

MINUTES  
New Holland Borough Council  
December 6, 2016

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. All members were present: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, Patrick K. Morgan, James S. Bailey, Terry S. Mohler, John A. Styer and John A. Armbrust. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Solicitor Bradford J. Harris, Mayor Wilbur G. Horning and Police Chief Donald L. Bowers, Jr. Others in attendance included Borough water consultant Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering, Sara Bare, owner of the New Holland Coffee Shop, George Solyak, Vice-President of Human Resources of local industry Case New Holland, N.A., Fire Chief Larry Martin of Garden Spot Fire Rescue, Borough residents Carissa Moore, Keith Moore, Bryant Glick, Harry Klinger, Elva Martin, Bill Kassinger, Mike Ireland and Den Leaders Allen Wessell with Gail Ulrich and local Webelos 1 and 2 Scouts from Troup 148, A. J. Wessel, Caden Zook, Ayden Gonzalez, Ayden Valotta, Carter Ulrich, Andrew Wikes, also present were Walt Werner, Melissa Werner and Carrie Pike, Police Lt./Det. Jonathan Heisse, Dave Zemlock, Manager of local industry Alouette and reporter Allison Cuthie.

President Herrington opened the meeting, asking for action on the Minutes of Council's prior meeting.

Patrick Morgan made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of November 1, 2016, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by John Styer and passed.

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

Police Chief Bowers next reviewed his monthly Report of Department activities. There were eight Felonies/Misdemeanors and nine Summary Offenses during the month in the Borough. On the front page there is a new category of Medical Assists indicated as a separate item. During the month Lt. Heisse spoke to the New Holland Mennonite Church persons about Small Town Policing, the Zellenrich Church about Security and Active Intruder concerns, and the New Holland Business Association about bad checks and scams. Officer Fritz spoke to the Cross Connection Ministries about Drug Recognition and Awareness. The

Chief again served on an Eagle Scout review Board for a young man from Stevens. He continues to be impressed by those nice young men.

The Chief then continued, noting that he has invited a number of persons to be present this evening and would like to recognize them for their interest in and support of Police Department related activities and occasional equipment needs. He then introduced Carrissa Moore, who has been a main catalyst behind arranging the Bike Safety Rodeos held by the Department. Her parents are here this evening, Walt and Melissa Werner. Walt is the Police Chief of West Brandywine Township. Sara Bare, owner of the New Holland Coffee Shop, which recently hosted the Coffee with a Cop morning, in conjunction with an ELANCO Library Read Along program. She also serves on the Board of the Cross Connection. George Solyak, retiring as a Vice-President of New Holland Agriculture, has been a strong supporter from the Company for various equipment needs of the Department. Larry Martin, Chief of what is now Garden Spot Fire Rescue and before that when it was Liberty Fire Company, since 1995; and active in the Fire Department since 1977, is stepping down as Chief at the end of this year. He then presented plaques of Appreciation to each of these persons from the Police Department. He also noted that the Plant Manager of Alouette, Dave Zemlock, was also able to be present this evening. Mr. Zemlock has also been supportive of various equipment needs in the Department.

Council President Herrington stated that Borough Council also sincerely appreciates the interest and support of these people with their activities and support of the community.

Finance Committee Chairman Morgan made the motion that the 2017 Budget Adoption Ordinance #579 be adopted. This was properly advertised and is part of the final budget approval process. This was seconded by Terry Mohler. The roll was:

John Styer—Yes	John Armbrust—Yes
Jim Bailey—Yes	Patrick Morgan—Yes
Todd Burkhardt—Yes	Don Herrington—Yes
Terry Mohler—Yes	

The motion passed. Ordinance #579 was adopted.

Chairman Morgan next made the motion that proposed Ordinance #580, which sets the 2017 real estate tax millage rate at 3.4 mills which supports the approved

budget be adopted. As noted at last month's meeting, this rate has been the same since 2012. This was seconded by Jim Bailey. The roll was:

John Styer—Yes	John Armbrust—Yes
Jim Bailey—Yes	Patrick Morgan—Yes
Todd Burkhart—Yes	Don Herrington—Yes
Terry Mohler—Yes	

The motion passed. Ordinance #580 was adopted.

Personnel Chairman Styer reported there are two Borough employees who are to be recognized for their milestones in years of service with the Borough by Council. These are Robin Parker, whose many duties include: Financial Assistant, Utilities Billing Manager and Deputy Tax Collector. She is recognized for 30 years of service. The second is James Hartranft, who has served in the Water Department for 15 years. As in the past, as Personnel Chairman he will present their Service Certificates at the beginning of the employees' holiday lunch.

Streets Chairman Mohler made the motion that Council approve the purchase of two new 2017 Ford F-250, four wheel drive pickup trucks, with plows, to include the trade-in of two older pickups, a '99 Chevy and the '03 Dodge. It will also add one additional plow capacity since the Chevy was not equipped with a plow. These vehicles are being purchased under the state bid program from New Holland Auto Group and were budgeted for. The total purchase for both together is \$52,500. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan and passed.

There were no Property, Water or Wastewater action items presented.

Mayor Horning reported the monies received through the Police Department as: \$785.64 from the District Justice's office; \$330 in accident reports; \$80 in parking fines; and \$20 from fingerprinting. He noted that the Christmas on Main event held last Saturday was again a successful event. The weather was somewhat cold but dry. There are more activities earlier in the day so more people seemed to arrive earlier. He also reported that Sue Noll, who is highly involved with the Summer Arts Program, is present this evening. After talking with her, he thought it would be good to have her come to Council meeting and inform Council and any others present what she is trying to set up for this year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Mrs. Noll informed Council that she was reminiscing recently about how years ago there was a fireworks display set off in New Holland when she was younger. She

is attempting to obtain support throughout the community to do this again. She has already talked with the Grace Church along South Kinzer Avenue, which owns the lot on the hill behind the Church. They have said that fireworks could be set off from there. A 250' clear area radius is required at a minimum. She has also talked with Garden Spot Village who indicated they are OK with it. The Park's ballfield is to the east and the swimming pool and pitch and putt golf course make up the areas immediately to the south of this site. In discussions with Schaefer Pyrotechnics of Ronks the cost would be \$7,500. She and others are hoping to raise the monies through local businesses and personal contributions. Their planned schedule is to have the show on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. If conditions are not favorable, it is planned for the next day, Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup>. In response to some questions, she noted that a copy of their Certificate of Insurance will be provided to the Borough and they intend to request Fire Police assistance if it is felt it is needed due to traffic concerns at various locations.

Todd Burkhart then made the motion that resident Harry M. Klinger be appointed to the Borough's Civil Service Commission; for a six year term beginning January 2017 and ending December 31, 2022. This was seconded by Terry Mohler and passed.

President Herrington made the motion that Borough resident Michael Ireland, who has been a long-time volunteer member on the Board of the Eastern Lancaster County Library, be recognized by Council as a Borough representative on the Library Board, for the period which coincides with his current term on the Board from this evening through December 2018. This was seconded by Jim Bailey and passed.

Webelos Leader Allen Wessel introduced the seven Webelos with him and Leader Ulrich this evening; noting that attendance at a municipal meeting is part of the Scouting list.

Fire Chief Martin addressed Council, noting that the Fire Company recently received an Audit from the state of its Relief Association's expenditures for the period 2012 through mid-2013, the busy time relating to the merger of the former two separate Fire Companies. The Audit cited four negative Findings related to improper use of Relief funds for other Company activities. This did not involve any type of theft. These were related to a misinterpretation of allowed Relief expenditures and some updated changes they were not aware of. The funds improperly used were paid back to the Relief fund from Company general funds as required. The Company also missed formal action at the time of the merger by the

Relief Association; and the inventory of equipment listed at the time of the merger was cited as being somewhat dated. Should anyone have any questions with the Audit, just let him know.

President Herrington reminded members that there is a Police Committee meeting Thursday, December 15 at 2 p.m. and he, Property Chairman Bailey and Police Chairman Burkhart will attend the bid opening for the possible expansion of the Police Department on the northwest side of the Borough Hall on the 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

January 3, 2017

Date Approved