

MINUTES  
New Holland Borough Council  
August 1, 2017

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, James S. Bailey, Patrick K. Morgan and John A. Armbrust. Members absent were Terry S. Mohler and John A. Styer. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Mayor Wilbur G. Horning, Solicitor Bradford J. Harris, Police Chief William D. Leighty and Lieutenant/Detective Jonathan Heisse. Others in attendance included Borough water consultant Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering and Borough residents Bill Kassinger, Bryant Glick, Mike Kurtz, Diana Morgan, Joan Delp, Dave Lutz and Mike Ireland.

President Herrington opened the meeting, asking for action on the Minutes of the meeting for last month.

Patrick Morgan made the motion that the Minutes from Council's meeting of July 3, 2017, be approved as presented. This was seconded by Jim Bailey and passed.

John Armbrust made the motion that the monthly Financial Report be accepted and the bills paid as prepared. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan and passed.

Police Committee Chairman Burkhart stated that with the new Chief now in place, he wants to thank Lt./Det. Heisse for the good job he performed as Acting Chief in the interim. He also welcomes Chief Bill Leighty to his first Council meeting as Chief.

Chief Leighty thanked Chairman Burkhart and stated it is his pleasure and honor to be the Police Chief of the Borough's Police Department. Since this is his first Council meeting, the Lieutenant will review the monthly Department Report.

Lt./Dt. Heisse then briefly reviewed the monthly summary Report of Department activities. There were 13 felony arrests and 11 summary offenses; 21 traffic citations, with 15 warnings. There were a total of nine juvenile contacts, three for juvenile court, and six for district court. It was a generally slow month for officer activities. He and Officer Specht attended the event called the Raminator Event, sponsored by Case New Holland on their property on the 8<sup>th</sup>. This is an event where various types of equipment and heavy vehicles are on display. He estimates

that about 3,000 people attended during the day. He took the Chief to the New Holland Business Association breakfast during the month. He was also on an Eagle Scout Review Board.

Property Chairman Bailey stated he had no action items but noted that the expansion project of the police department is nearing completion and will be ready for this Saturday's Open House and public meeting of the new Chief, even though there will still be a few items which have not yet been completed or received for installation.

Wastewater Chairman Armbrust made the motion that Council approve the purchase of a replacement, with trade-in, of the Loader at the Wastewater Treatment plant. With trade-in through the state bid program from Groff Tractor and Equipment of Ephrata, the purchase cost is \$143,350. He believes the current one in use has been in service since about 1989. It is also used to assist with snow removal in measurable storms. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Chairman Armbrust next made the motion that Resolution #490, which updates by the Resolution the developer specifications for the Borough's water and sanitary sewer systems, noting these were recently updated by Becker Engineering with the review and assistance of staff, be adopted. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan and passed.

There were no Finance, Personnel or Streets action items.

Borough water consultant Bologna proceeded to provide a brief review of the status of the Authority's Groff Well project. A quick outline of the Borough's system is that it currently has four wells, listed by number and location: Wells 1 and 2, North Hoover; Well 3, South Custer; and Well 4, Community Memorial Park. The system has a permitted maximum gallons per day withdrawal limit of 1.65 mgd; though these wells can produce more than that if all pumped their maximum at the same time. The initial test well was drilled in February 2014. They have been working with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) to get approval for the next steps. The SRBC controls the quantity of water permitted; PA DEP oversees the treatment of the water. With the request for the new well, Well 1 which had been grandfathered as to an official permit, now also requires a permit. They are working on this simultaneously. It again appears that due to the good long record keeping of the Department for this well and the others by Supervisor Stone, the permitting of Well 1 will be a less involved and costly process. Though the planned new well can pump more, they are requesting 700 gallons per minute.

This is intended as a redundant source, not for an additional limit withdraw purpose, though they are hoping to get the Borough's limit raised a little also. He and Borough staff have a meeting scheduled this week with representatives of the SRBC and PA DEP. He is hopeful this will get things moving towards official permission to proceed with the draw-down test. As far as the water system overall in general, to his knowledge the Borough has the highest capability of redundancy than any other system in the county, and it already meets Best Management Practices. The redundancy capability is a critical operational element. It allows the wells to be rotated for use on a systematic basis as well as providing for alternative sources when numerous things can go wrong with one or more of the other wells. The whole supply, treatment and distribution system is of a high quality and shows the forward thinking of Council and the Authority.

Mayor Horning reported the fines received through the Police Department for the past month as: \$762.74 from the District Justice's office; \$10 in parking fines and \$25 for fingerprinting. He also expresses his appreciation to Lt./Det. Heisse for his conscientious job as Acting Chief prior to the appointment of Chief Leighty. He noted if resident Kassinger who is present this evening does not mind, if he could provide any information on the production status of CNH currently, where Mr. Kassinger works.

Mr. Kassinger stated that though there are still people working on various things at the plant, he is aware that local production was shut down on Memorial Day and is scheduled to return October 2.

Councilman Morgan stated he wants to take a minute to acknowledge that the Board of the Garden Spot Fire Rescue recently decided to no longer run the station siren for calls, as it is no longer necessary. That Board also has to make tough decisions once and awhile.

Resident Joan Delp inquired if the Manager had a chance to review her question of a few months ago related to possibly totally eliminating smoking at Community Memorial Park. Also she has been smelling things cooking on many Sundays at 10 p.m.

Manager Fulcher replied he did review and discuss her question about applying no smoking to the entire grounds at the Park with staff. He also has been monitoring it almost daily himself. Overall, it is felt there is no major concern with the few folks who may smoke at the Park and they do not have any issues with it at this

time. As to the cooking smell, it could be Tyson's but no one else has mentioned anything.

Resident Bryant Glick stated he is Vice-Chairman of the ELANCO Republican Committee and he invites Council to a session with Congressman Lloyd Smucker and local state Representative Dave Zimmerman at the Sportsman's Shop in East Earl Township, this Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. He also asked if the security cameras were in place at the Park yet and if the updated cost estimate for a new pool was received.

Manager Fulcher replied that the security cameras will not be in service until sometime after Labor Day and they have not received the updated estimate of a pool as he does not like to bother such firms in their busy season and there is no rush. These things should be available sometime in the fall.

President Herrington stated he wished to Thank Planning Commission Chairman Kassinger and Vice-Chairman Charles Kidhardt for their recent attendance and discussions at a number of county transportation issue meetings, in reference to the Borough's support of the continued need for the long overdue Route 23 relief roadway. The Borough's proposal is for Penn DOT to proceed with a two lane limited access roadway with an adjoining hiking/biking trail which seems to be a reasonable and economical approach to deal with this problem.

Mr. Kassinger reported that the Borough's position is on record but it is not an active project currently. They were informed that though Penn DOT may lease out the currently owned @six miles of land known as the Goatpath, they are going to retain ownership for a future road need.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

September 6, 2017

Date Approved