the meetings. Mayor Byrne said they will.

Mayor Byrne commented on the great job that Sgt. Kenney is doing. Ms. Seader asked for thanks to be conveyed to him for the extra time and work he put in during the storm.

Mayor Byrne thanked Officer Sherno who stepped in to direct traffic when the train arms were stuck in the down position.

Mayor Byrne reported that officers did detail on Saturday at the Black Lives Matter event in Langhorne Borough.

Ms. Gasparovic asked if the police participated in the Bucks County District Attorney's sponsored event for the police with the Peace Center to watch "Walking While Black." Mayor Byrne stated he did not think so but they could have done it through their other full-time jobs.

Ms. Gasparovic stated that she is hearing about mischief such as mailboxes getting hit by gangs, signs being stolen and bike gangs coming through. Mayor Byrne responded that complaints have not been filed and he has not had any sightings in his frequent surveillance of the Borough. He stated that people must call in complaints to the police department for a record to be made and action to be taken. He stated that a dirt bike was stopped and given a warning. Ms. Seader stated again that the Facebook page is not monitored or official and people need to report complaints by making a phone call to the police.

7. INSPECTOR'S REPORT –

Ms. Ferraro's Inspector's report for July 2020:

- Permits Issued - 10
- Construction Inspections – 10
- Zoning reviews - 1
- Resale Inspection - 3
- Complaints - 3

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS –

- **Mr. Niwinski:** Mr. Niwinski reported that there were two lights out.

Mr. Niwinski asked how the air conditioning was in the Hall. Ms. Seader responded that it was better as they are keeping it on at a higher temperature. Mr. Niwinski stated that Good Heating and Air Conditioning is replacing the system on August 24, 2020. Mr. Niwinski spoke with two other contractors to speak about a heat pump. This was discouraged unless the system changed to gas.

Mr. Niwinski reported that Meenan sent their maintenance contract which costs \$1,387. He stated that since the HVAC system is being replaced, he suggests not getting a contract since the new system is under warrantee. He stated that Good HVAC provides maintenance contracts. The savings for the heating and air conditioning system and 3 times/year inspections is \$260. The savings all in for this year is \$1,130. Next year would be \$867/year savings on contracts. Mayor Byrne asked if this would affect the price of oil if we did not have a maintenance contract with Meenan. Mr. Niwinski stated it should not and he had spoken with them. He stated that Ms. Gasparovic sent him information on going with Southampton through the Consortium who use Papco. Mr. Niwinski spoke to Papco who stated that they are a wholesaler, rent the trucks and purchase the oil south of the airport. He stated Meenan has a variable cost with a cap Council could go with. Papco does not have a cap but they have a variable cost plus their profit plus the trucking cost which has a minimum of \$1,000 but he is still waiting for a quote. Ms. Gasparovic stated that since the Borough pays to be a member of the Consortium, the Borough should be able to be get the rate that the Consortium has negotiated which is \$1.09/gallon for delivery with an added variable rate. Mr. Niwinski stated that this was not how it was explained to him. Ms. Gasparovic and Mr. Niwinski discussed their thoughts on how the system works. Mr. Niwinski is not making a recommendation on changing oil companies until he gets the information on costs and will hopefully have a comparison at the next meeting. Ms. Gasparovic stated she would talk to the Consortium to see if Mr. Niwinski got the correct information from Papco. Mr. Niwinski is concerned because the Consortium is not getting back to him and this could be a contact problem in the future.

- **Ms. Gasparovic:** Ms. Gasparovic reported on residents' thoughts and issues: crosswalks, children at play signs, speeding, speed bumps, trees, and the roundabout.

Ms. Gasparovic reported that she was on the Bucks County Emergency Call and the County seems to be at a baseline level of COVID cases and numbers are steady. They are starting a task force with the University of Pennsylvania and Temple to help long-term care facilities. She stated that the Borough should be able to be reimbursed for the police hours during the civil unrest from the Grant.

Ms. Gasparovic reported that she is getting Ms. Luff's Treasurer's Bond cancelled and the Borough should get a little money back.

Ms. Gasparovic reported that she is speaking with the insurance company about loss control, keeping the community safe and possible premium savings.

Ms. Gasparovic reported that the first MS4 Stormwater Commission meeting went well and they are keeping minutes. They surveyed the swales in neighborhood in two groups. They are not happy with the swale project idea, are taking a step back and are entertaining the idea of funding a project in another town. They have received approval from the DEP to move forward on it as a possibility. She stated there is concern about the historic nature of the swales and the possibility of trees needing to be removed. Ms. Seader asked about swales that have been filled in and have they been taken into account. Ms. Gasparovic said not yet, they have only observed where they are. Ms. Judge stated that she understood that it was mandatory for the Borough to do something. Ms. Gasparovic stated that it is mandatory that the Borough needs to do something to reduce sediment getting into the streams, but not necessarily the swales. Ms. Seader stated the Borough needs to get the credits from the DEP and Ms. Gasparovic stated that they need to do enough to get credit. Mr. Niwinski asked how the DEP is determining how much of the sediment is from the Borough. Ms. Gasparovic stated it had to do with how much land, slopes and where the streams are and it's being allocated to all the municipalities in the county. Mr. Niwinski spoke to the pervious/impervious numbers, the type of soil and the amount of open space and that the clay soil may be a key factor. Ms. Gasparovic stated that the next meeting will be August 24, 2020.

Ms. Gasparovic reported that the Borough received the draft annual Stormwater Report from Carroll Engineers. Any questions should be asked before it is made final on September 30, 2020 which is when the Manor owes the DEP \$500 for the annual permit.

Ms. Gasparovic reported that she and Ms. Seader are starting to work on grants for road paving funds and safety issues such as the blinking light, crosswalks and radar signs. She stated that applications are due September 30, 2020. Ms. Seader will have a firmer idea on the grants at the next meeting.

Ms. Gasparovic reported that there was a meeting about CSX with herself, Ms. Seader, Brian Fitzpatrick, Frank Farry, representatives from PennDel Council, Middletown Police, CSX and SEPTA. Concerns about the train arms remaining down for extended periods of time and traffic ignoring the arms are being taken seriously. She stated there is movement and solutions being proposed such as moving the trigger.

Ms. Gasparovic stated that she is asking Council to approve asking PennDOT for a non-binding study. She sent Council a map showing where PennDOT is proposing that crosswalks would do good. They are suggesting Hulmeville and Highland and Hulmeville and Prospect Avenues. PennDOT will come out and show where they think crosswalks and the related signs should be. The Borough is not committed to do anything, it is just recommendations. PennDOT told Ms. Gasparovic they would approve it and advise where things should go for free and it would be up to the Borough to buy paint and paint the crosswalks and buy the appropriate signage. PennDOT is proposing two crosswalks at Hulmeville and Prospect and three at Hulmeville and Highland with appropriate signage. Ms. Gasparovic is asking for permission to ask PennDOT to come out and study and she will bring back their detailed recommendations. She stated that the cost estimate for improving the safety at that intersection is \$3,500. Mr. Niwinski asked if PennDOT

would put a 4-way stop sign at Hulmeville and Highland Avenues. Ms. Gasparovic responded no, studies show an increase in rear-end collisions. Mr. Niwinski stated that he was speaking more about pedestrians particularly since the Borough is improving walkways especially in the area of ADA ramps. He stated a concern for people in a wheelchair or using a walker going through a crosswalk where there is no stop sign. Mr. Niwinski wants to make sure that PennDOT considers this. Ms. Gasparovic stated she had that conversation with PennDOT and there is no record of accidents at Hulmeville and Highland Avenues and are nowhere near meeting the requirements for a 4-way stop sign. She suggested that half the reason for the crosswalk at Hulmeville and Prospect is to slow down traffic as it goes north. She spoke about traffic from the overpass and then towards Hulmeville and Highland Avenues. PennDOT suggested larger stop signs, stop signs on both sides of the road or signs stating "intersection ahead." Mr. Niwinski stated that when people see crosswalks, they assume it is safe to cross and it is a false sense of security. A motion was made by Ms. Judge to have PennDOT do the study. Mr. Pizzola observed that the intersections at Manor and Bellevue and Manor and Comly Avenues for crosswalks is more important as there is much more pedestrian traffic at those intersections. He asked to expand this study to include these intersections. Ms. Gasparovic responded yes and suggested a second meeting in September for public input as to safety issues. Ms. Seader stated that timing is an issue due to the September 30, 2020 due date of the RDA grant applications which includes a lot of the safety issues residents are concerned about. She suggested a survey for questions on intersections. Ms. Seader stated that Council has a lot of information for the grant applications. Mr. Pizzola seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

- **Mr. McTigue:** no report

- **Ms. Seader:** Ms. Seader reported that the Borough received the check for \$40,000 from the RDA for the SCBA to forward to Langhorne Middletown Fire Company. Ms. Seader read Resolution #2020-13 "Resolution of Langhorne Manor Borough Authorizing Acceptance and Distribution of Municipal Grant Funding." A motion was made by Ms. Gasparovic to approve Resolution #2020-13. Ms. Judge seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Ms. Seader reported on issues relating to trees due to storms and overgrowth. Ms. Seader proposed that Council request that the Shade Tree Commission do an assessment of problems with trees in the Manor and come back to Council with their recommendations prioritizing issues that are most critical. The Shade Tree Commission Ordinance grants quite a bit of authority to them. Ms. Seader asked for a motion to ask the Shade Tree Commission to do the assessment. Ms. Barnes made a motion to ask the Shade Tree Commission to do an assessment of the trees and shrubs in the Borough. Ms. Gasparovic seconded. Ms. Seader asked for all in favor. Ms. Gasparovic asked if Ms. Seader would like to have public discussion. Ms. Seader asked if there were any public comments. Mr. Croteau-608 Station Avenue, stated that in other municipalities PECO will come out and point to where issues may be. Ms. Seader stated that the Council could ask the Shade Tree Commission to reach out to PECO. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Ms. Seader reported that the submissions to FEMA/PEMA for reimbursement for costs relating to COVID have been accepted. Submissions to the County for costs around the civil unrest have also been accepted.

Ms. Seader issued thanks to Harvey Spencer for his quick response during the recent storm.

Ms. Seader stated that the Auditors will present their report at the September meeting.

- **Mr. Pizzola:** Mr. Pizzola reported that there was a meeting with PennDOT to discuss how to improve the situation at the intersection of Bellevue and Highland Avenues and the flashing light. Jason Snyder, the engineer for the Roads Project suggested a roundabout. The cost for a roundabout would be from \$1,000,000 to \$2,500,000 and there would be no funding from PennDOT in the US1 project for it. A traffic light was suggested which would entail extensive studies and the cost would be from \$250,000 to \$750,000 and would be Borough funded. Mr. Pizzola stated that grants were not a possibility at this time with the state budgets being hurt by the COVID crisis. Another option would be a 4-way stop with flashing red lights which would have a cost of less than \$30,000. Mr. Pizzola stated that Council must be careful as once they ask PennDOT to do it, it cannot be reversed. Mr. Pizzola stated that he would like to ask PennDOT for a non-binding traffic study. He stated that the Borough needs to consider the increased potential for rear-end collisions, back-ups, and traffic jams down by the railroad at rush hour which may contribute to increased traffic through the Borough which has other safety concerns. Mr. Pizzola and Ms. Gasparovic will consult with Jason Snyder as to how to move forward with a non-binding assessment of the intersection by PennDOT. Mr. Pizzola would like more community feedback.

Mr. Pizzola reported that he received invoices (third request of which the engineer has signed off) from General Asphalt Paving. The remaining work to be done is the ADA ramps, soil and seed on the south side of Route 1 and punch list items. Speaking in round numbers, Mr. Pizzola stated that after this \$427,000 invoice is paid, General Asphalt will have been paid \$964,000 of the \$1,200,000 and the retainage the Borough is holding is \$227,000 which is more than sufficient to cover the work left to be done. Ms. Seader asked for a motion to pay General Asphalt \$437,325.61. Mr. Pizzola stated that he would ask PennDOT what fund this payment should come from. Ms. Judge made a motion to pay the invoice from General Asphalt in the amount of \$437,325.61. Mr. Niwinski seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Mr. Pizzola reported that he received a second invoice from the engineer in the amount of \$15,125. Mr. Pizzola explained the itemization of the invoice. Mr. Pizzola asked for a motion to pay the invoice out of the same funds the Borough is paying General Asphalt. Ms. Barnes made a motion to pay the invoice from Effective Technical Applications in the amount \$15,125. Mr. Pizzola seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Mr. Pizzola reported that every 2-3 years PennDOT sends the Borough a Master Casting Agreement for which the Borough agrees to let PennDOT bid out work for revising gas lines, water lines or sanitary sewer lines from Borough roads into state roads, PennDOT will pay half of the invoices. PennDOT agrees to make the best effort to obtain the best prices and by signing the agreement the Borough will hook up with other municipalities and know what the percentage

of the costs will be. Mr. Pizzola will send the Resolution to the Solicitor and present it at the next meeting.

Ms. Gasparovic stated that there is an outfall pipe that lets out onto Station Avenue before Comly and there is a big drop-off. She asked if there was going to be any striping there. Mr. Pizzola stated that he can have that done. Ms. Gasparovic asked if the Borough had any concerns about blocking openings to prevent children and animals from getting into it.

Ms. Gasparovic asked where Mr. Pizzola is on the lateral issue in the Streets Paving Ordinance. Mr. Pizzola stated that he is in the same place and will get to it next month. Mr. Pizzola stated that if someone meets the criteria and they want to put in a gas line, they will not have to re-pave the block although the Ordinance does not clearly state that.

- **Ms. Judge:** Ms. Judge reported that she and Ms. Ferraro are working toward obtaining a procurement card through PSAB to pay bills. The Solicitor approved the agreement. Ms. Judge recommended paying the top ten recurring monthly bills which are approximately \$18,000/month. She stated that the due dates would be moved to the end of the month so they could be approved at the next council meeting and not be late. She suggested that the Borough test this using these 10 bills and that even if the permanent switch is made just for these 10 bills, the payments are approximately \$180,000 per year and the use of this card will give the Borough cash back.

- **Ms. Barnes:** Ms. Barnes reported that the Planning Commission met in person on 7/30/20 to discuss the Otto Grupp subdivision. They reviewed the documents. There were two requests for waivers, one for curbs and sidewalks which was automatically granted, and one for moving the current driveway which was unanimously rejected as it is out of compliance with today's standards. The Commission approved the primary subdivision plans. This will be presented to Council at the September meeting to discuss the recommendations. Ms. Seader stated that the packets will be available to Council before the meeting. Ms. Gasparovic questioned why the waiver granted was automatic. Ms. Barnes stated that it would be out of context to ask residents to put curbs and sidewalks that go nowhere and that basically people of the Manor do not want curbs and sidewalks. Ms. Gasparovic stated that the sidewalks would connect to the funeral home's sidewalks and there is one across the street. Ms. Seader stated that this will be discussed at the next meeting. Ms. Gasparovic asked that Council receive a list of what they will be asked to do at the next meeting. Ms. Barnes re-stated what Ms. Seader stated- that Council will receive all the paperwork prior to the meeting. The Grupps may have to go back to the Planning Commission with new plans. The Planning Commission is advisory and the Council has final decisions.

9. **MAYOR'S REPORT** – none

10. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – no official report

11. **CORRESPONDENCE** – None

12. **APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT** – Ms. Seader stated that all Council

members had received the bills list for payment. Ms. Gasparovic questioned Use and Occupancy Certifications refunds. Ms. Ferraro explained that this was related to a misunderstanding when she took the secretary position as to the fees for U & O certifications. Ms. Seader stated that the Police were given a 2.5% raise which was never paid but has now been rectified. Mr. Niwinski asked about the budget allocation. Ms. Seader stated that she would check with Ellyn Schoen at Langhorne Bookkeeping as to this allocation. Ms. Seader asked for a motion to accept the Bills list. Mr. Niwinski made a motion to accept the bills from July 2020 for payment as presented. Ms. Judge seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

13. TREASURERS REPORT –

Sewer Fund for June: Ms. Brucie explained that the \$1,775 invoice from Begley, Carlin and Mandio was for fees associated with any foreclosed property and paper liens. She stated that there is a monthly review so the Borough gets paid those fees which are due and outstanding and the cost for the review is billed quarterly. Ms. Seader asked for a motion to accept the report. Mr. Pizzola made a motion to accept the June 2020 Sewer Fund Report. Ms. Judge seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Sewer Fund: Ms. Seader asked for a motion to accept the Sewer Fund Report. A motion was made by Mr. Pizzola to accept the July 2020 Sewer Fund Report. Ms. Barnes seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Highway Aid Fund: Ms. Seader asked for a motion to accept the Highway Aid Fund Report. A motion was made by Mr. Pizzola to accept the July 2020 Highway Aid Fund Report. Mr. Niwinski seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

General Fund: Ms. Gasparovic questioned several items that were explained by Ms. Ferraro and Mr. Pizzola. Ms. Seader asked for a motion to accept the General Fund Report. Mr. Pizzola made a motion to accept the General Fund Report for July 2020. Ms. Barnes seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

14. COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS AND VISITORS –

-Jay Ferraro-402 Hill Avenue stated that line striping around the outfall on Station before Comly will not work in the winter. He suggested posted reflectors which can be seen in all conditions. He stated it would be a waste of the Borough's money to line stripe. Mr. Pizzola stated that Steve Shoell was good at picking up on these things and Mr. Ferraro stated that he liked that Mr. Pizzola was getting Mr. Schoell's input.

Mr. Ferraro stated that he understands PennDOT's reluctance to add a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Hulmeville and Highland Avenues because of the traffic risk. He stated that Mr. Niwinski has a point that there is a pedestrian risk. He stated that he had no knowledge of anyone getting hit crossing any of the Borough's roads. He stated that in the state of Pennsylvania, any intersection is conditioned to be a crosswalk whether it is indicted or not and a pedestrian has the right of way. The issue becomes when there is not a stop sign, traffic is not used to stopping and pedestrians step into the crosswalk which is a risk. He stated that from personal experience he knows that PennDOT will not pay for or install, because of their liability,

certain conditions that they will allow municipalities to do at the municipalities' expense because they take the risk. He stated that the notion that crosswalks slow down traffic is not correct. He stated that he is involved with a lot of PennDOT studies and knows first-hand that people will fly through crosswalks and not slow down. He mentioned the crosswalk with a sign in the middle of the street in Langhorne Borough where he stated that you take your life in your hands because traffic does not slow down. He requested that Mr. Pizzola talk to the road's engineer to assess what PennDOT is telling the Borough as they are a good asset but not a final authority on risk. Mr. Ferraro reminded Council that everything the Borough pays for, they are liable for. He stated that the Borough does not want to give someone the idea they are now safe and then get hit by a car. He agrees with Mr. Niwinski that there is added risk. Mr. Ferraro stated that he thought people would like to have 4-way stop signs and crosswalks within the neighborhood as the Borough is a walking community, but they need to make sure that things are being made safer and there is nothing safer than no one ever getting hit. Mr. Pizzola stated that he could not dispute anything Mr. Ferraro said. He stated that on page 27 of the L-TAP crosswalk seminar it expounds exactly what Mr. Ferraro said. "A painted crosswalk without anything else virtually does nothing from safety."

-Lois Abbott-803 Hulmeville Avenue is concerned with the intersection at Highland and the overpass. People fly through the intersection without stopping at the signs on Highland and take their life in their hands. She stated that she and her husband have been almost hit twice making a left off the bypass because people are not stopping at the stop sign. She asked if that was in the Manor and is it being enforced. Ms. Seader stated that she believes it is and the problem is that they need someone sitting there and that is when people do stop. Mr. Niwinski stated it is a problem at Highland and Station Avenues also.

-Steve Perloff-301 Hill Avenue asked if anyone has studied the reasons people give for accidents when they occur at the blinking light intersection. He stated that clearly people often think they can make it when they cannot. He stated that he thinks that new people may not be aware of what is going on there and suggested a sign that says, "Traffic from other direction does not stop." Ms. Seader stated she believes that there is one and that just from living at that corner, what she hears is that it is just confusion. They did not know they had to stop. She stated that they could have PennDOT take a look at it and increase signs or sizes of signs.

-Christopher Croteau-608 Station Avenue stated that intersection at Highland and Bellevue Avenues is a terrible intersection. He mentioned the traffic down to the train station and stated that he does not know if that is the answer. He stated that people do not understand a blinking yellow and a blinking red light.

-Steve Yourtee-502 Hulmeville Avenue stated that as a member of the Planning Commission he corrected in Ms. Barnes' report that the two actions were waivers, not variances (corrected). The denied waiver was the driveway placement as it is a dangerous placement on the corner of the intersection. They can conform their driveway by moving it to Station or Gillam. The granted waiver was curbs and sidewalks as they are not needed.

Mr. Yourtee asked for clarification as to what is being asked of the Shade Tree Commission. Ms. Seader stated she would like them to look at both Borough and private property. He stated that it

is a massive undertaking. He stated that Melissa Mather suggested that they take inventory before the end of the year of all trees that fall under the Shade Tree Ordinance in the public rights of way. Ms. Seader stated that it is a big project and suggested that hearing back from the Commission at the October Council meeting as to what it would entail as part of the process is a good idea.

Mr. Yourtee stated that the signs to enforce keeping large trucks off the streets would need to be on both ends of the street and this entails a lot of signs. He stated that the signs should have a weight specification for them to be enforceable. He stated that a 72,000 pound tri-axle carries the same license plate as a 7,000 pound pick-up truck. The designation becomes what class they are registered under. A large dump truck could question why the pick-up truck was not getting a ticket. He asked if a large truck comes from Richardson on Hill or Station to the Gillam Avenue intersection what happens when it comes to the sign prohibiting it. He asked how it is being defined. Ms. Seader stated that the Ordinance will be advertised and further discussion about weight can be discussed after that.

Christopher Croteau-608 Station Avenue gave kudos to the Mayor for helping folks when the wires were down.

Mr. Croteau stated he was concerned about zero police training hours, but it is good if they are getting it at their full-time jobs. Ms. Seader stated that just because it was zero hours this month did not mean that is zero hours every month. Mr. Croteau said he understood.

Mr. Croteau stated that is a huge liability if the police are not trained in Use of Force. It needs to be fixed.

Mr. Croteau spoke to creating a task force if the chief and mayor are agreeable to help people during a power outage.

Mr. Croteau stated that the Borough should not go with Meenan, that they should lock into the price of oil and that he would volunteer to check into the prices if allowed.

Mr. Croteau commended Ms. Gasparovic for the above work and Mr. Pizzola for the crosswalks.

Mr. Croteau stated to Ms. Seader that the PECO study should be done. He believed that it was a free study after Sandy for Yardley, Lower Makefield and Morrisville.

Mr. Croteau commended the entire board for working together.

15. ADJOURNMENT – Ms. Seader entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made Ms. Gasparovic. Ms. Barnes seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:31 P.M.

The next meeting will be September 1, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara T. Ferraro
Secretary/Treasurer
Langhorne Manor Borough