

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council Workshop
April 29, 2015

New Holland Borough Council met in regular Workshop session on Wednesday April 29, 2015 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President William Clisham, Todd C. Burkhart and Terry S. Mohler. Members absent were Patrick K. Morgan, C. Stephen Good and James S. Bailey. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Mayor Wilbur G. Horning and visitors Jeff Kenderdine, President and CEO of the YMCA of Lancaster and Cody Swords, Director of the New Holland Facility of the Y.

President Herrington opened the meeting asking Mr. Kenderdine to proceed with any comments.

Mr. Kenderdine stated he is present this evening to provide a status report on the activities of the New Holland Y affiliate and some things that are happening related to it. They are in about the middle of the New Holland Rec Center's affiliation with the Y, begun in November 2013; after the Y was approached by some members of the Rec Center Board. They have an option to purchase the facility at the end of the three years. They are currently in a campaign to reduce the outstanding debt of the Rec Center to a point where it becomes feasible for the Y to take the facility. Until it gets to that point they are unable to make any modifications to the facility to better utilize space. When they took over the Rec Center it had 1,250 memberships; they have been fortunate to grow it positively to 2,100. They average 450 "Daily Visits". Overall one big philosophical difference in being a Y is to help communities in addressing what may be the local communities' priority or needs. In reviewing this for the ELANCO School District, it was identified that there is a strong need to get kids ready for kindergarten or Pre-K services. This also involves after school and over the summer activities which also includes a week at Camp Shand. They do provide scholarships to cover costs through a system and review process involving family means to assist the needy in the community. He noted in response to a question that the review system is clearly defined and they are permitted to provide such assistance to the needy. He has already visited the most immediately impacted municipalities, East Earl Township, Terre Hill Borough and now New Holland. They plan to visit Earl Township. Their current campaign goal is to raise \$500,000 hopefully from large donors. If there is some need remaining, they may move onto a smaller donation campaign which could involve a request for a one-time donation from the municipalities. They hope to avoid this.

Mr. Kenderdine and Mr. Swords then continued the dialogue in responding to a number of questions. Mr. Kenderdine noted that the original local debt was \$4.5 million; held by five banks, which have already written off a large portion. To build memberships they are utilizing different approaches to memberships and emphasize the community involvement to hopefully have some needs addressed. The programs offered are very important. They recognize that the pool as constructed does present some limitations. They can often address these by utilizing their other facilities. Members usually have a lower cost to be part of a program. It is difficult to police those situations where parents who may not be members utilize other parts of the facility while waiting for their family members to finish. Membership is not required for program participation. The facility is not maxed out, though they are at a point where a few years ago people would use the facility and it would feel empty. Now it is busy with other users. New Holland's facility is 55,000 square feet; Lancaster City's is: 42,000 square feet with 9,000 memberships and the Lampeter-Strasburg facility is 39,000 square feet with 9,500 memberships. The Y's involvement with Lampeter-Strasburg allowed it to be involved with building design.

Councilman Clisham noting that as an observation, he feels there may be a need for more activities for a parent and their preschoolers during the daytime.

Mr. Swords replied that they are hopefully slowly adding more of these types of programs to meet these types of needs.

President Herrington thanked Mr. Kenderdine and Mr. Swords for their information and update.

Manager Fulcher then reviewed some information items. As previously discussed and planned, the Borough will again be enforcing on a larger scale its sidewalk replacement program. Residents will continue to be provided the interest free loan program utilizing available sewer funds. An updated inspection and report will be conducted on the Ashlea Swale. It appears to have filled in to a good extent at various points and there are numerous eroding low spots which need correcting. The plan is to develop some workable solution with the homeowners who own the swale and if needed possibly also use the loan program to assist them. A consideration of some type of special material to be placed along the bottom of the swale will also be reviewed. The effort to work with the homeowners involving the ultimate, hopefully full eradication of outdoor bamboo has begun. A number of the people involved have responded positively to the Borough's notification. The particulars of this will depend on each property's situation. This is anticipated

to be a slow work-in-progress as this issue is addressed. On the down side, some bamboo was identified on the property along the railroad tracks owned by Norfolk Southern. The Borough will try to communicate with them to see if this can be eliminated. The bids will be going out in the near future for the upcoming new community refuse/recycling program. In response to a question, he noted that Administrator Secretary Paula Walsh who serves as the Borough's Recycling Coordinator keeps good records of the volumes of the various collection categories and costs, so an initial picture of the new larger recycle bins being used as well as no longer charging for the yardwaste bags, is available on an ongoing basis but a full report is planned for early 2016. The ordinance preparation for the planned three year phase-in of water rates is being developed. This year's cycle will go into effect this October 1 for the January billing; and the next steps also in the following Octobers, as currently planned. Even with the total 15 percent three year increase the Borough will still be on the low end of water costs (currently \$3.50 per 1,000 g; plus a \$10 quarterly base).

Mayor Horning stated he will look into the various background details involved with the United Veterans' Council's Memorial Day memorial services. This will include things such as costs, funds from other municipalities, etc. This could lead to a consideration by Council to perhaps increase its support if their needs are not being met to support this worthwhile activity. He also stated he is concerned and curious if the Borough has a plan to perhaps do more street repair and repaving work then we currently do annually.

Manager Fulcher noted that this has already been put into place this year, as Council has provided additional available General funds to allow more street work. It has only been more recently that the Borough is able to do this without a tax increase. He hopes this is able to continue for a few years; though the cost will take more money towards the requirement to state wage rates when the total is over \$100,000 for such street work. There are good records maintained for the street work done but as this past winter showed, a freeze-thaw cycle can do some real, larger damage to a wide area. We also began in conjunction with Earl Township, the renting of a modern crack-sealing machine and materials. We increased our time and materials use from last year and intend to do so again in the following years.

Streets Chairman Burkhart said that the newer machine and process is a significant improvement over the old individual manual bucket method; and as noted we intend to increase its use for future increased maintenance needs for those streets not scheduled for overlay.

Mayor Horning noted that this year's Relay for Life is to be held at Garden Spot High School June 19 and 20. It is usually held at Cocalico but their field is being worked on this year. They are honoring the memory of Amber Martin, the Garden Spot High School student who passed away last year. Their theme is Paint the Town Purple and have been working with local businesses.

Member Mohler reported that through the efforts of the Swim Team, the two rest/locker rooms in the pool building are being rebuilt from scratch by Paul Davis Restorations, with additional support from the Sherwin-Williams Paint Company. The Swim Team is excited about this and look forward to the new floor painting and other improvements, which will benefit all users.

President Herrington commended Mr. Mohler for his efforts with the Swim Team and the project. After brief further general discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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