

Langhorne Borough Council Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2023

A Langhorne Borough Council Meeting was held in person in Council Chambers on Wednesday, March 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, Tony Marfia, Kathleen Horwatt, Scott Haldeman, and Kristen Farry; Mayor Joe Taylor; Police Chief John Godzieba; Treasurer Ellyn Schoen; Solicitor Anne Porter; Manager Steve Bradshaw; and Clerk Mary Zimmerman.

Mayor's Report:

- A lock has been installed on the fire siren box.
- Councilperson Horwatt agreed to contact PennDOT to reset the timing of the lights at Bellevue and Maple Avenues.

Police Chief's Report:

- Pine Street near Winchester Avenue will be closed for up to 5 days starting March 13 for Bucks County Water & Sewer (BCWSA) to repair a collapsed sewer line.

Public Comment:

Don Minnick, 149 W Richardson Avenue, on behalf of American Legion Jesse Soby Post, announced "Breakfast with the Bunny" on April 1 and the 104th Annual Memorial Day Parade on May 29.

Beverly Adams, 118 W. Richardson Avenue, expressed appreciation for the fire company, thanked the Borough for fixing a streetlight and providing dog waste bags, requested more traffic enforcement and a police presence during the West Richardson Avenue drainage repair, urged Council not to enact a plastic bag ban at this time, and suggested vinyl wraps for the basketball backboards.

Engineer's Report: George DiPersio, Project Engineer with CKS Engineers, reported on ProCon's estimate for replacing the Borough Hall roof, with options for either aluminum or copper gutters and downspouts. The Borough would need to get a second extension from the RDA by March 20 by submitting a letter of explanation and a signed contract for the repair.

Motion: On motion of Councilperson Haldeman seconded by Vice President Mason, Council voted unanimously to approve the ProCon contract for replacing the Borough Hall Roof for \$98,720, contingent on receiving the RDA extension. Copper gutters and downspouts were approved.

Five bids were received on the West Richardson Avenue drainage project:

- Passerini & Sons -- \$57,130
- LB Construction Enterprises, INC. -- \$65,690
- GoreCon, Inc.-- \$76,640.55
- KBC Construction LLC -- \$81,694
- Eagle Contracting, Inc. -- \$126,975

Motion: On motion of Councilperson Culleton, seconded by Councilperson Farry, Council voted unanimously to approve the bid from Passerini & Sons in the amount of \$57,130 to complete the drainage project on West Richardson Avenue.

After the drainage project is completed, PECO will replace the gas line on West Richardson and repave the affected sections of road.

Motion: On motion of Councilperson Farry, seconded by Councilperson Marfia, Council voted unanimously to nominate Clerk Mary Zimmerman as a Borough alternate representative so she can attend the PSAB conference in June. Council agreed to consider how to fund \$3,000 for the Councilperson Horwatt, the Manager, and the Clerk to attend.

Council Discussion: Council agreed that updating Borough Office/Police Department Internet & phone was needed. Comcast's proposed package would cost an additional \$200/month. Council asked the Manager to obtain additional estimates.

Motion: On motion of Councilperson Horwatt, seconded by Vice President Mason, Council voted unanimously to move work sessions to the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and advertise the change.

Motion: On motion of Councilperson Marfia, seconded by Councilperson Haldeman, Council voted unanimously to have Middletown Township resurface worn street signs for \$696.15.

Council Discussion: Proposed SAFE traffic study for the PennDOT RC3 project.

Motion: On motion of Councilperson Culleton, seconded by Councilperson Marfia, Council voted unanimously to move forward with the SAFE traffic study.

Council Discussion: Fire Siren and code enforcement.

- Manager Bradshaw submitted Council's questions about the siren to the Fire Company.
- Councilperson Haldeman said it had been inappropriate for members of the Fire Company to speak at February's work session.
- Manager Bradshaw planned to meet with Middletown Township's manager to discuss code enforcement and inspections for Langhorne Borough by the Middletown Township Fire Marshal.

Manager's Report: Manager Bradshaw requested a sub-committee to help with the modernization of the Borough Office.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the February Council meeting and work session were not yet available.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion: On motion of Vice President Mason, seconded by Councilperson Horwatt, Council voted unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Payment of the Bills:

Motion: On motion of Councilperson Horwatt, seconded by Councilperson Culleton, Council voted unanimously to pay the bills.

Environmental Advisory Committee: No Report.

HARB: No Report.

Motion: On motion of Councilperson Marfia, seconded by Councilperson Culleton, Council voted unanimously to approve new windows at the residence of Pat Carr, 240 N. Green Street, conditional on receiving the HARB report that confirmed HARB approval.

LOSI: Pat Carr reported on the Community Garden and upcoming events at the farm. The caretaker will shortly be moving out of the farmhouse and LOSI will be looking for a new caretaker. During the transition they hoped to renovate the bathroom.

Motion: On motion of Councilperson Horwatt, seconded by Councilperson Haldeman, Council voted unanimously to approve Pat Carr and the Heritage Farm Board procuring written estimates not to exceed \$19,000 for the bathroom renovation.

Planning Commission: Chair Paul Schneider reported that guiding principles for future development in the Borough had been finalized. LBPC had a joint meeting with BCPC, CKS, Tom Comitta, and HARB to review suggestions for the overlay ordinance.

Recreation Board: Councilperson Horwatt reported that the Easter Egg Hunt was scheduled for April 1, that the bench donated by Amy Johnson in memory of her husband had been installed, that the tree donated by Morris Arboretum had been planted, and that the basketball backboards need to be refurbished.

Shade Tree Commission: Councilperson Culleton reported that estimates had been requested for the tree trimming on Maple Avenue and that PECO had contacted Chris Blaydon about trimming the trees and vegetation along Pine Street.

Communications Team: No report.

Solicitor's Report: No report.

Executive Session: Council went into Executive Session from 9:18 p.m. until approximately 9:55 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Motion: On motion of Vice President Mason, seconded by Councilperson Haldeman, Council voted unanimously to accept the Hulmeville Soccer Club contract.

Motion: On motion of Councilperson Horwatt, seconded by Vice President Mason, Council voted unanimously to approve the Soby Post permit application for the Memorial Day Parade on May 29.

Motion: On motion of Councilperson Horwatt, seconded by Councilperson Mason, Council voted unanimously to approve the LBBA permit application for summer 2023 Concerts in the Park.

Motion: On motion of Councilperson Horwatt, seconded by Councilperson Marfia, Council voted unanimously to approve the LBBA permit application for the Car Show on June 17.

Motion: On motion of Councilperson Horwatt, seconded by Vice President Mason, Council voted unanimously to approve the Fire Company permit application for its Coin Toss on Saturday April 8 and November 25.

Adjournment: With no other business, on motion of Councilperson Farry, seconded by Vice President Mason, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Bradshaw, Secretary

Next Council Meeting: April 12, 2023 @ 7:30 pm