

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
February 6, 2018

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, James S. Bailey, Terry S. Mohler and John A. Styer. Members Patrick K. Morgan and John A. Armbrust were absent. Also present were: Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Solicitor Bradford J. Harris, Mayor M. Timothy Bender and reporter Carole C. Deck. Others in attendance included Borough water consultant Jeff Bologa of Becker Engineering, Darryl Keiser, Chief of Garden Spot Fire Rescue, Lowell Parkes, Borough resident and Vice-President of the Board of GSFR, residents Abby Keiser, David Lutz, Carl Hess, Diana Morgan, Bill Kassinger and Mike Ireland, also representing the Board of the Eastern Lancaster County Library.

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

Todd Burkhart made the motion that the Minutes of Council's Organizational Meeting of January 2, 2018, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Jim Bailey and passed.

John Styer made the motion that the Minutes of Council's regular meeting of January 2, 2018, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Todd Burkhart made the motion that the Minutes of Council's Workshop of January 31, 2018 be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Terry Mohler and passed.

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

Fire Chief Darryl Keiser then reviewed the Report of Emergency Activities for 2017 of the Garden Spot Fire Rescue organization. He also distributed copies of a booklet containing a collection of articles related to Saving the Volunteer Fire Company as prepared by the PA Township Supervisors' Association. He noted that it outlines the same issues with volunteerism that are shared by most remaining all volunteer Companies. It is also recognized and understood by those

involved that solutions to continued fire services in some form will be determined by each locality as the situation may be right for the municipality going forward.

The highlights of the annual Report of Emergency Activities for 2017 included the 20 percent rise in alarm responses, a 21 percent increase in mutual aid activities, and vehicle accidents with and without rescue were up during 2017. Fire damage for the year was \$484,321. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays remain the busiest time for call outs. The Chief reported that in response to one of their main fire calls during the year, was a recent one at 233 Hawthorne Street in the Borough. Along with the responding equipment, two pieces of apparatus were left at the station due to a lack of availability of a driver. Following the Annual Report, he reviewed the looming nationwide and state concern with the continuing loss of volunteers and the high daytime/workday volume of calls. A committee of area businesses is being formed to review this situation and to encourage them to allow their employees to run during work hours if needed. Last year, there was a total of 160 hours of paid time lost by employers who allowed this, which is also recognized as having other internal impacts on that company. He noted interestingly that in the East Earl area some members of other Companies are permitted to respond and assist Garden Spot Fire Rescue in that area during the workday. The Borough has one very active firefighter who is usually able to respond to every call who currently works for the Borough. They appreciate Council's support of this activity. Garden Spot Fire Rescue remains a strong Company and the members are proud of what they do but they still face the major challenges. Continued municipal support is an important factor and they appreciate the way the intermunicipal approach works in this area. They also are reviewing the local area concerning possible options due to the recent loss of the former fire practice structure area.

Councilman Mohler, a lifetime member of the Fire Company, stated that his parents live to the immediate west of the fire that occurred at 233 Hawthorne Street and there was concern that it could spread to their house and what they should do as his dad recently had knee surgery. Fortunately, emergency response people were aware of the concern and in the meantime the Fire Company put an amazing "stop" to the fire, very quickly. He feels the community is fortunate to have such a dedicated group.

In response to a question from Councilman Bailey, Chief Keiser reported that for vehicle accidents the insurance carrier is billed and for structure fires the Company talks with the owner to request billing to whatever extent may be covered, to the owner's insurance company. In response to Councilman Styer's inquiry about the volunteers' participation in calls, he referred to page four of the Report indicating

the section outlining the various categories of Fire Personnel Responding to various levels of calls. It also indicates the number of firefighters and fire police hours spent in service for the year.

President Herrington thanked Chief Keiser for his Report and related information and expressed his and Council's sincere appreciation to him and all the dedicated volunteers who perform this function for the community.

Police Chief Leighty then briefly reviewed his monthly summary Report of Activities in the Police Department for the past month. There were 10 felony and misdemeanor arrests; 19 traffic citations; and 8 domestic disputes. A list of his main meetings of the month is on page four. On both the 11th and 26th of the month, he and various staff attended informational sessions on the new CODY records management system, now in use in the Department. There is a special note included in the Report indicating that mid-month Officers Custer and Bitner assisted the FBI with the execution of an arrest warrant for an individual wanted in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The FBI Agent in Charge followed up with a note praising the officers for their assistance and professionalism with this activity.

Police Chairman Burkhart stated he wished to recognize Officer J.T. Young who recently handled a DUI which involved a police officer from a different municipality. This was reported in the Lancaster Newspaper. He feels Officer Young handled this situation in a proper and professional manner.

Representing Water/Wastewater action items this evening, Councilman Mohler made the motion that the replacement Belt Filter Press made by P.W. Tech, available under state bid through Envirep, TLC of Camp Hill, at a cost of \$185,000, be approved for purchase. He noted the old one is about 28 years old, and the new one was planned and budgeted for. The purchase price does not include installation related costs. The new machine is as recommended by the consultant and Department Supervisor. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Concerning Street Committee related action items, Chairman Mohler noted that there are three street use and closing requests before Council this evening. He noted the usual reminder to those organizations that they are responsible for obtaining necessary police and fire police traffic assistance and signage. He then made the motion that Council approve the closing of East Jackson Street between South Kinzer Avenue and Park Avenue, on Sunday, July 8, 2018, between 9 a.m.

and 4 p.m. for the New Holland Band's Antique Car Show. This was seconded by John Styer and passed.

Chairman Mohler made the motion that Council approve the closing of East Jackson Street between South Kinzer Avenue and Park Avenue, for Saturday, August 25, 2018, for Garden Spot Fire Rescue to hold the annual Bar B Q Fest, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. This was seconded by Jim Bailey and passed.

Chairman Mohler next made the motion that Council approve the closing of East Jackson Street between South Kinzer Avenue and Park Avenue, for Monday, September 3, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the New Holland Summer Art's annual Fiddler's Picnic. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Mayor Bender reported the monies received through the Police Department the past month as: \$475.27 from the District Justice's office; \$345 from copies of accident reports; \$10 in parking fines and \$100 from fingerprinting. Concerning a couple area group meetings he tries to attend, one was the New Holland Business Association's monthly breakfast meeting. During the meeting information was provided about an open community meeting to discuss making the community more aware of dementia and its effects on people. There is to be a breakfast meeting at Yoder's Restaurant on the 20th. He also attends the quarterly ELANCO Community Corroboration meetings established by Cross Net Ministries to facilitate communication between social services agencies and the needs of the community.

President Herrington reported that Council recently learned that Council member John A. Armbrust is relocating out of the Borough and is resigning his position on Borough Council effective tomorrow. He noted Mr. Armbrust was a long-time Borough resident involved with many activities and knowledgeable of Borough functions and responsibilities. He was only a Council member since January 2016 but contributed a lot for the time spent. His service is appreciated.

In continuing, President Herrington noted that Council has the responsibility of filling the vacant Council seat. In some general discussion with a few members it was felt that long time resident Abby Keiser, who ran for Council last November and did well, should be the first person to ask if she was still possibly interested. He contacted her and she indicated she is and visited with Council at its Workshop of January 31st. Her name is presented for Council's consideration this evening.

Terry Mohler made the motion that proposed Resolution #496, which accepts the resignation of John A. Armbrust effective February 7, 2018, and appoints Abby L. Keiser to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Armbrust, beginning February 8, 2018, through January 1, 2020, be approved. This was seconded by Jim Bailey and passed.

President Herrington reported he understands Mayor Bender has set this Thursday, February 8, at 5:30 p.m. for the Swearing-In of Mrs. Keiser, if the Resolution was approved. It is open to those who may wish to attend.

Mike Ireland then briefly reported on behalf of the ELANCO Library. For the first time, Advanced Food Products is joining the group of area sponsors who contribute \$5,000 towards the Library Auction. The others have been CNH, New Holland Auto Group and the Chester County Landfill. Councilman Morgan along with some assistants, continues to serve as auctioneer. The Auction is scheduled for Saturday, March 3rd at Yoder's Restaurant.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

March 6, 2018
Date Approved