

MINUTES  
New Holland Borough Council  
June 7, 2016

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: President Donald J. Herrington, Patrick K. Morgan, James S. Bailey and John A. Armbrust. Members absent were Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, Terry S. Mohler and John A. Styer. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Mayor Wilbur G. Horning, Police Chief Donald L. Bowers, Jr. and reporter Dave LeFever. Others in attendance included Borough Water Consultant Jeff Bologa of Becker Engineering and Borough residents Bill Kassinger, Bryan Glick, Diana Morgan, Larry Smith, Patricia Smith and Joan Delp.

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

John Armbrust made the motion that the Minutes of Council's prior meeting of May 3, 2016 be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan and approved.

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

Mayor Horning reported the monies received through the Police Department the past month were: \$1,000.55 from the District Justice's office; \$315 from Accident Reports; \$70 in parking fines; and \$20 from fingerprinting.

Police Chief Bowers then reviewed his monthly Report of Department activities. Some of the items noted were that there were a high number of vehicle accidents investigated in Earl Township last month, 24; compared to 10 in the Borough. Some of the activities involving officers included that Sergeant Willwerth and Officers Young, Achenbach and Bitner were recognized for their work in helping with the Bike Rodeo. Officer Specht received two "Attaboys", one for his professional demeanor when presenting a Warning Card, the other from another driver who also noted his professional and considerate manner given the situation. Officer Metzler received a note thanking him for how he handled a stop for an expired inspection sticker. The Department also received a nice Thank you note from the O'Neill family for assisting with the funeral of a family member. He and some other members of the Department including Lt. Heisse, Officers Young and

Bitner and Department Administrative Assistant Hagey, attended the Community Banners Ceremony on the 28<sup>th</sup> recognizing the second occasion for the replacement of many former banners as well as many new ones around town recognizing veterans and other hometown heroes. The numerous training sessions, both on-line and seminars are listed on the third page.

Mayor Horning then continued noting that the Banner Ceremony went very well, though a hot day. Allison Cuthie, the person who handles the program, expressed her appreciation to the Borough Streets crew and also Frontier Communications, who hung the new banners. She intends to also follow with Thank you letters. It was noted that just over 200 banners were placed in the Borough. Mrs. Cuthie also oversaw the program to have about 60 placed in Churchtown. Concerning a number of other community activities, he noted that the annual Arts and Crafts Show by the Summer Arts is to be held June 25<sup>th</sup> at Community Memorial Park. This kicks off the Summer Arts Program season. He also noted that there is an upcoming County Commissioners' meeting June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 a.m. in Elizabethtown whereby county municipalities are invited to attend to urge the Commissioners to adopt a county Land Bank ordinance. If established, the county Land Bank is to provide various resources to municipalities to help them address the challenge of vacant and/or blighted properties; should anyone be interested in attending.

Finance Chairman Morgan reported he had no action items this evening however there is an information item. He noted that a few months ago the Borough was unexpectedly informed by Penn DOT that the old signal pole on the southwest corner at Delp Road and West Main Street had to be replaced by the Borough or the intersection would not be included in the upcoming change in the control system for signals. The municipalities own the signals. Because of the new construction standards for poles, the new pole is to cost over \$25,000. Manager Fulcher discussed this situation with a number of local businesses with the result that local industry New Holland Agriculture has pledged \$10,000 and Sindall Transport has pledged \$2,000 to the Borough in support of this project. He Thanks and recognizes those businesses for their interest in and support of our community. They will also be sent formal Thank you letters.

Water/Wastewater Chairman Armbrust stated he had no action items to present but reported that the Wastewater plant continues its good operations since the completion of the plant update by the Borough Authority a short while back. The annual flushing of the water lines took place without any issues mid-month. The postponed street repaving has been rescheduled for the week of July 25<sup>th</sup>.

There were no Personnel, Property or Street action items presented.

Water consultant Bologna reported for information purposes that PA DEP has approved the required Draw Down Plan for the new well. This now goes through the Susquehanna River Basin approval process. It will proceed after that approval is received. They are also working with the SRBC in relation to the requirement to have Well 1 Permitted. This well was previously grandfathered.

Resident Joan Delp stated she has a concern with kids, including young kids, who play basketball in the street on East Broad Street near her house. The basket is not on the street but the kids play in the street. Her concern is that the kids do not pay attention to traffic and often do not stop playing when cars approach.

Mayor Horning reported he talked with Chief Bowers about this, as he also witnessed kids not moving for traffic.

Chief Bowers stated an officer did talk to the kids about 10 days ago. He will continue to have this monitored.

Resident Brian Glick stated that on behalf of our local State Representative, he extends an invitation to those present to attend a fundraising event at the Rod and Gun Club on the Welsh Mountain, this Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

July 5, 2016  
Date Approved