

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council Workshop
April 27, 2016

New Holland Borough Council met in regular Workshop session on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, Patrick K. Morgan, Terry S. Mohler, James S. Bailey, John A. Styer and John A. Armbrust. President Donald J. Herrington was absent. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Mayor Wilbur G. Horning and Borough water consultant Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering.

Vice-President Burkhart opened the meeting asking consultant Bologna to provide his comments on the Borough's water system.

Consultant Bologna began with an overview of the Borough's water system, which is owned by the Borough Authority but leased back to the Borough for operations. The former reservoir was taken off line and sold in 2012. This was an expensive and unreliable source. The system now uses four wells, 1 and 2, which are close to each other along North Hoover Avenue, Well 3 on South Custer on the wastewater plant property and Well 4 at Community Memorial Park. Wells 2, 3 and 4 are Permitted under the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, with number 1 being grandfathered; however, when a new source is requested, grandfathered wells have to go through the SRBC docket process. At the moment, they are waiting for SRBC approval of the Aquifer Draw Down Plan for the new well, as well as preparing the plan for Well 1 docket approval. They are hopeful that similar to Well 2 a few years ago, a Waiver for a good portion of the drawdown requirements will be approved for Well 1 as a result of the long held records kept by Department Supervisor Stone. Even if a Waiver is granted, there is still a good amount of drawdown information required. They are hoping to use Well 1 as the only source for the system for a period and identify any effects on Well 2, the other Borough wells and on some nearby private wells. More details concerning the planned new well include that the well is dug with a 10 inch bore hole. Its full pump out capacity at that size was 1,400 gallons per minute. The plan is to request 700 gallons per minute. Even though this is on the same general aquifer on the north side of town it is not to be requested for additional supply, but to provide additional flexibility and redundancy in the operation of the system. Though limestone area sources have many positives there are elements beneath the surface and from above which can impact them and require them to be taken out of service; thus this extra redundancy becomes very important. When the new well is in, it will operate similar to the others with the gravity/pressure system and the Borough's two storage tanks, the 1.2 mg on Diller and .5 mg near the high school. As Council may recall, the new system to treat for TCE was installed on

the North Hoover wells just a few years ago. There were traces of TCE in the testing of the new well so this will be planned for in the treatment building design. In response to a number of questions, he noted that the new building is planned for the northwest corner of Groff Park; the drilling is done with the 10 inch casing and the preliminary infrastructure concerns - the relocation of an existing wastewater line and a new water supply line, have been completed. Though it is not a certain thing, the new well could be under construction next spring; an estimated construction time would be three to four months, with some follow up testing before it can be brought on line after receiving all approvals. He stated he appreciates Council allowing him to review these things, though he realizes it was a quick summary overview.

Chief Bowers reminded those present that with the new medical marijuana use law, there will need to be some type of policy developed after the regulations governing it are finalized by the state. In the meantime, he and the Manager will deal with it on the safe side should it occur with employees in the meantime.

Manager Fulcher reported for information purposes that the New Holland Farmers' Fair Association has again sent an invitation to Council to let them know if anyone on Council is interested in riding in the parade this year. A few Councilmen did this a number of years back but not in the last few years. The ride is a cost to the Fair Association, but if anyone is interested let him know.

Councilman Mohler, Council's current representative to the Inter-Municipal Committee and liaison with the Fire Company, provided an update with the discussions related to the municipal reps attending the Fire Company's Finance Committee meetings. The Fire Company is still pushing to have some type of Agreement signed by the municipalities. He has spoken with the Borough Solicitor who has recommended against signing anything and he agrees with that and simply stated, it is not needed. The Fire Company has also provided an updated 10 year financial plan which assumes an automatic increase in funding of 4 percent per year. It is his understanding that Council has informed them in the past not to assume any automatic increase in annual funding and to follow the normal request for annual funding support by going to the Inter-Municipal Committee in early October with their request for the following year and with the past year and current nine month's year to date information when they do. If they have upcoming major capital needs these should also be presented and explained at that time. The Inter-municipal group will then review and discuss these things, decide what, if anything to support. The Committee's position and recommendations will then be presented to the other elected officials at budget time. Any non-operational capital items agreed to would also have the proportional funding formula applied to them. Both Townships have indicated that they are willing to go with three year updates to the formula instead of

the five year cycle currently being used. The Fire Company has also provided an updated vehicle replacement financial needs projection. This also assumes an annual 4 percent increase each year. Along with some other concerns related to this, since the initial Truck Replacement Fund(s) were established, the Borough is far ahead of its required proportional share with this. He recommends when a truck is replaced, the fair inter-municipal formula percentages should be applied; not simply based on the amount of money in the Fund. He then reviewed a number of other operational and financial information items with the members.

After brief further discussion, it was the consensus of the members that it be clearly expressed to the Fire Company that the Borough has no interest in signing any Agreement; that the regular fall funding request process be followed with no assumptions of any guaranteed increases in funding; and that any funding amount for capital or truck costs accepted and recommended by the Inter-Municipal Committee are to follow the proportional funding Agreement.

Vice-President Burkhart then presented for discussion the potential north-west side expansion of the Borough building for the police department, for which sketch plans have been developed. He worries that there could be a lawsuit due to numerous concerns related to the transporting of prisoners and the getting in and out of the building with them. He would also like to look at the possible addition of some area for the larger equipment for the Street Department. He reminded members that this discussion had been deferred until a number of police related activities were completed last year.

The members then briefly discussed the expenses involved with numerous police coverage options and the upcoming changes in police personnel over the next three years. It was the consensus to have the Police Committee and Mayor proceed with the research and due diligence process as to long term policing options and the financial concerns related to the options to maintain a high quality police service and presence for the Borough.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

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Date Approved