

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council Workshop
April 25, 2018

New Holland Borough Council met in regular Workshop session on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, Patrick K. Morgan, Terry S. Mohler, John A. Styer and Abby L. Keiser. President Donald J. Herrington and member James S. Bailey were absent. Also present were Mayor M. Timothy Bender, Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher and water consultant Jeff Bologa of Becker Engineering.

Vice-President Burkhart opened the meeting asking Manager Fulcher to review the information items for the evening.

Manager Fulcher reported he has an updated list of major water, wastewater and MS-4 (stormwater) projects as well as some related drawings for handout of these priorities and needs; however, he had requested consultant Bologa to begin by reviewing the process status of the new well, #5/Groff Park, and an overview of the Permitting status and process of the Borough's other wells.

Mr. Bologa began by noting that we are in the fifth year of the well approval process. As the Susquehanna River Basin Commission's review time for each information submittal step was rather lengthy. The draw-down testing was approved to proceed however there must be a period where the water table is on a continuous downward trend before it makes sense to do it. He is planning to test for 500 to 1,000 gallons per minute, which is requesting a rather large well. The new well has a 12 inch casing down to 210 feet, with the total initial drilling down to 420 feet deep. The normal water table at this location is only about 30 feet below the surface. While he waits to begin the draw-down test, he has transducers in the other nearby wells which will act as monitors during the test, which are also providing beginning information as to things like water level in the interim. The pumped-out water also has to be treated for TCE even though it is under the required safe drinking water limit. This will require an expensive mobile treatment vehicle. In response to a question from Vice-President Burkhart, he noted that an Air-Stripping process is planned to be included in the design of the new well; similar to but an updated process like that which was installed at the North Hoover wells a few years ago. The schedule still has the new well on a hoped for full use approval by the end of 2020.

In continuing and in response to some member questions, he stated he is not aware of any current issues or studies related to old drugs or opiates in water supplies. There is awareness that the goals of the more recent creation of old prescription drop-off sites eliminates these from simply being flushed down the toilet or a sink; which ultimately would positively impact water sources.

In mutual discussion concerning an information sheet showing the location, water capacity information, Permit dates as applicable, and so on, the three different shadings on the sheet indicate the different names of the various sub-surface rock formations. They are different, but also similar, in that rocks and sub-surface formations may go in the opposite direction of one another, the rocks could also be made up of different elements. It is extremely difficult, without a known cause and effect prior activity, to determine where the sources are if a source contains TCE or PCE. The underground aquifers can be connected at some point relative to it moving elsewhere underground long term also. In response to a question, he noted that the two storage tanks on the system are feed by the well system pumps which may be on based on use demand.

Concerning the Borough's system as it exists today, to his knowledge it is the best one in the county for redundancy capability, overall system and operations. It is well ahead of the curve in overall system, condition, record keeping, operations and so on.

Vice-President Burkhart thanked consultant Bologna for his report.

Manager Fulcher then followed up with an updated Outline of the currently identified and known major capital water, wastewater and stormwater priorities. For water, along with the noted continuing steps for the new well process the planned new eight-inch loop connection, from Ranck Road, west to the existing Borough service line on Windsock Way via small portion of Runway Avenue, is scheduled to be done later this year. This will involve the Borough employees directly, with some contractor assistance for a few activities. Other major water priorities include repainting the Diller Avenue water tank and replacing the old six-inch line in Locust Street. This will follow a systematic approach involving sidewalk/curb replacements, water line replacement, then repaving.

Concerning wastewater priorities, installation of the new Belt Filter Press should be completed by late summer or early fall this year. Because of the continuing serious deterioration of the old/original (@1939) main collection line from Brubaker Avenue, east to where it turns south, goes under the railroad property,

then connects in Hinkle Drive, will be moving forward, with the plan for construction hopefully during 2019. This is a more involved project as it is being planned to relocate it, abandoning the portion currently on railroad property and placing the new one to the immediate north, affecting about three businesses and five private owners. Two additional residences will be impacted, hopefully only within the existing right of way between the properties on Hinkle Drive.

Related to required major stormwater control projects there is a swale reconstruction project planned for on the west side of Nolt's Pond along East Spruce Street. The owner has been contacted and is supportive of the project. This may be able to be accomplished this year as part of the follow-up work related to the Groff Park well drawdown test and avoid use of general fund monies. He noted that the EPA has rejected the state of Pennsylvania's Nutrient Reduction Plan, so additional similar projects for bio-swales or things similar could still be required of municipalities in the near term.

A couple of items concerning non-uniform employees which have not yet been updated have been reviewed briefly with Personnel Chairman Styer. These should have been updated sooner. He is planning to present them for action at Council meeting. The first is to formally add the annual medical buy-out option for non-uniform employees also. This was able to be added to the current police contract and was discussed at the time that it is good for all full-time Borough employees to have this option. The second item is also kind of a catch-up related to the additional training incentive program in that there are now numerous training classes, seminars, certificates, and the like related to the ever increasing stormwater/MS-4 laws and requirements, streets, as well as other Park maintenance type activities that now have classes available. As exists currently, the employees additional training and learning courses only recognize sewer and water operations other than a pesticide certificate. This second element will add these types of classes, training, certificates, etc. to the policy.

Chairman Styer noted that these types of additional training activities and certificates are pre-approved for the incentive program before any award is made; and must be successfully completed.

Manager Fulcher next reported in follow-up to Councilman Mohler's prior curiosity about the approximately \$15,000 per year in non-uniform over-time weekend duty costs. Only about one-third of that is what is referred to as built-in overtime that goes with the on-call duties in the wastewater and water departments; about 55 percent towards regular wastewater, and 45 percent towards regular

water, weekend duties. The rest is as identified for costs that would remain such as after hours call-ins, emergency after hours major repairs, snow plowing and so on.

Vice-President Burkhart reported he has a few items to mention. He wondered if the Manager found any enforcement issues related to persons who junk up their yards.

Manager Fulcher stated that the in-house part-time inspector and codes assistant usually tries to first communicate with the owner concerning an issue. If necessary, the property will be posted and depending on circumstances given 48 hours to deal with something more serious, or possibly 30 days. Though there are usually a few owners who need reminding every year, the Borough tries to work with people before getting into more formal action. We usually find they are often from different background circumstances whereby we try to have others possibly assist the owner or tenants.

Vice-President Burkhart next stated he has a couple items concerning Police Committee discussions. The first is that the new unmarked vehicle is about ready for placing in-service with its initial duty plan identified. The second is the Chief is planning to proceed with identifying persons who would be able to provide part-time duty when needed, even with the current part-time officer, there are still occasional shifts that need filled.

There being no further discussion or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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