

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
February 7, 2017

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, James S. Bailey, Terry S. Mohler, John A. Styer and John A. Armbrust. Members President Donald J. Herrington and Patrick K. Morgan were absent. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Mayor Wilbur G. Horning and Police Chief Donald L. Bowers, Jr.

Others in attendance included Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering, Fire Chief of Garden Spot Fire Rescue Darryl Keiser, Borough residents Bryant Glick, Keith Snowberger, Diana Morgan, John Taylor, Mike Kurtz, Nora Cuthie, Dominic Cuthie, Olivia Cuthie, Margaret Cuthie, Mike Ireland who also serves on the Board of the Eastern Lancaster County Library and reporter Allison Cuthie.

Vice-President Burkhart opened the meeting asking for action on the Minutes of Council's meetings since January.

Jim Bailey made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of January 3, 2017, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Terry Mohler and passed.

John Armbrust made the motion that the Minutes of Council's Workshop of January 25, 2017, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by John Styer and passed.

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

Darryl Keiser, Chief of Garden Spot Fire Rescue, then reviewed its Report of Emergency Activities for 2016. He first passed out a one page outline of the status of the Volunteer Fire Service in the United States as prepared by the National Fire Protection Association. He also noted that he was wearing the new Class C uniform this evening. In outlining the highlights of the Report, he stated that they responded to 414 emergency calls during the year. The number of responses to automatic alarms is also increasing but often times they are recalled due to alarm malfunctions. The Report lists the property endangered in 2016 as \$296,550,837; fire damaged: \$218,700; value listed as property saved: \$296,332,137. The values for value endangered and saved are high because there was a small fire at local industry CNH. The number of vehicle accident responses was down from the prior year. Tuesdays remain the busiest day of the week, with the majority of calls between 8 a.m. to 4

p.m. which has the impact of involving many responders who are working, many of which cannot leave on company time. They appreciate Council allowing the two active responders who work for the Borough to respond to calls during the week day and also the use of the Borough's nearby structure scheduled to be demolished in a few weeks for active firefighting training in the meantime. Fifty-five of the volunteers respond to at least 25 percent of the calls. Total training hours listed including local and state training is 5,180 hours, which is a lower number than actual because often times in later evening not everyone marks down their participation time.

Councilman Armbrust inquired how the additional activity of responding to AED calls is working out.

Chief Keiser responded that it seems to be going well, and oftentimes they are recalled due to the arrival on-scene of other first responders.

Mayor Horning inquired if the Chief was aware that the Lancaster Newspaper is going to do some additional interviewing of Borough persons and then publish its page emphasizing New Holland on February 26th.

The Chief responded he is aware and they know how to get ahold of him.

Councilman Mohler noted that former Chief Martin as everyone is aware provided good leadership to the Fire Company, but he wants those who may not be aware that new Chief Keiser is an experienced and very capable new leader.

Vice-President Burkhart thanked Chief Keiser for his Report, noting that the service of the Fire Company is greatly appreciated.

Police Chief Bowers then reviewed his monthly summary Report of Police Department activities. Before reviewing the Report, he noted that as reflected on the Report of the Fire Company, all of those 1,400 hours of traffic assistance provided by the Fire Police are a tremendous assistance to the Police Department with the various incidents or community events. He noted that Council should have also received copies of the Report of the Department's annual activity totals for 2016; should anyone have any questions with it. January was a fairly quiet month in the Borough for major activities, also with a low number of vehicle crashes. A good number of officers and he attended a very informative Annual Cruelty/Abuse Investigation seminar put on by the Humane Society. Various community activities the officers participated in during the month are indicated on the third page, which included Lt./Det. Heisse and Officer Weaver speaking to the Martindale Mennonite and the

Christian Fellowship Churches on security, drugs and addictions; two officers were sent to attend a state trooper's funeral; Lt. Heisse attended the ELANCO Community Coalition; and a "Pizza with a Cop" was held on the 27th at the Cross Net's new Youth Center; which was attended by himself, Lt./Det. Heisse, Sergeant Willwerth, and officers Weaver and Beideman. Residents John and Judy Taylor sent a Thank you to Officer Achenbach for his recent assistance and provided a \$250 donation to the Borough for police costs.

Mayor Horning thanked the Chief for his Annual Report.

Streets Chairman Mohler reported that a negotiated tentative agreement has been discussed with the representative of Alouette Cheese related to their stormwater improvement project along about 400' of the north side of West Jackson Street, east from South Custer. The proposed agreement is to have Alouette's paving contractor, which has to fully restore the north side half of the roadway for Alouette, to also include the south side half, so the complete section is done and the Borough does not have to return at some point to do that section. The Borough's estimated cost to do the work was \$13,762, which was the reimbursement amount offered to Alouette. Alouette accepted the proposal and will have both sides of the work area included by its contractor. He then made the motion that Council approve this additional roadway work to be performed by Alouette's contractor, at a cost of \$13,762. This was seconded by John Styer and passed.

Chairman Mohler next stated there were a number of street use and closing requests this evening; noting that the requesting organization is responsible for obtaining proper traffic control assistance, closure signs and so on.

Chairman Mohler then made the motion that the request of the Booster Club of the Garden Spot High School's Cross Country Team for the use and closure of East Jackson Street for its annual 5K, between South Ranck Road and South Kinzer Avenue, on Saturday, April 15th from 8:15 a.m. to 10 a.m. be approved. This was seconded by John Styer and passed.

Manager Fulcher noted that this day and time conflicts with the Lions Club's annual East Egg Hunt; which usually starts at 10 a.m. in the Park. His office is trying to communicate this with the Club and see if their start time can be modified to at least a half hour later.

Chairman Mohler next made the motion that East Jackson Street between Park Avenue and South Kinzer Avenue be closed for the following events and times: i, the request of the New Holland Band for its annual Antique Car Show, on Sunday, July

9, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; ii, the Summerfest Bar B Q group, on Saturday, August 26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and iii, for the New Holland Summer Arts organization, for its annual Fiddlers' Picnic, on Monday, September 4, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. This was seconded by John Armbrust and passed.

No Finance, Property, Personnel, Water or Wastewater action items were presented.

Mayor Horning reported the monies received through the Police Department the past month as: \$881.09 from the District Justice's office; \$225 for copies of Accident Reports; and \$40 in parking fines. On a community related note of interest, he wants to recognize New Holland Boy Scout Troop 48 for reaching its 100 year anniversary on March 5, 2017. It was originally chartered on March 5, 1917 as Troop 1, but was later changed by the county organization to number 48. The first Troop leader was George Townsly. They are planning a celebration program on March 5 at the United Methodist Church at noon. He plans to attend and present a Certificate of Recognition from the Borough signed by Council President Herrington and himself. On another event to be held nearby in Earl Township is the planned fireworks display on Tuesday, July 4th being put on by the New Holland Summer Arts Council is moving forward.

Terry Mohler then made the motion that Resolution #489, appointing resident John Taylor to a one year appointment as an Alternate member on the New Holland Borough Zoning Hearing Board, ending 12-31-17, be approved. This was seconded by Jim Bailey and passed.

Resident Bryant Glick asked if the new traffic signals camera controlled system is also a red light enforcement system.

Manager Fulcher replied they are not. This information can be published again in the Borough's next Newsletter.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

March 7, 2017
Date Approved