

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
January 2, 2018

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:08 p.m. following its bi-annual Organizational meeting. Members present were President Todd C. Burkhart, Patrick K. Morgan, Terry S. Mohler, John A. Styer, James S. Bailey and John A. Armbrust. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher and Mayor M. Timothy Bender. Others in attendance included Borough water consultant Jeff Bologa of Becker Engineering, residents Bill Kassinger, Andy Herrington and Mike Kurtz.

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

Patrick Morgan made the motion that the Minutes of Council's prior meeting of December 5, 2017, be approved as presented. This was seconded by Terry Mohler and passed.

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

President Herrington noted that before other action, he wants to welcome new Mayor Bender. Council appreciates his willingness to continue to serve the Borough after his years on the Authority and look forward to working with him.

Police Chairman Burkhart then made the motion that Resolution #494, which approves the participation by the Fire Police of Garden Spot Fire Rescue to participate in non-emergency events in the Borough. This was seconded by John Armbrust and passed.

Finance Chairman Morgan made the motion that Resolution #495, which identifies 4 percent of salary as the amount police officers will be paying towards the cost of their pension for the years 2018 and 2019 be approved. He noted that this is as agreed to in the current Agreement between the Borough and the Police Association. This was seconded by Terry Mohler and passed.

Chairman Morgan next made the motion that Council approve an additional financial donation to Garden Spot Fire Rescue in support of its project to renovate and upgrade the restrooms in its Main Station for 2018; with the Borough's amount to follow the current Inter-municipal formula proportion for the Borough, 33 percent, totaling \$33,000 towards the estimate \$100,000 project; and further that it be from the Fire

Services Reserve Fund. He noted that this was discussed at budget time by Council Representative to the Fire Company Mohler and the Intermunicipal Committee agreed to mutually support it. This was then seconded by John Styer and passed.

Property Chairman Bailey made the motion that Council approve the use of Council chambers by the Board of Community Memorial Park, for 2018. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan and passed.

Personnel Chairman Styer reported he was able to attend the employee holiday luncheon and wants to thank both Becker Engineering and the Sprecher Insurance Agency for their support in providing it.

Water/Wastewater Chairman Armbrust stated he has no action items but thought it would be a good time especially in this severe weather to thank the public works employees in all the Departments for not only their plowing, cindering and salting activities through the winter, but as recently happened, responding to water and wastewater problems as they occur in severe weather.

Streets Chairman Mohler reported there are a number of street use and closing requests for action this evening. Those requesting such use also reminded they are responsible for obtaining proper signage, Police and Fire Police assistance as required. He then made the motion that Council approve the request of Garden Spot Village to allow the temporary closing and use of Ranck Road in the Borough from the south Borough line, north to East Earl Road, on Saturday, April 14, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Chairman Mohler next made the motion that Council approve the request of the New Holland Business Association for its annual Christmas on Main for 2018, scheduled for Saturday, December 1, 2018, for the following: the closing of Main Street between Railroad and Main, as well as the closing of Franklin Street between South Railroad and South Custer, and North Roberts Avenue between Main and Broad Street, from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and the closing of South Roberts from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. This was seconded by John Styer and passed.

Chairman Mohler made the motion that proposed Ordinance #584, clarifying and re-enforcing those sections of the Zoning Ordinance which identify when short-term rentals, those being of less than 30 days, be adopted, as prepared by the Solicitor and recommended by the Borough Planning Commission. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart. The roll was:

Terry Mohler—Yes
John Armbrust—Yes
Patrick Morgan—Yes
John Styer—Yes

James Bailey—Yes
Todd Burkhart—Yes
Donald Herrington—Yes

The motion passed. Ordinance #584 was adopted.

Mayor Bender reported the monies received through the Police Department the past month as: \$612.56 from the District Justice's office; \$225 from copies of Accident Reports; and \$25 from fingerprinting. In lieu of Chief Leighty who had to be at a different meeting this evening, he briefly reviewed the Chief's monthly Summary Report. There was a total of 12 arrests, of which 8 were felonies. No DUI's were reported. There were five non-reportable and two reportable accidents; and 21 traffic citations issued. There was a total of eight juvenile related incidents of which seven were referred to District Court; one to Juvenile Court. The listing of general events involving the Chief and officers are noted on the front page. There is a special mention note of the actions of Officer Custer who on the morning of December 18, apprehended an individual that was wanted for various burglary and theft activities in four boroughs and five townships.

Mayor Bender also noted that he has provided the written Notice to the Borough office as required but he wants to publicly state that he is not planning to perform any wedding ceremonies during his term of office.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

February 6, 2018
Date Approved