

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Authority
January 20, 2015

The New Holland Borough Authority met on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were Chairman Jacob W. Musser, Vice-Chairman Jack E. Schnader, Treasurer M. Timothy Bender, Robert P. Johnson and Ernest M. Orr, Jr. Also present were Manager/Recording Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Borough Wastewater Department Supervisor Tina Myers, consulting water Geologist Jeffrey Bologna of Becker Engineering and Borough Mayor Wilbur G. Horning.

Past Chairman Musser opened the meeting asking Recording Secretary Fulcher to conduct the annual election of Chairman for 2015.

Member Tim Bender nominated the following slate of officers for 2015: Chairman Jacob Musser, Vice-Chairman Tim Bender, Secretary Robert Johnson, Treasurer Jack Schnader and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Ernie Orr. Jack Schnader seconded the nominations.

There being no other nominations, the slate of officers nominated for 2015 were then elected.

Chairman Musser then asked for action on the other organizational items to be completed.

Tim Bender made the motion that the Authority's regular meeting days and time be set as the third Tuesday of the months of April, July, October and January at 8:30 a.m. This was seconded by Jack Schnader and passed.

Jack Schnader made the motion that the firm of Good & Harris be appointed as the Authority's Solicitor for 2015. This was seconded by Tim Bender and passed.

Tim Bender made the motion that the firm of Becker Engineering be appointed as the Authority's water consultant for 2015, and that the firm of Buchart-Horn be appointed as the Authority's wastewater consultant for 2015. This was seconded by Jack Schnader and passed.

Chairman Musser then called for regular meeting business.

Tim Bender made the motion that the Minutes of the Authority's previous meeting of October 21, 2014 be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Robert Johnson and passed.

Wastewater Department Supervisor Myers then reported on major wastewater items. Concerning the Corrective Action Plan we are under, related to the Spruce Road Pump Station, one of the two main pumps was replaced in 2014, the other is scheduled in 2015. These should increase the efficiency of pumping. She and staff have been inspecting manholes in the area that appear mostly responsible for the infiltration and inflow. This includes much of the northwestern and north-central areas of the Borough. Some may recall that there used to be a small pump station at the north end of Oak Avenue, which was eliminated when the newer Spruce Road Pump Station was constructed. She noted that during 2014 there were three overflow events at Spruce Road, all of which occurred during unusually heavy rains in a condensed period. She has not yet heard any response from DEP on the Borough's corrective actions.

In response to a question by Chairman Musser, Supervisor Myers noted that the effluent pumped from the Station does go into a smaller force main, initially south on North Kinzer, then making its way to Main Street at Hiester Avenue. The feasibility of replacing this at some time was discussed, however this might cause other issues on the remainder of the line in Main Street. On some plant operational matters, Supervisor Myers stated that the high Total Dissolved Solids issue related to the plant's effluent believed to be due to excessive water softening salt brine residue has been reduced significantly to the Borough's benefit, under the Whole Effluent Toxicity Tests requirements. They feel the reason for this reduction is that in late fall, Becker Engineering assisted the Water Department in reviewing the mechanics of the softening processes at the Borough's wells. They found that at the South Custer well, the softening unit was processing about double the salt brine needed to successfully soften the water. This was corrected; and had apparently been set up this way by the original design engineers when constructed. On another positive note, there were no plant operational violations during 2014 so the new process seems to be working well. We are still operating under the old NPDES Permit, which expired on February 2013. We have not yet heard from PA DEP on the new one; which could still have operational limit changes.

Jeff Bologna, geologist of Becker Engineering, then reviewed a number of water system matters. He noted that following the successful completion of the repainting of the east end water tank, inspection was then done on the Diller Avenue tank. It was found to still be in very good condition with only a few minor spots on the lower exterior. Repainting of the exterior should not need done for at least 5 years and the

interior at least 10 years. We are in discussions with CNH about their possible interest in providing some repainting cost support to be allowed to place their logo around the top of the tank. Also related to the Diller Avenue tank and the Agenda item "Attachment Agreement" for this tank is a requested attachment approval with Verizon. Their attachment plans were provided to Becker Engineering for review. Becker on behalf of the Authority has required them to re-do the railing along the top of the tank as the original/existing one has safety and other issues. They seemed to have addressed all review issues but this will still be given a final review.

In continuing, Mr. Bologna reviewed copies of the overview of the right of way area obtained in cooperation with Petra Church related to their request for Borough water due to a church expansion. This right of way was provided in order to allow the Borough to install a connecting loop between South Ranck Road, west to Runway Avenue for a short section, then southward connecting to the existing water main on Windsock Way. This will provide an important loop from the east side to this service area. The Borough staff is scheduling to do most of this work through the Authority.

Those Earl Township residents who live along the area on Runway Avenue where the new pipe is to be installed, approximately six, will be informed and asked if they desire to have a water connection to this line, at cost.

The purchase of the almost two acre parcel and the related right of way for proceeding with the future well supply at Groff Memorial Park was successfully completed. It is his understanding that the Borough plans to provide the funding necessary for the Authority to proceed with the relocation of the existing water and sewer line at the well site. These are planned to be redirected north/south to the existing water and sewer lines to the north. This is planned to be done possibly this summer so the old lines are not a delaying factor in moving forward with the well, which is planned for 2016. Additional testing and permitting procedures are underway with the SRBC and PA DEP. This process could take nine months to a year and one-half. He anticipates more detailed plans and specifications will be completed this fall.

Tim Bender, noting that Mr. Bologna outlined the status of Verizon's desire to attach antennae to the Diller Avenue tank and may be in a position to do this before the Authority's next regular meeting, made the motion that proposed Resolution #A-474, which authorizes the attachments by Verizon as well as to have the Solicitor prepare the proper Attachment Agreement for signatures by the necessary officers, be approved. This was seconded by Robert Johnson and passed.

Tim Bender made the motion that the bills be paid as prepared. This was seconded by Jack Schnader and passed. The bills were:

Coatesville Savings Bank	\$500
Opening Water Authority Account	Ck#1408
Good & Harris	\$106,416.73
Groff Park Well	Ck#1409
Douglas DeClerck	\$500
W. Water Tank Evaluation	Ck#1410
Becker Engineering	\$13,105.50
T-Mobile, Verizon, Gen. Eng., Groff Park	Ck#1411
Diehm & Sons	\$857.50
Groff Park	Ck#1412
Safeguard	\$105.80
Checks for new account	Ck#1413
Check #1414 was VOIDED	
Evan Good	\$3,000
Consulting Fee—Groff Park Well	Ck#1415
Good & Harris	\$4,125
Groff Park Well & Attend Meeting	Ck#1416
Becker Engineering	\$16,368.36
Groff, T-Mobile, Verizon, Ranck Road	Ck#1417
Good & Harris	\$915
Groff Park Well	Ck#1418
Earl Township	\$375
Reimb. Engineering for Groff Park	Ck#1419
Coatesville Savings Bank	\$500
Opening WW Authority Account	Ck#447

Safeguard	\$105.80
Checks for Wastewater Account	Ck#448

Manager Fulcher then stated that as the development plans move forward on the new well site, with the additional two acres of open space the Borough has acquired and has to maintain in conjunction with the well, he envisions the possibility of the open area possibly utilizing low plantings that attract butterflies or various types of birds. Trails would be extended/connected to the existing trails on Groff Park.

Mayor Horning stated he was curious as to the status of any development plans the Authority may be working on related to the area south of the Towne Centre Green where three duplexes are planned. He does not feel the Authority should rush this. He supported the Authority previously doing things to help address problems in town knowing that it might not get all of its investment back such as with the Groff Hardware property and Towne Centre Green, however he feels the old saying “they aren’t making any more land” applies to the area planned to be sold for townhouses. Other community groups can use this area, such as the annual Farmer’s Fair. He feels the Authority should get the best return it can on it.

Manager Fulcher reported there is only one local development proposal currently under negotiation but no final plan has been agreed upon yet. The Authority is legally obligated to get its expenditures on the open space back and returned to the water fund for water projects, as originally planned and has spent additional funds providing the utilities to those lots.

Member Jack Schnader stated it would be good for the Authority to receive any other proposals to purchase and develop the area by other interested organizations so they can be compared.

After brief further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

April 21, 2015
Date Approved