

**Langhorne Borough Council Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2023**

A Langhorne Borough Council Meeting was held in person in Council Chambers on Wednesday, February 8, 2023. President Murdock called the session to order at 7:30 p.m. and invited those in attendance to pledge allegiance to the Flag.

**In Attendance:** President Paul Murdock, Vice President Rich Mason; Councilpersons Nancy Culleton, Kathleen Horwatt, Scott Haldeman, and Tony Marfia; Police Chief John Godzieba; Treasurer Ellyn Schoen; Solicitor Anne Porter; Manager Steve Bradshaw; Clerk Mary Zimmerman.

**Absent:** Mayor Joe Taylor, Councilperson Kristen Farry.

**Mayor's Report:** No report.

**Police Chief's Report:** Chief John Godzieba asked Council to authorize the purchase of 20 lightweight barricades and 4 solar batteries for the speed tracking signs.

**Motion:** On motion of Councilperson Horwatt, seconded by Councilperson Marfia, Council voted 6-0 to approve up to \$2,200 for 20 new barricades.

**Motion:** On motion of Councilperson Culleton, seconded by Councilperson Haldeman, Council voted 6-0 to approve up to \$4,000 from the Liquid Fuels Fund for 4 new solar batteries for the speed tracking signs.

**Discussion:** Council discussed the effectiveness of the signs. At the request of Vice President Mason. Chief Godzieba said he would attempt to produce a report showing the speed of individual vehicles each hour, not just an average speed.

**Announcement & Presentations:** Steve Bonacci of General Code made a presentation explaining the codification services that General Code could provide for the Borough, including the timeline and pricing. Solicitor Porter identified several issues that would need to be addressed in the process of codifying the Borough's zoning ordinances, general ordinances, and sub-division ordinances.

**Public Comment:** Paul Schneider, 233 N. Bellevue Ave, supported the request for a speed sign report that provides individual vehicle speeds, and asked that Borough Hall's poor Internet connection be improved.

**Engineer's Report:** Mary Stover, CKS MS4 Specialist, presented on the MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Water System) permit process. Digital and print copies of this presentation were provided for Council.

George DiPersio, CKS Project Engineer, provided an update on the West Richardson Drainage Project. Council decided to use ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds for this project. Mr. DiPersio also reported that CKS is awaiting an estimate on the Borough Hall reroofing project from Pro-Con Roofing, a Co-Stars partner.

**Discussion: Single Use Plastic Bag Ban.** The process for imposing a single use plastic ban in the Borough was discussed. Further action was deferred until businesses have more fully emerged from the pandemic.

**Discussion: Fire Siren.** Councilperson Haldeman stated he was in possession of a petition with 151 signatures asking to shut down the fire siren. Council discussed issues related to the siren

and challenges currently facing the Fire Company. It was agreed that Council members would compile a list of questions for the Fire Company and that a conversation would be set up between a Fire Company representative and the Borough Manager to discuss these questions.

**Firefighter’s Worker’s Compensation Insurance Policy:** The address on the policy has been changed. When it is renewed at the end of 2023 it will be put in the Borough’s name. A breakdown of the payment percentages would be:

- Middletown Township- 84%
- Langhorne Borough- 7%
- Langhorne Manor Borough- 7%

**Discussion: Draft Overlay Ordinance.** Planning Commission Chair Paul Schneider reported that the Planning Commission had decided that the original draft of the overlay ordinance was out of keeping with the character of the town. The commission had drawn up guiding principles for any possible new development and redevelopment in the Borough. Consultant Tom Comitta suggested adding these guiding principles to the Borough’s 2014 Comprehensive Plan and making them a subsection to the overlay ordinance. Solicitor Porter asked Council to choose what it wanted to prioritize in the overlay: open space, or a grid pattern. Council suggested a grid pattern with less density to provide more open space, with homes at a variety of price points.

**Manager’s Report:** Manager Bradshaw updated Council on the following topics:

- The office is continuing to research the fee schedule scale.
- The office has been interviewing companies that do codification.
- Traisr discussion: The RDA grant would pay for implementing service but not the \$500 monthly subscription that would start in 2024.
- Armour and Sons will inspect and repair decorative streetlights for time and materials.

**Public Comment:** Carol Zetterberg, 129 W. Marshall Ave, said she would like to see the Borough take the time needed to address the Toll Brothers project carefully.

**Environmental Advisory Committee:** No report.

**Shade Tree Commission:** No report.

**HARB:** No report.

**LOSI:** Pat Carr thanked Manager Steve Bradshaw and Councilperson Haldeman for replacing the light at the farm.

**Planning Commission:** President Murdock congratulated newly instated Planning Commission Chair Paul Schneider. Chair Schneider reported that the Planning Commission plans to continue working closely with BCPC and Tom Comitta to move forward on the draft overlay.

**Recreation Board:** Councilperson Horwatt requested that, if available, three more lights be installed at the Richardson House.

**Communications Team:** Councilperson Culleton reported that members of the team have discussed possibilities for improving the website, connecting with other groups in town to produce a joint newsletter, getting agendas and meeting packets out in a timely fashion, and making sure that all boards and committees post their agendas posted for public review.

**Solicitor's Report:** No report.

**Minutes:**

**Motion:** On motion of Councilperson Horwatt, seconded by Vice President Mason, Council voted 6-0 to approve the January 11 Council Meeting minutes as revised by Councilperson Horwatt, and to approve the January 25 work session minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Motion:** On motion of Councilperson Horwatt, seconded by Councilperson Marfia, Council voted 6-0 to approve the Treasurer's Report.

**Approval to Pay the Bills**

**Motion:** On motion of Vice President Mason, seconded by Councilperson Marfia, Council voted 6-0 to approve paying the bills.

**Adjournment:** With no other business, on motion of Vice President Mason, seconded by Councilperson Culleton, Council voted 6-0 to adjourn at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Bradshaw, Secretary

**Next Council Meeting: March 8, 2023 @ 7:30 pm**