

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
January 3, 2017

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, Patrick K. Morgan, James S. Bailey, Terry S. Mohler and John A. Armbrust. Member John A. Styer was absent. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher and Police Chief Donald L. Bowers, Jr. Others in attendance included Borough Water Consultant Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering, Borough consulting Architect Keith Good, of Calabrese/Good, Borough resident and a member of the ELANCO Library Board, Michael Ireland, residents Diana Morgan, Bill Kassinger and reporter Allison Cuthie.

President Herrington opened the meeting, asking for action on the Minutes of the previous meeting.

Terry Mohler made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of December 6, 2016 be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan and passed.

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

Police Chief Bowers next briefly reviewed his monthly Report of Department activities. Advanced Food Products recently donated \$1,000 to the Borough for Department use. He will apply this donation to the expenses involved with the equipping of the upcoming replacement police vehicle. December was a good slow month for number of crimes in the Borough. Training hours are down due to the time of year. On the 7th, himself, Lt. Heisse and SRO Achenbach presented a Drug Epidemic Expo at Garden Spot High School. Officer Gerry Weaver received a Thank you letter from state police academy student Travis Fisher. In response to a question from Councilman Morgan, the Chief noted that the recent New Year's incident involving a resident throwing an M-80 firecracker in front of moving police vehicles on Main Street was found not to be intentionally targeting the police. The person involved was significantly inebriated, and remorseful.

The Chief noted that Mayor Horning asked him to give the Mayor's monthly report of monies received through the Department for the month. The monies received were: \$462.27 from the District Justice's office; \$105 from Accident Reports; \$30 in parking fines; and \$20 from fingerprinting.

Police Chairman Burkhart then made the motion that Council approve the purchase of a 2017 Ford Explorer, police package, under the state's bid program from New Holland Auto Group at a net cost of \$26,901, which includes a trade-in value of \$1,700 for the 2011 Ford Crown Vic cruiser. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan and passed.

Chairman Burkhart made the motion that Resolution #488, which approves the Borough's Fire Police participation in non-emergency activities for 2017, be approved. This was seconded by John Armbrust and passed.

Chairman Burkhart noted that one of the new replacement pick-ups with plow for the Streets, Parks, Maintenance Department, is on display outside of the Council room entrance.

Finance Committee Chairman Morgan made the motion that Council approve a \$21,054 additional donation to Garden Spot Fire Rescue, as its proportion for its previous purchase of new Air Packs at a cost of \$63,800. The \$21,054 is based on the Borough's current inter-municipal funding proportion, 33 percent. This was reviewed and is recommended by Council's representative to the Fire Company, Councilman Mohler, and was included in year-end budget discussions. This was seconded by Terry Mohler and passed.

Property Chairman Jim Bailey noted that the Borough's consulting Architect on the proposed new expansion of the police department on the northwest corner of the building, Keith Good, is present this evening. The low bid contractor of 10 submitted and publicly opened on the 20th was MccGen Con, LLC of Parkesburg, at a cost of \$572,680; which is within the projected budget of around \$600,000. As things stand today, the project is to start in early April at the latest, but may be able to be started sooner depending on the time needed for demolition of the existing apartment building.

Architect Good stated that the bid appears in good order, his information shows them as a reputable firm and their list of potential subcontractors has a lot of local firms. He is checking these out now. He is confident to recommend to Council to award the low bid. Should the Borough be able to have the site ready to begin prior to early April, the Company is also prepared to so begin.

Chairman Bailey then made the motion that Council award the low bid of \$572,680 for the expansion of the police department area per the plans and requirements of Architect Good to MccGen, LLC, of Parkesburg. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan and passed.

Council President Herrington noting that Personnel Chairman Styer is absent due to illness this evening, but he did report to him that he was able to briefly attend the employee holiday luncheon. He presented the certificates to the employees, said a few words of appreciation to the employees on Council's behalf then left.

Streets Chairman Mohler reported he has two street use and closure requests for Council consideration this evening. He reminds those organizations requesting that they are responsible for obtaining Police and Fire Police for proper traffic control. He then made the motion that Council approve the temporary closing of Ranck Road, from the south Borough line, north to East Earl Road, from 8 a.m. to about 8:15 a.m. on Saturday, April 8, 2017 for Garden Spot Village, for its annual Marathon. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Chairman Mohler next made the motion that Council approve the use and closing of Main Street, from Railroad Avenue, west to Custer Avenue and North Roberts Avenue, from Main north to Broad Street, on Saturday, December 2, 2017, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and South Roberts Avenue from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. if needed for street market use, for the New Holland Business Association's Christmas on Main. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Chairman Mohler also noted in relation to the upcoming demolition of the Borough's adjacent apartment structure in conjunction with the building expansion, it is hoped that the Fire Company may have a week or two right after January to practice some fire/smoke situations before actual demolition begins.

President Herrington reminded members there is a regular Workshop scheduled for Wednesday January 25th and the police committee will be meeting on its regular basis on Thursday, January 19th at 2 p.m.

President Herrington stated that Council will convene into Executive session to review a police personnel issue. Council then convened into Executive session. Upon reconvening back into regular session, there was no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

February 6, 2017

Date Approved