

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
January 4, 2016

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at 6:39 p.m. following its bi-annual organizational meeting. All members were present: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, William Clisham, Patrick K. Morgan, Terry S. Mohler, James S. Bailey and John A. Styer. Others in attendance included Manger/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Solicitor Bradford J. Harris, Mayor Wilbur G. Horning, Police Chief Donald L. Bowers, Jr., Borough Water Consultant Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering, Borough residents Stacie Mohler, Skylar Mohler, Bill Kassinger, John Armbrust, Patricia Smith and reporter Dave LeFever. Resident Nicholas Good joined the meeting a short time later.

President Herrington opened the meeting. He noted that this evening the traditional order of things has been modified a little to start with the interviews of the two residents who have expressed willingness to serve on Borough Council to complete the term of Councilman Clisham, who will be leaving Council as of tomorrow. The replacement time is through December 2017. The members then discussed the opening with resident John Armbrust.

Mr. Armbrust stated he is a life-time resident of the Borough and has held numerous positions of employment, the most recent being 29 years with New Holland Auto Group. He managed the former Horning Dodge after it was bought out by New Holland Auto Group. He is a long time property owner and taxpayer and utilizes the Borough's community trash/recycling program and is aware of how it works. He is a Lifetime member of the Fire Company and has served as a Trustee and other positions with the Company; has coached midget sports, and has held positions with his church. His two children are grown; the older is on her own, the younger with a year left at college. At this time, he believes he is interested in serving on Council for a number of terms. After brief further discussion, he Thanked Council and left the meeting.

Resident Nicholas Good then discussed possibly serving in the replacement term on Council. He recently transferred from Juniata College to Millersville University and will be commuting from his family home in the Borough to Millersville to complete his schooling over the next two years. Until a few years ago, he worked for the Borough mostly at Community Memorial Park for five or six years. More recently he has also worked summers in the law office where his

mother works in Lancaster. He has volunteered with helping set up the No Parking signs when the local Christmas on Main has been held. He began his studies with Political Science and Law in mind but more recently is into Public Relations. He hopes his studies and interests lead to working for higher level elected officials and to eventually run for higher office himself. He worked some with former state Senator Mike Brubaker's campaign. He enjoys music and plays in a small band group. He enjoys working with people and public speaking. He was a class speaker at his high school graduation. His father is a former Council member, who still serves the Borough on a different Board.

Councilman Mohler commended Mr. Good for being so interested in serving his community at this point in his life. Such interest by a young person is unusual.

President Herrington Thanked Mr. Good for his interest and discussion with Council. The meeting then continued with regular business.

Terry Mohler made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of December 1, 2015, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Bill Clisham and passed.

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

Police Committee Chairman Burkhart made the motion that Special Order 2015-3 relating to Kelly Time in the Department be approved as prepared by the Chief; noting that the approved version contains a "1.a." on its second page. This was seconded by Bill Clisham and passed.

Chairman Burkhart made the motion that Resolution 480, which recognizes the police officers' contributions into the Police Pension Fund to be 3 percent for the years 2016 and 2017, be approved; noting that this meets Pension audit process requirements. This was seconded by Bill Clisham and passed.

Chairman Burkhart made the motion that Resolution 481, which provides Council authorization for the Fire Police to participate in non-emergency activities in 2016, be approved. This was seconded by Bill Clisham and passed.

Chairman Burkhart next made the motion that Council approve the transfer of the used body armor vests to the New Holland Ambulance Association, according to

the Letter of Agreement as prepared by the Solicitor and mutually agreed upon. This was seconded by Bill Clisham and passed.

Chairman Burkhart then made the motion that Council approve the purchase of two new 2016 Ford Explorers, police package, under state bid through New Holland Ford, at a cost of \$27,401 each. Noting a slight change in the two trade in vehicles as outlined in the Agenda he explained that the two vehicles to be traded in with the sale are to be the 2008 Ford Crown Vic at \$1,500 trade value, and the 2010 Ford Crown Vic, with a trade-in value of \$1,800. He feels these are reasonable values for their condition. The total price with the trades will then be: \$51,502. This was seconded by Bill Clisham and passed.

Chairman Burkhart stated that as new Chairman of the Police Committee, he wants to thank member Bill Clisham, who is leaving Council after tonight. Mr. Clisham served as long time Chairman of the Police Committee and more recently he served on it with him. He appreciated Bill's knowledge, leadership and patience with the many issues faced by the Committee over the years. Last year, 2015, was an extremely busy year as the Committee worked through the three major items of a new five-year contract with the Police Officers' Association, a new services Agreement with Earl Township, which could be up to 10 years, and a new Agreement with the School District for three school years for the School Resources Police Officer; along with dealing with some other challenging Department issues. Chairman Burkhart stated he will miss Mr. Clisham's experience and he is sure there will be times in the future he will be thinking of how former Chairman Bill handled similar issues in the past.

Police Chief Bowers then briefly reviewed his monthly summary Report of Department activities. Overall, December, as is usual, was a slower month and fortunately nothing major happened to change that. The drier weather seemed to also help keep the number of accidents down. Earlier in the month, officers Zimmerman and Bitner traveled to near Pittsburgh to attend the funeral of the St. Clare Township officer killed in the line of duty. Sergeant Yanarella received an "Atta boy" (recognition) letter from some accident victims for his assistance at the scene. Sergeant Willwerth was honored by the FOP Lodge 16 at a ceremony held at Our Lady of Lourdes community hall; the use of which was donated. He was recognized for his service related to the hot air balloon accident this past summer. Officer Zimmerman and the Chief attended. Financial contributions were recently received by the Borough for use towards safety gear and technology from CNH, Tyson, Fleur de Lait, the American Legion and Custom Cabinetry.

Finance Committee Chairman Morgan made the motion that Resolution 482, which is an updated version of the Borough's fees for numerous activities related to the Borough, be approved. This was seconded by Bill Clisham and passed. Property Chairman Bailey made the motion that Council approve the use of Council chambers by the Board of Community Memorial Park, for 2016. This was seconded by Bill Clisham and passed.

There were no Personnel, Streets, Water or Wastewater action items.

Mayor Horning reported the fines received through the Police Department the past month were: \$762.06 from the District Justice's office; \$285 from Accident reports; \$80 from fingerprinting and \$20 from parking fines. Concerning a number of community interest items, he reported that the ELANCO Library suffered a recent service water leak on the upper level. The Band Museum has temporarily relocated to the upstairs. Fortunately their insurance has covered it. This happened during closed hours and actually set off a fire alarm so the Fire Company was called and discovered it. As a reminder, the annual auction for the Library is being held at Yoder's Restaurant this weekend. On another topic, there is a local group going to New Holland's Twin City, Longvic, France in March. Longvic has other twin cities from other countries and representatives of those other cities are scheduled to be there at the same time. The New Holland group intends to invite representatives from Longvic to New Holland in 2017. On a local business matter, he noted he was able to join the Manager in meeting the soon to be new owner of New Holland Auto Group, a Mr. Geoff Penske. Current owner Mr. Class has been highly involved with and supportive of many community activities over the years and Mr. Penske has expressed his interest in continuing with local community involvement.

Terry Mohler made the motion that Council accept the resignation of Bill Clisham effective January 6, 2016, noting that it relates to a change in job situation for Councilman Clisham. Patrick Morgan stated he will second the motion, with regret from himself and he believes from all of Council. The motion then passed.

Member Clisham stated he has enjoyed his 18 years on Council. It was been rewarding and occasionally challenging especially as to operating within the laws governing local government. He appreciates working with current Council members as well as those others he served with in the past. He feels though they sometimes disagree, that all members are interested in doing the best they can for the community and Borough taxpayers. He also Thanks Manager Fulcher and

Police Chief Bowers for their dedication and service to the Borough, as well as the service of the other employees.

Member Patrick Morgan said he will provide his initial thoughts on the two good candidates for Council discussed this evening. He has some concern with where Mr. Good may end up residing in two years or so. He feels it takes a new member a few years to get a good feel for all of the laws governing local government, the background on many things and so on. He commended Mr. Good for his interest in the position at this point in his life and feels he has a strong idea of what he wants to do in his future relative to involvement with the public and the additional challenges of politics.

Councilman Mohler also commended Mr. Good as a young person with a sincere interest in serving his community but at this time his long term situation locally seems uncertain compared to the other candidate.

Councilman Burkhart stated he had the opportunity to talk to Mr. Good a few days ago and feels he is a good candidate but right now he is not sure of his long term situation.

Terry Mohler then made the motion that Council appoint John A. Armbrust under Resolution 483, to replace Bill Clisham on Borough Council, beginning January 6, 2016 through the end of Mr. Clisham's current term, through 12-17. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan and passed.

President Herrington then noted that as already stated by a number of Councilman, Council sincerely appreciates Mr. Good's interest and wishes him well as he continues his studies and moves forward with his future vision.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

February 2, 2016
Date Approved