

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
May 2, 2017

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. All members were present: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, Patrick K. Morgan, James S. Bailey, Terry S. Mohler, John A. Styer and John A. Armbrust. Others in attendance included Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Solicitor Bradford J. Harris, Mayor Wilbur G. Horning, consulting police attorney Michael Miller, Acting Police Chief Jonathan Heisse, Keith Good, Borough Architect from Calabrese Good, Borough water consultant Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering, Darrel Fisher, Chief EMS of the New Holland Ambulance Association, Keith Snowberger of the Ambulance Association and residents Bill Kassinger, Charles Kidhardt, Bryant Glick, David Lutz, Mike Ireland, Diana Morgan, Patricia Smith, Larry Smith, Tim Bender and reporter Allison Cuthie.

President Herrington opened the meeting asking for action on the Minutes of Council's previous regular meetings.

Patrick Morgan made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of April 4, 2017, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Terry Mohler and passed.

John Styer made the motion that the Minutes of Council's Workshop of April 26, 2017 be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Jim Bailey and passed.

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

Daniel Fisher, EMS Chief of the New Holland Ambulance Association then reviewed the Association's 2016 Year End Report of Activities of which the members were provided copies of the five page Report with a map attached. The highlights of the Report included a total of 1,753 calls from the 911 call center; 585 of which had Borough addresses. They do not do transfers, just emergency calls. In 2016, they averaged five calls per day. They have 45 active volunteers with three paid staff of which he is one. During the days of the blizzard of winter 2016, 15 people stayed at the Ambulance building in case a call was received. In response to the more recent acts of violence against EMS personnel across the county, they now hold their own week long Self-Defense classes, to teach personnel the basics of self-protection. These are attended by EMS personnel from

areas throughout the county. 2016 was also the third year they ran their own EMS training program, which seems to be successful in helping more people to attend while dealing with their busy schedules. They had provided 74 free AEDs throughout the New Holland area through 2016. Statistically, there were over 36,000 volunteer on-call hours. They also have obtained emergency Pediatric Accreditation, which requires those volunteers involved to do additional training, as well as requiring additional special equipment. It is the high number of volunteers that allow the service to be as good as it is. In response to a question, he noted that for New Holland Borough calls, their average time from call to the scene is nine minutes or less; 90 seconds to get the vehicle rolling. The section of East Earl in their service area has different factors which impact the net response time. He then invited anyone to attend their monthly meetings, the second Tuesday, 7 p.m. at any time; or otherwise visit their building.

Member Armbrust stated he mentioned just last month that he felt the Ambulance Service is a top notch organization that provides a truly amazing quality service to the New Holland community and he appreciates it.

President Herrington thanked EMS Chief Fisher for the Report and as indicated by member Armbrust, he extends Council's sincere appreciation to him and the other Ambulance personnel.

Acting Police Chief Heisse then reviewed the activities on the monthly Department Report. There were 12 felony and misdemeanor arrests in the Borough. There were 10 accidents, 1 of which was reportable. Some of the main officer training activities included officer Custer being recertified related to the county's SERT team; officers Bitner and Specht participated in a seminar related to proper testifying in court; Sergeant Willwerth assisted in judging a Safe Driving Competition at the county's training center, officer Metzler did a Drug Turn Back Program at Garden Spot Village; and all the officers requalified for firearms. He also wants to note in follow-up to EMS Chief Fisher's presentation that the Department is usually present with most of the ambulance calls for the Borough and Earl Township, and as noted, the Ambulance Association provides a top of the line service to the community.

Finance Chairman Morgan then made the motion that Council approve payment of the budgeted \$500 to the United Veterans' Council in support of its Memorial Day remembrance activities. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Consulting Architect Keith Good then reviewed the two recommended Change Orders, #2 and #3 before Council this evening. The first, consisting of four items, results in an increase of \$14,822; the third resulting in an increase of \$2,945. These were the result of additional work items desired and one involves the collection of pre-existing stormwater outside the work area.

Chairman Bailey then made the motion that Change Orders, #2 and #3, be approved as reviewed and recommended by the Architect. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan and passed.

Water/Wastewater Chairman Armbrust had no action items but asked water consultant Bologna to outline the upcoming draw-down test of the planned new well.

Mr. Bologna stated he is preparing to proceed with the draw-down plan requirement as soon as possible however this activity will depend on when a more normal dry season starts such as July or August.

Streets Chairman Mohler made the motion that the request of Cross-Net Ministries to allow the closing of about one-half of West Franklin Street, between east of South Custer Avenue and about the entrance to the Farmers' Fair Association's building, for its Kids Block Party, on Wednesday, June 21 from 11 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.; and their request to allow the closing of West Franklin Street between South Custer and South Roberts on October 31, 2017, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for its Trunk or Treat Night, be approved. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Councilman Burkhart reminded the Manager to let the other businesses along that stretch of West Franklin know about the Kids Block Party activity. This step was overlooked last year.

Chairman Mohler next made the motion that Council grant the request of the New Holland Sales Stables for the closing of Fulton Street between South Railroad Avenue and South Custer Avenue, on Saturday, June 23, 2017 from 7 a.m. to midnight be granted. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Mayor Horning reported the monies received through the Police Department last month as: \$957.96 from the District Justice's office; \$195 from Accident Reports; \$30 in fines; and \$20 for fingerprinting. He noted there are two Ribbon Cuttings/Open Houses scheduled in the Borough this month. The first is this Saturday, the 6th celebrating the expansion of Optometric Associates; the second is

scheduled for the 26th at the new Owens Optometrics building on the southeast corner of South Kinzer Avenue and East Main Street.

Manager Fulcher reported that it appears a cycle of minor vandalism is occurring again at Community Memorial Park, consisting mostly of broken light fixtures. He is asking staff and the police to keep an extra lookout for those things.

President Herrington stated Council was asked by a business owner in the Borough to read a letter at Council meeting this evening as the person could not get away from his business to attend and read it himself. The letter is based on comments made at a public gathering whereby Mayoral candidate Bryant Glick stated to those at the gathering that he was informed recently that a local business owner in the Borough had some type of issue or complaint against the Borough going back 10 months. The business owner, Mr. Blake Hillard, found out that he was identified by Mr. Glick as the local business owner with the complaint. Mr. Hillard, the owner of Music on Main was upset upon hearing of this. President Herrington noted that since the Borough has an experienced and concerned staff that deals with the public, Council was properly concerned about this accusation. Upon investigation of the facts, it was determined that this accusation did not in fact occur. In his letter, Mr. Hillard states to Council, Mayor Horning, Manager Fulcher and Borough staff that he not only does not have any issues with the Borough and its staff, he has never met nor spoken to Mr. Glick about anything. He states he has communicated and worked with the Borough staff numerous times over the years and found them to be consistently courteous, informative and helpful. He also states some other things in the letter related to this. He asked that this be made a public record as requested by Mr. Hillard.

Resident Bryant Glick stated he noticed in Council's Workshop Minutes a sub-committee was formed involving some type of pool related discussion and wondered when it was formed.

Manager Fulcher replied that this is a subcommittee of the Park Board and he believes it was created last November. If people have particular questions about the pool they are welcome to call him. Shaun Seymour is current Park Board President. He will provide Mr. Seymour's phone number to him.

President Herrington explained that the Community Memorial Park Association and its Board owned and operated Community Memorial Park until it became too big of a financial burden. The Park Board continues to accept donations and annually provides some financial support to the Borough with Park capital needs

such as mowers, roof repairs, etc. There are no Borough plans to shut down the pool but everyone is aware that with the age of the pool, that time will be coming. The use of the pool by Borough residents continues to drop year after year.

Councilman Mohler stated that as President of the New Holland Dolphins Swim Team the past few years, he is very aware of the condition and concerns related to the pool which has provided many years of service to the Borough after its normal expected operational life. He feels at least \$3 million or more would be needed to replace the current pool. That does not include the pool's annual operating losses to the Borough, which in 2016 were near \$100,000. In reviewing some of the major repair options, the best they have found is that for about \$300,000 the pool can have major repairs and reinforcement done to it, with no guarantee that this would last any given length of time due to the age of the underlying infrastructure. There are about 2,100 properties in New Holland Borough and in 2016 there were 46 full season Borough family memberships and 29 other Borough memberships. The Borough works hard at keeping it open year to year as long as it can and he hopes it continues to remain open for many more years in this fashion, but it is unknown how long it will hold up.

Councilman Morgan stated he is unaware of any but asked Council President and Manager if Council has any deliberations about what Council it is going to do when the pool closes.

President Herrington stated Council is aware of the situation and the Park Board's future use study committee but Council has not had any sessions related to what it will do when the pool can no longer be used.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was convened into Executive Session to discuss police personnel matters. Council, Mayor Horning and Attorneys Miller and Harris attended the Executive Session.

The members later reconvened the regular meeting; no action was taken and the meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

June 6, 2017
Date Approved