Langhorne Borough Council Meeting

September 9, 2026

A Langhorne Borough Council Meeting was held at Council Chambers on Wednesday, September 9, 2026. President Horwatt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and invited those in attendance to pledge allegiance to the Flag.

IN ATTENDANCE: President Kathleen Horwatt; Vice President Scott Haldeman; Councilpersons Paul Schneider, Kate Transue, Tim Harris, and Sean Mundy; Mayor Barry Truchil; Police Chief Kevin Burns; Solicitor Barbara Kirk; Treasurer Ellyn Schoen; Manager Mary Zimmerman; Clerk Gabe Tenaglia

ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Horwatt presented Police Chief Kevin Burns with a letter of appreciation from the First Baptist Church of Langhorne thanking Chief Burns, the police department, and Borough Council for their support of the church and particularly for police presence and assistance at church activities.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Don Minnick, Commander of the American Legion Jesse W. Soby Post 148 at 115 West Richardson Avenue, announced that the Soby Post will hold their annual Veterans Day 5K Run on November 7th. All money raised will go toward veterans' charities, the community, and outreach groups. Mr. Minnick thanked the community, and the people and organizations that support the Soby Post and enable them to function, and thanked Chief Burns for his and the police department's assistance year-round. Mr. Minnick then announced that they will hold a veterans' ceremony on November 11th, and on September 26th they will have another veterans' ceremony on behalf of Langhorne Open Space at the Revolutionary War Cemetery. This ceremony will involve a musket salute with a group of Revolutionary War reenactors called the Marbleheaders. The reenactors and the Soby Post's drill team will walk from the Soby Post to the cemetery.

President Horwatt introduced Scott Henley, the new Chief of Operations of the Penndel-Middletown Emergency Squad. Chief Henley spoke about the PMES' Bucks County Redevelopment Authority (BCRDA) grant application request; they are splitting the cost between Langhorne Borough, Langhorne Manor Borough, Penndel Borough, Hulmeville Borough, and Middletown Township for a paramedic responder vehicle and the equipment necessary to carry blood, which is a significant advancement in emergency medical services across the country and worldwide. This allows paramedics to transport and administer blood directly to patients in need, which allows life-saving care to be provided more quickly and improves patient outcomes. Chief Henley then spoke about PMES' call volume, which grows every year; this year they are on pace for 8,000 calls. Chief Henley said that the total cost for the vehicle and blood storage and administration equipment is around $119,000, and per municipality PMES is requesting $23,808.

Jean Rounsavill, 231 North Bellevue Avenue, thanked Chief Burns and the police department for actively policing the speeding on North Bellevue Avenue, including parking a police vehicle along the street. She expressed concern about dirt bikes speeding on North Bellevue and other streets; she said that there were several on Labor Day. Chief Burns asked when this was, and Mrs. Rounsavill said it was after 12pm. Chief Burns said that the police are looking into the incident. Mrs. Rounsavill then noted that individuals had driven dirt bikes through the golf course at the Middletown Country Club, damaging the course. She asked Chief Burns how residents can assist police. Chief Burns said that the radio room received no calls about the incident on Labor Day, and an officer was on duty until about 3pm. Mrs. Rounsavill asked who

residents should call; Chief Burns said they should call the non-emergency number and make a report, and then either the Borough or state police will respond.

Deborah Tyl, 197 West Marshall Avenue, said that at on the night of August 29, when the golf course was vandalized, she heard engines running and saw a group of around 10 people driving vehicles, possibly ATVs, along the 16th fairway, which is right outside her home. She called Middletown Township and spoke with the officer on duty. Chief Burns said she could have called the non-emergency number as well.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Truchil announced that the first office hours with Chief Burns and himself will take place on Tuesday, September 15 from 5pm to 7pm. It has been advertised on Savvy Citizen and Facebook. Hours will vary each month to accommodate Borough residents and businesses with different schedules. He also noted that he has received complaints about young people riding dirt bikes and other vehicles on peoples' properties. Mayor Truchil then thanked Chief Burns and the police department for identifying the individuals who vandalized the port-a-potty at the Mayors' Playground. Once the estimate for damages is provided, the individuals responsible will have to pay that amount. He said that when an incident occurs, the Borough investigates, identifies and charges those responsible, and the perpetrators are then responsible for paying for damages, which should act as a deterrent to others.

Mayor Truchil heard from a resident that she had her Earned Income Tax for Middletown Township taken out of her paycheck and then received a notice from Keystone Collections Group, the Borough's EIT collections agency, instructing her to pay her Borough equivalent. They worked it out that the resident does not have to pay twice, but Mayor Truchil noted that it is his understanding that except for residents who work in large cities with their own laws, residents working in the area would have their EIT received by the Borough. Treasurer Schoen said that employers are required to withhold employees' EIT where they work. Employees are responsible for filing an EIT return with Keystone to notify them where they work and where they live so their EIT payments can be processed properly. Solicitor Kirk said that employees specifically have to file a separate local tax return, not a state or federal tax return.

With Bob Cumming having stepped down from Council, a new Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) liaison is needed.

Starting in February, Mayor Truchil will be teaching a class at Bucks County Community College with the Honorable Gary Gilman and Mark Lomax on "Democracy in Action: Government, Justice and Community Leadership" that will be free to the public. A preview of the course will be given at The Peace Center on Monday, October 5 at 6:30pm, also free to the public. Advance registration is required.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Burns informed Council that the police department successfully staffed the Langhorne Borough Business Association (LBBA) Block Party and the Langhorne Rotary Pet Fair. For the Block Party, Bellevue Avenue was closed between Maple and Richardson Avenues. Both events were held without incident.

The department has issued 68 traffic citations thus far this year; last year, 50 were issued for the whole year. Regarding the dirt bikes, Chief Burns reported that on August 4 a young man riding an electric dirt bike fled from him. Chief Burns called in Hulmeville Borough Police Chief John Baran, who brought a drone to fly over the Borough to locate some of the dirt bike drivers. They were not able to locate any of the drivers. Chief Burns explained that drone technology is becoming more prominent in law enforcement, and while the Borough does not have a drone of its own, surrounding departments do and

he is able to draw on their resources when needed. He then explained that dirt bikes, quads, and other similar vehicles are partly a parent problem, as parents buy the vehicles for their children but fail to adequately supervise them. Chief Burns said that he has been stopping drivers of electric vehicles, and if they are under sixteen he will either confiscate the vehicle and have the parents come to the station or have them meet at the scene and take their child home, informing them that children under sixteen are not lawfully permitted to drive electronic vehicles and that the vehicle will be towed if their child repeats the offense.

At Olde Langhorne Harvest Day on October 24, the police department will have a table with child ID kits and giveaways with Halloween bags, wristbands, and other small items.

The police department is seeking grant funding from the BCRDA for four upgraded in-car cameras and routers that will sync up with police body cameras. Chief Burns then said that the department deployed Taser 7s, which had been acquired by the previous Chief John Godzieba. He and a few other officers went through training last Friday, and officers now carry tasers on-duty for their protection and the protection of citizens.

JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON APPLICATIONS: President Horwatt moved the appointment of new Junior Council Persons up on the agenda so the candidates could be seated with Council.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Schneider, seconded by Councilperson Transue, Council voted 6-0 to approve Lylah Newell and Azura Cohen as Junior Council People.

President Horwatt noted that this is Ms. Newell's and Ms. Cohen's second year as Junior Council People. They are both students at Neshaminy High School; Ms. Newell is a senior and Ms. Cohen is a junior. They both recited the Junior Council Person Pledge and were sworn in by Mayor Truchil. President Horwatt then asked them to discuss the time capsule burial ceremony on October 10th. Ms. Cohen said that they are organizing the time capsule and invited people to donate items of significance to the capsule. Ms. Newell said they will also be digging up the original time capsule from 1976. President Horwatt said that items can be brought to Borough Hall and a committee will be going through the items to make selections. The capsule itself was donated by the Dunn-Givnish Funeral Home.

CONSENT AGENDA: The items on the consent agenda are as follows: the minutes for the August 12th Council Meeting and payment of the bills, along with the following event and sign permit applications:

- Hulmeville Soccer Club fall season, at the Mayors' Playground 9/1/26 through 11/1/26
- Bucks County Free Library Story Time, at the Mayors' Playground 10/15/26, rain date 10/22/26, 3:30pm to 5:15pm
- Four Lanes End Holiday House Tour Mayors' Playground banner permit – event on 11/19/26

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Mundy, seconded by Vice President Haldeman, Council voted 6-0 to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Schneider, seconded by Councilperson Mundy, Council voted 6-0 to approve the August Treasurer's Report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engineer Zachary Mitchell said that a sketch plan was submitted for the proposed development at 361 South Bellevue Avenue. His office is currently reviewing the plan and it will be

discussed at the Planning Commission meeting on September 16. His office and the Borough are also preparing a BCRDA grant application for the Municipal Parking Lot Restoration Project. This application will be finalized and submitted prior to the September 30 deadline. Mr. Mitchell then informed Council that the Highway Occupancy Permit for the Maple Avenue & Green Street Crosswalk Project was resubmitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation on August 11. The project is currently out for bid, and bids are due September 17 and scheduled to be awarded at the September 24 Work Session, so the Borough is still on track to have the project completed before Halloween. Vice President Haldeman noted that the Municipal Parking Lot Restoration Project will cost around $194,000, and even more with engineering costs and contingencies. He stated that Council has to use the public's tax dollars responsibly and that he does not believe the project is a responsible use of that money. Manager Zimmerman said that the cost considers different components of the project, which include more than just the driveway. Mr. Mitchell clarified that the estimate provided by ARRO Consulting is just for the submission of the BCRDA grant application. The engineering cost, which is 25% of the project cost, is a placeholder estimate from the engineering cost of the Maple Avenue & Green Street Crosswalk Project.

VACANT COUNCIL SEAT APPLICATIONS: President Horwatt announced that four applications were submitted for the Council vacancy. Kari Thomas withdrew her application, so three applicants remain: Tim Damiani, 313 North Bellevue Avenue; Nicole Strickland, 115 Hill Avenue; Rob Farrow, 146 North Green Street. All three candidates shared their experience, qualifications, and connections to the Borough and were each asked questions by Council. President Horwatt expressed her satisfaction with the quality of candidates for Council and encouraged the applicants to join a board & committee or community organization to be more involved with the Borough.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Haldeman, seconded by Councilperson Schneider, Council voted 6-0 to appoint Nicole Strickland to fill the Council vacancy.

Councilperson Harris asked if only one candidate will be nominated, pointing out that no one was offered the opportunity to nominate another candidate. He said that for the sake of fairness, the process should involve the nomination of more than one candidate. Councilperson Mundy said that when he applied for the Council vacancy in 2024 and lost to then-Councilperson Adam Zielinski, the candidates spoke before Council and then Mr. Zielinski was nominated and appointed, and no one else was nominated. After discussion, Mayor Truchil officially swore in Mrs. Strickland as a member of Langhorne Borough Council. President Horwatt appointed the newly-appointed Councilperson Strickland to serve as the HARB liaison.

ENGINEER'S REVIEW OF MAR MAR DEVELOPMENT SKETCH PLAN: Solicitor Kirk stated that Mar Mar Development submitted a sketch plan application for their proposed development at 361 South Bellevue Avenue. She noted that as the sketch plan is an informal concept plan, it does not require formal review or consideration by Council. If Council wishes to have a formal review done, it must be approved. The Borough's SALDO Ordinance enables them to direct the Borough Engineer to conduct a review of the sketch plan and present the findings to Planning Commission and Council. Vice President Haldeman suggested waiting until a formal plan is submitted to have the engineer review. Manager Zimmerman said that Planning Commission and Bucks County Planning Commission are already reviewing the plan. Solicitor Kirk pointed out that Mar Mar submitted an escrow with the sketch plan application, which could cover the cost of the engineer's review. Councilperson Schneider spoke in favor of a formal review as Planning Commission has always relied on the engineer's input when reviewing plans. Treasurer Schoen said that there is $1,000 in escrow. Councilperson Schneider suggested the review should be approved not to exceed $1,000.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Schneider, seconded by Vice President Haldeman, Council voted unanimously to direct ARRO Consulting to review the Mar Mar sketch plan application for the proposed development at 361 South Bellevue Avenue, not to exceed $1,000.

BCRDA GRANT APPLICATIONS: President Horwatt explained that the Borough is eligible for BCRDA funding, which comes from revenue generated by gaming facility operations in Bucks County. The Borough is applying for grant funding for several projects. One is for the municipal building parking lot, and the total request is $194,749. Vice President Haldeman maintained that the project is too expensive and the Langhorne-Middletown Fire Company (LMFC), who primarily uses the parking lot, should pay a share. President Horwatt said that Council can decide the priority of the BCRDA grant applications, and in the event that this project is not funded through the BCRDA they can approach the fire department about alternative funding measures.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Mundy, seconded by Councilperson Schneider, Council voted 5-2 to approve Resolution 2026-10, authorizing the submission of an application to the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority's Municipal Grant Program for the Municipal Parking Lot Restoration Project in the amount of $194,749. President Horwatt and Councilpersons Schneider, Transue, Strickland, and Mundy voted in favor. Vice President Haldeman and Councilperson Harris voted against.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Transue, seconded by Vice President Haldeman, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 2026-11, authorizing the submission of an application to the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority's Municipal Grant Program on behalf of the Langhorne Borough Police Department for four upgraded in-car cameras and routers in the amount of $34,554.

MOTION: On motion of Vice President Haldeman, seconded by Councilperson Transue, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 2026-12, authorizing the submission of an application to the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority's Municipal Grant Program on behalf of the Penndel-Middletown Emergency Squad for a new paramedic responder vehicle and whole blood transportation and administration equipment in the amount of $23,808.42.

President Horwatt explained that the cost for the LMFC's request for BCRDA grant funding for replacement hoses and nozzles will be split between the Borough, Middletown Township, and Langhorne Manor Borough. She said that the full amount is approximately $160,000 and the Borough's share is $53,658. Councilperson Harris asked how the calls are apportioned between the three municipalities. President Horwatt said that their calls are considerably from Middletown Township. Councilperson Mundy asked if each municipality has to pay a third of the cost as the Borough is substantially smaller than Middletown. President Horwatt said that the fire department has always requested BCRDA grant funding from Middletown and this is the first time they are coming to the Borough, so she finds the request appropriate.

MOTION: On motion of Vice President Haldeman, seconded by Councilperson Schneider, Council voted 6-1 to approve Resolution 2026-13, authorizing the submission of an application to the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority's Municipal Grant Program on behalf of the LMFC to replace all hoses and nozzles in the amount of $53,658. President Horwatt, Vice President Haldeman, and Councilpersons Schneider, Transue, Strickland, and Mundy voted in favor. Councilperson Harris voted against.

President Horwatt called for the BCRDA grant applications to be listed in order of priority, and after a period of discussion Council decided to prioritize the projects as follows: 1) police equipment, 2)

municipal parking lot, 3) PMES ambulance and blood transportation equipment, 4) LMFC hoses and nozzles.

ORDINANCE 2026-06: President Horwatt said that the proposed ordinance will require utilities to restore roadways after work in the public right-of-way. She expressed concern about the language of the ordinance. Solicitor Kirk said that she drafted the ordinance based on Northampton Township's ordinance regulating roadway restoration activities by utilities. The ordinance states that restoration must be inspected by the Borough engineer and any restoration including paving has to comply with regulation imposed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, including use of bituminous overlay wearing course in accordance with skid resistance level. President Horwatt said that PennDOT does not strictly enforce state regulations and the ordinance should specify that utilities are required to repave curb-to-curb. She asked Solicitor Kirk to rework the ordinance to specify a wider area that must be repaved, and suggested that the ordinance be tabled. Solicitor Kirk asked if Council could review the draft provided and provide specific feedback for revision. Councilperson Schneider suggested that Council review the ordinance between now and the Work Session.

RC3 PROJECT RESOLUTIONS: Councilperson Schneider explained that at the last Council Meeting, there was discussion of adopting a resolution expressing the Borough's concerns about the proposed cloverleaf interchange and signalized intersection as part of PennDOT's U.S. 1 Improvements Project Section RC3. Two resolutions have been drafted. Resolution 2026-14 addresses PennDOT's admission that the cloverleaf is necessitated by the removal of the service roads, and requests that they consider alternative designs including the retention and restoration of the service roads, eliminating the need for the cloverleaf. Resolution 2026-15 calls on PennDOT to replace the proposed signalized intersection with roundabouts. Mayor Truchil pointed out that Resolution 2026-15 concedes the construction of the cloverleaf and just addresses the signalized intersections, while Resolution 2026-14 reiterates the Borough's opposition to the entire cloverleaf concept. He suggested that Council approve Resolution 2026-14 and consider Resolution 2026-15 should the cloverleaf plan proceed. After further discussion, Council decided to table Resolution 2026-15.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Schneider, seconded by Vice President Haldeman, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 2026-14: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LANGHORNE, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CALLING ON THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO RECONSIDER PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL, AND RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION FOR THE US ROUTE 1 (SR 0001) SECTION RC3 PARTIAL CLOVERLEAF INTERCHANGE IN LIGHT OF RESTORATION OF THE US1 SERVICE ROADS AND CONTINUED ACCIDENT RISKS AT CLOVERLEAF INTERSECTIONS AND LOCAL ROADS.

TRANSUE TREE TRIMMING: President Horwatt said that she included this item on the agenda because trees are blocking traffic signals at multiple points in the Borough, including at Pine Street and Winchester Avenue and at the historic lights on Maple Avenue. She suggested that some trimming be done, prioritizing the trees blocking traffic signals, not to exceed $3,000.

MOTION: On motion of Vice President Haldeman, seconded by Councilperson Mundy, Council voted 6-0 to approve trimming by Transue Tree Service of trees that interfere with traffic signals and historic lights, not to exceed $3,000. President Horwatt, Vice President Haldeman, and Councilpersons Strickland, Mundy, Harris, and Schneider voted in favor. Councilperson Transue abstained.

ASPHALT PAVING: President Horwatt said that paving is needed for potholes on Borough streets. Vice

President Haldeman will coordinate with Asphalt Services to determine pricing. President Horwatt suggested approving work not to exceed $3,000. She specified that they should only pave Borough streets and leave state roads to PennDOT.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Mundy, seconded by Councilperson Transue, Council voted unanimously to approve Asphalt Services to fill potholes on Borough streets and seal cracks at the playground, not to exceed $3,000.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Mundy, seconded by Councilperson Schneider, Council voted unanimously to approve Pete Miles to make a storage cabinet for the Borough office not to exceed $1,300.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Transue, seconded by Councilperson Mundy, Council voted unanimously to advertise bids for snow removal and leaf pickup for 2026-2027.

LOCAL TAX COLLECTION: President Horwatt said that the Borough received proposals from Berkheimer Digital Tax Solutions and Keystone Collections Group to collect their Local Services Tax. Treasurer Schoen recommended that the Borough continue to employ Berkheimer. Vice President Haldeman asked how much Berkheimer's proposal is; their rate is 1.5% of the amount collected while Keystone's is 1.75%.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Schneider, seconded by Councilperson Mundy, Council voted unanimously to accept the proposal submitted by Berkheimer Digital Tax Solutions for collection of the Local Services Tax starting January 1, 2027.

PROPOSED HECKMAN DEVELOPMENT TRAFFIC STUDY: President Horwatt said that Keith Bidlingmaier, the Borough's solicitor in the matter of Erin Development's proposed development of the Oliver Heckman School property, has been discussing with Erin the issue of stormwater and traffic from the development coming to the Borough. It has been recommended that the Borough compile data demonstrating that they cannot take all the stormwater runoff and traffic from the proposed development. Joe Fiocco of SAFE Highway Engineering has been approached regarding the claims of Erin's traffic engineer and Mr. Fiocco provided a proposal for a traffic study not to exceed $2,500. There was further discussion of the motion and proposal.

MOTION: On motion of Vice President Haldeman, seconded by Councilperson Harris, Council voted unanimously to hire SAFE Highway Engineering to conduct a professional traffic study pertaining to the redevelopment of the former Oliver Heckman School property, not to exceed $2,500.

LANGHORNE BOROUGH CODE SUPPLEMENT: Manager Zimmerman explained that the Borough received an estimate this afternoon from General Code for the supplementation of the Borough Code by codifying the latest Borough legislation. The cost estimate is between $1,850 and $2,380. Solicitor Kirk asked about the deadline to respond, and Clerk Tenaglia explained that he had directed General Code to wait until it was approved by Council. Solicitor Kirk advised adding this motion to the agenda as the law stipulates that only emergency matters not involving expenditure of funds can be added to the agenda once it is advertised.

FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE: President Horwatt explained that Keystone Municipal Services, the Borough's building inspection, zoning, and code enforcement agency, advised the Borough that their fees for

Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) applications are too low. Keystone can do a cursory review of the fee schedule and provide updates, not to exceed $1,200. Vice President Haldeman expressed reservations about the cost and Manager Zimmerman said that the actual cost will likely be below $1,200. Vice President Haldeman suggested that the fee schedule update should not exceed $1,000.

MOTION: On motion of Vice President Haldeman, seconded by Councilperson Strickland, Council voted unanimously to hire Keystone Municipal Services to review and update the Borough fee schedule on a per hour basis not to exceed $1,000.

BOARD, COMMITTEE & COMMISSION REPORTS:

Planning Commission: Planning Commission did not meet in August. Councilperson Schneider said that they will meet next week to discuss the Mar Mar proposed development, the Comprehensive Plan Update, and the Zoning Ordinance rewrite. He noted that at the last Council Meeting, Council requested that a resolution be crafted opposing Senate Bill 1346, which would create statewide rules for accessory dwelling units (ADUs). The resolution has been written for Council's review. Councilperson Schneider said that Senate Bill 1346 takes away the ability of municipalities to regulate ADUs and ensure they are harmonious with the community. Vice President Haldeman said that the bill is designed to make the entire ADU structure uniform throughout the state and spoke in support of the bill. After further discussion, Council decided to table Resolution 2026-16 opposing Senate Bill 1346.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Schneider, seconded by Councilperson Transue, Council voted unanimously to table Resolution 2026-16 until the October Council Meeting.

Communications Team: Manager Zimmerman said that the Communications Team discussed ways to promote Savvy Citizen, possibly through a community event. Councilperson Schneider said that they will look at what other municipalities have done and where they have had success. He noted that the Borough currently has around 250-260 people signed up for Savvy Citizen and the Communications Team will check with Savvy Citizen about if this is a good number of subscribers in comparison to other municipalities. He also said that they discussed ways to drive participation in the Borough's residential rental registration program.

Environmental Advisory Council: Bonnie Miles, EAC Vice-Chair, said that they met on September 1 and work has been done to have the Borough officially designated a Bird Town USA. An application would have to be filed. President Horwatt said that a resolution to become a Bird Town was passed by Council in 2024. She explained that this was a very important initiative to EAC member Donna Thomas, who has since passed away. EAC member Bernadette West took over and filled out the application, and Council has to authorize the submission of the application.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Mundy, seconded by Councilperson Strickland, Council voted unanimously to support the Environmental Advisory Council's Bird Town USA application.

Mrs. Miles said that the EAC also discussed coordinating an educational program with the Bucks Learning Cooperative. EAC Chair Gina Pardovich and two other members will have a follow-up meeting with one of the teachers on Friday, September 18. Additionally, Mrs. Miles reported that EAC discussed adopting storm drains, as Middletown has shared in their fall program that residents who attend stormwater education workshops are entitled to a discount on their stormwater in tap fee. She suggested that such an incentive for the Borough could further educate residents about the need to care

for their storm drains and encourage people to volunteer. She and President Horwatt then reported that the EAC are working on submitting the Borough's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) report this month, submitted annually to the PA Department of Environmental Protection.

Historic Architectural Review Board: HARB Chair Amy Mladjen reported that the following applications were reviewed:

- 180 Cherry Street, new window on the side of the house. Approval recommended
- 143 East Maple Avenue, new light fixtures on the porch facing Maple and repainting steps on the porch face. Approval recommended.
- 119 East Richardson Avenue, new wood fence. Approval recommended
- 135 West Marshall Avenue, new entry replacing existing porch, with new wood portico above the door, composite decking, and a new fiberglass door in keeping with the style of the home. Approval recommended
- 142 West Marshall Avenue, roof-mounted solar panels. Approval recommended. Due to low slope of the roof the panels will be minimally visible from the street.

Mrs. Mladjen then stated that a HARB member also raised concern about 136 East Marshall Avenue, which received HARB approval earlier this year for exterior renovations. The member expressed concern that certain materials used were not HARB-approved. The Borough's building inspector will review. President Horwatt asked why the solar panels at 143 West Marshall were approved and the proposed panels at 113 National Avenue that were applied for last month were not. Mayor Truchil said that while HARB typically does not recommend approval of solar panels in the front of the home, the pictures of the proposed panels at 142 West Marshall showed that they would be less visible due to the flat slope of the roof. The panels proposed at 113 National Avenue would have greater visibility. Mayor Truchil also said that the building inspector did investigate the materials at 136 East Marshall Avenue and determined that they were in compliance with what HARB approved. Clerk Tenaglia said that he is waiting for a written report by the building inspector and there is no further action to be taken.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Mundy, seconded by Councilperson Strickland, Council voted unanimously to approve and adopt the recommendations as set forth in the HARB report from their meeting of September 2, 2026.

Heritage Farm/Langhorne Open Space: Pat Carr, president of Langhorne Open Space, said that they received a third estimate from G&B Services for the new HVAC system for the farmhouse and have decided to move forward with them. Their estimate is a little over $20,000. Mr. Carr proposed that the cost be split equally between LOSI and the Borough, with the Borough's share to come from the farm rental account. He asked the Borough to approve the expenditure up to $12,500 in case of additional costs.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Transue, seconded by Councilperson Schneider, Council voted unanimously to approve the expenditure for a new HVAC system for the farmhouse at 222 North Green Street, and to split the cost with Langhorne Open Space not to exceed $12,500, to be paid from the farm rental account.

Mr. Carr then informed Council that LOSI has engaged Pete Miles to repair the farmhouse shutters. Work has been completed on the first floor and will work on the shutters on the second.

Human Relations Commission: No report.

Recreation Board: Councilperson Mundy said that the Pet Fair went very well, with possibly the best turnout yet. He said that the swings at the Mayors' Playground are in disrepair, and Rec Board has approached GameTime to purchase new playground equipment.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Mundy, seconded by Councilperson Strickland, Council voted unanimously to approve the purchase of replacement materials for the Mayors' Playground from GameTime in the amount of $2,516.95.

President Horwatt announced that there will be a dedication of the benches donated to the playground by the Langhorne Rotary Club, one dedicated to Chris Blaydon and one dedicated to Ward McMasters. They are trying to schedule the dedication for the second or third week of October.

Shade Tree Commission: No report.

Zoning/Building Inspection: President Horwatt noted that a permit was approved for the demolition of the bar at the Langhorne Hotel.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Zimmerman submitted her written report to Council. She said that the door of the garage behind Borough Hall is in need of repair, as the paint has not held up. She said that she had also been directed to have some of the trim work on Borough Hall repainted and asked if she should pursue quotes for both projects or one of them. President Horwatt said that some of the wood trim has to be replaced as well. President Horwatt asked to get estimates for the trim. Vice President Haldeman then Horwatt asked for an update on the Crown Castle small cell wireless facility. Manager Zimmerman said that they submitted a building permit and it is under review. Clerk Tenaglia explained that the building inspector approved the permit and the permit fee has been paid, and he is waiting for feedback from the Borough engineer before issuing the permit. Manager Zimmerman reported that the bamboo at 412 North Pine Street, which also impacted the neighbors at 63 Country Club Lane and 135 Summit Avenue, has been successfully remediated due to the cooperation of the property owners. She said that they are pleased with the outcome.

PUBLIC COMMENT: President Horwatt congratulated Junior Council Persons Newell and Cohen and expressed her pride in their volunteering and public service.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Councilperson Mundy, seconded by Councilperson Harris, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Zimmerman, Borough Manager / Secretary

Next Council Meeting: October 14th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.