

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
February 2, 2016

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 2, 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 and John A. Armbrust. Members absent were President Donald J. Herrington and John A. Styer. 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 Bologa of Becker Engineering, Fire Chief Larry Martin and Deputy Fire Chief Darryl Keiser of Garden Spot Fire Rescue, resident Bill Kassinger and reporter Dave LeFever.

Vice-President Burkhart opened the meeting, asking for action on the Minutes of the prior meetings.

Patrick Morgan made the motion that the Minutes of Council's Organizational meeting of January 5, 2016, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Terry Mohler and passed.

Terry Mohler made the motion that the Minutes of Council's regular meeting of January 5, 2016, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan and passed.

Patrick Morgan made the motion that the Minutes of Council's Workshop of January 27, 2016, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by John Armbrust and passed.

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

Fire Chief Larry Martin of Garden Spot Fire Rescue noted that this is his last year serving as Chief. He will have served 22 years as Chief. Deputy Chief Darryl Keiser is to make this year's comments regarding the 2015 Report of Emergency Activities.

Deputy Chief Keiser then reviewed highlights of the 2015 Report. The biggest good news is that the total number of Structure Fires was significantly down. The numbers were: Residential: 6 in '15 compared to 18 in '14; Commercial/

Industrial: 3 in '15 compared to 9 in '14. Broken out further they were:
Residential: New Holland 3; Earl Township 1; and East Earl Township 2. The Commercial/Industrial were: New Holland 2; Earl Township 1; and East Earl 0. The total value of structural property endangered was \$297,782,539 with a fire damage amount of \$419,700. One of the larger value properties involved is CNH, Inc. They have made some improvements in their Alarm situation which often tripped due to mechanical issues. In response to a question, he noted that there is no one reason for such a one year reduction in structural fires; generally everyone's desire to avoid fires, modern code requirements and the effort to educate the public all help. The large number under 2015 for Vehicle Accidents with Rescue is a reflection of an adjustment in how these items were previously classified in the county call code system. Since the consolidation with the Blue Ball Fire Company, the proportions of areas covered by the Company are 100 percent of New Holland Borough and approximately 75 percent of Earl Township, and 55 percent of East Earl Township.

In response to a number of questions, Deputy Chief Keiser noted that the category Auto Alarm, No Fire can possibly be understood by using the example of the Franklin Street Apartment Complex. The smoke detectors go off in the apartments by themselves but if the smoke escapes into the hallway, the general structural alarm goes off; with the initial cause in many cases being smoke from cooking in the kitchen. There can be a surcharge billed to a structure if they continue to ignore a mechanical fault in their alarm system. The Franklin Street complex has done a good job with their efforts to discourage the Fire Alarms being pulled for a prank. The busiest time for calls in 2015 was between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., the regular workday. The Company appreciates the Borough allowing its two active firemen to respond during the day, as well as the businesses which still allow this.

Vice-President Burkhart then Thanked the Chiefs for their information and expressed Council's appreciation to the Chiefs, other officers and responders of the Company, that help provide an outstanding job which is a blessing to the community.

Police Committee Chairman Mohler made the motion that Council approve the two year Agreement between the Borough and the Lancaster County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for 2016 and 2017, based on an estimated 10 dogs per year, at a cost of \$2,000 for 2016, with the 2017 cost to be determined by the number of dogs collected. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan. It was noted that Earl Township pays its share of the Agreement and fee for the dogs picked up in Earl Township. The motion then passed.

Police Chief Bowers then reviewed his monthly Report of Department activities. He stated that he also sincerely appreciates the good service and cooperation of the Fire Company and the good support of the Fire Police with accident and street related activities. In his many years of experience, this is the best situation between the municipality and Fire Company he has seen. Also in relation to the stray dog discussion, the Department actually handled more than 10 dogs, but not all involved the SPCA and separate from the Agreement with the SPCA, the Borough occasionally makes a donation of \$250 to the kennel that temporarily houses stray dogs that the police collect. The owner does not charge the Borough for the housing. Officer Specht successfully completed his one year of Probationary status in January. There was a Rapid Response training at the High School which also included the ambulance services. The Fire Chief currently owns a structure which is scheduled for demolition in the spring. He allows both the Fire Company and Police Department to use it for various simulated emergency training situations in the meantime. He noted if there is a DUI arrest and a kit used, the cost of \$350 is provided from the state; however for other drug tests there is no reimbursement except for the occasional ones received under other costs from the defendant. Due to some season operational changes at the Park, such as removing most picnic tables into inside locked pavilions, there is less to attract transients who may wish to enjoy their stay during the day at the Park even during the colder weather. Joan Yunginer, Director of ELANCO Social Services Network, does a good job staying on top of these types of situations when this occurs, and providing various housing alternatives for those in this situation. He noted, in response to a question from Councilman Bailey about the placement of the heroin overdose antidote Narcon in schools, that currently regular EMS personnel are not authorized to use it. The SRO in the school does have it and is allowed to use it. To this point, the Department's supply has been provided at no cost from the District Attorney's office. In other various activities, officer Jed Custer received an "Atta Boy" for his good work following up on a local retail theft ring and charges being filed from an incident more than a year old. He appreciates the Borough providing the motel rooms next door during the recent blizzard, as those officers getting off shift could not get home. There were three on-line training seminars utilized in the Department during the month.

Streets Chairman Mohler reported that there were three street use/closing requests before Council this evening. He noted that the requesting party is responsible for obtaining any Police and Fire Police needed for proper traffic control.

Chairman Mohler then made the motion that the request of Garden Spot Village for the brief use and closure of South Ranck Road that is in the Borough, from the south Borough line on South Ranck, north to East Earl Road, for its annual Marathon, on Saturday, April 9, from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. be approved. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan and passed.

Chairman Mohler made the motion that the request of the Garden Spot Cross Country Team for the use and closing of East Jackson Street between South Kinzer and South Ranck from 8:15 a.m. to 10 a.m., and the brief use of South Ranck when the race begins, on Saturday April 16, be approved. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan and passed.

Chairman Mohler next made the motion that the request of the New Holland Business Association to approve the use and closure of: Main Street between Railroad Avenue and Custer Avenue, South Roberts, and North Roberts from Main Street, north to Broad Street, from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 3, 2016, be approved. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan and passed.

Chairman Mohler then stated he commends and sends a very strong Thank you to the Streets Department crew and the employees from the other Departments who were involved in the fantastic job of plowing the streets through the recent 32 inch snowstorm. He heard nothing but positive and appreciative comments concerning the job they did. During part of that effort, for the first time in many years, the Borough also plowed the Main Station of Garden Spot Fire Rescue. Private contractor assistance was utilized for additional Main Street and cul de sac snow removal and hauling after the storm. He also Thanks those residents who shovel out fire hydrants near their homes.

Vice-President Burkhart stated he also feels the workers did a great job and the businesses and many residents were also happy to see those blocks of Main Street cleared in the follow up work.

Member Jim Bailey noted he saw a resident cleaning one of the street storm drains near their house in case heavy rains fell. He thought the Borough crew did this.

Manager Fulcher stated they do this on a regular basis and were doing it today. Sometimes a long time resident will do the one near their house also.

Mayor Horning reported the fines received through the Police Department the past month as: \$1,427.02 from the District Justice's office; \$165 from copies of

accident reports; \$60 from finger printing; and \$30 in parking fines. He and some others are still proceeding with plans for the local group's trip to the Borough's Twin City of Longvic, France. This is the one scheduled for representatives of all four of Longvic's Twin Cities to be gathering at the same time. He did note that he often receives advertisements in his mail from those companies that do local municipal maps. They ask for a letter of support from the Borough of their efforts and the Borough only pays the cost of the mailing to all residents. It has been awhile since they did this for the Borough and there has not been any extra maps for a few years now. He would like to see this re-done again. The process takes about a year.

Manager Fulcher agreed it has been awhile. He has delayed proceeding somewhat so that the new streets of Garden Spot Village can be included, but he can begin the process.

Vice-President Burkhart stated he also feels this would be a good time to re-do it. It was the consensus of the members to have the Manager proceed with the updated map process.

With no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

March 1, 2016
Date Approved