

MINUTES  
New Holland Borough Council  
May 1, 2018

The New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 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 Abby L. Keiser. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Solicitor Bradford J. Harris, Mayor M. Timothy Bender and Police Chief William Leighty. Also present were Borough water consultant Jeff Bologna, residents Mike Kurtz, Bill Kassinger, David Lutz, Seth Bender, Keith Snowberger, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Fryer, reporter Carole Deck and Earl Township residents Ken Harnish and Linda Harnish.

President Herrington opened the meeting asking for action on the Minutes of the previous meeting, noting that the draft copies inadvertently did not list the Mayor and that has been corrected on the originals; and secondly that Council held a brief Executive Session with the Solicitor on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Abby Keiser then made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of April 2, 2018, be approved as noted. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Jim Bailey made the motion that the Minutes of Council's Workshop session of April 25, 2018 be approved as noted. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

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

Chief Leighty then briefly reviewed his monthly Summary Report of activities in the Police Department. There were 274 total incidents, resulting in 11 arrests. There were 12 total accidents, with 7 as reportable. There were four juvenile contacts, all referred to District Court for action. The monthly list of meeting attendances and so on is on the second page. A thank you letter was received from the Commanding Officer of State Police Troop J recognizing Officer Beideman for assisting with an activity called Operation Nighthawk which was a DUI effort. The initially planned DUI demonstration to have been held at Garden Spot High School on April 13<sup>th</sup> had to be postponed due to rain. It is rescheduled for this Thursday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 a.m. for the Seniors and Juniors of Garden Spot High School.

Police Chairman Burkhart inquired if with the recent securing of the lower openings at the Skip's Cutting structure, has there been any police activity related to it. He also noted that he is glad to see the Borough's police patrol vehicles all able to be parked inside a secure garage with all the equipment they have on them.

Chief Leighty replied, there has not been.

Council member Keiser noted that it appears it was a good month with activity numbers down. She appreciates the job of the Department with their duties.

Finance Chairman Morgan made the motion that Council approve \$500 to the United Veteran's Council in support of its Memorial Day activities. This was seconded by Terry Mohler. Chairman Morgan noted this was planned and budgeted for. The motion then passed.

Personnel Chairman Styer reported he has two recommended updates to the non-uniform Personnel Policies. The first is to add the annual medical coverage buyout option similar to the police contract; the second relates adding to the additional continuing educational job-related incentive program to include other areas of responsibilities involving the Streets, Parks, Maintenance Department. Water and wastewater activities are included already. He noted that the class or seminar must first be approved by the Manager as eligible for the program. He then made the motion that Council approve the two updates to the non-uniform Personnel Policies, the first being to provide the annual medical coverage buyout similar to as provided for in the police contract; and the second to add other job-related activities and responsibilities as may involve streets, parks, stormwater and maintenance training classes, seminars, certificates and so on, to the additional job-related training incentive program. This was seconded by Abby Keiser and passed.

Water/Wastewater Chairman Keiser stated that she had no action items to present but did want to remind Council and those present that the annual system flushing will be taking place starting over-night tonight and again tomorrow evening. On another item, she wants to take the opportunity to recognize and thank the Borough Authority for the concern and great job they have done for the Borough's water and wastewater facilities.

Streets Chairman Mohler reported he has one street closing request to present for Council's consideration this evening, but he would first like to ask Assistant Chief Mike Fryer, who is present this evening, if he would outline the event which concerns a Fire Company activity.

Assistant Chief Fryer stated that the Fire Company plans to hold an Anniversary celebration recognizing the 100 years of La France fire apparatus which was one of the first motorized in Lancaster county, and also to dedicate the B. Auker Museum area of the main fire station, where the apparatus will be located. This is to occur on Saturday, July 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the station on Main Street.

Chairman Mohler then made the motion that Council approve the request of Garden Spot Fire Rescue for the closing of Main Street between Brimmer Avenue and Kinzer Avenue, on Saturday, July 7, 2018 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., to assist the Fire Company with its planned anniversary and museum dedication ceremony. This was seconded by John Styer. President Herrington noted that the Borough's Road closing Permit application and traffic detour plan must be approved by PennDOT before the closure can take place. The motion then passed.

Mayor Bender reported the monies received through the Police Department as: \$626.37 from the District Justice's Office; \$225 from Accident Reports; \$20 from parking fines; and \$25 from fingerprinting. Concerning some of this community activities he noted he recently spoke to the New Holland Rotary Club. He also tries to attend the New Holland Business Association's weekly breakfast meetings held on Fridays and Council members are always invited to attend.

Manager Fulcher reported that with the warmer weather, the Board of Community Memorial Park is anxious for its pavilions and restroom replacements project to be finalized. There still remains a number of steps involving coordinating with contractors, volunteers and so on. In response to a question, he noted that it is hoped that most of the work will be completed by early June.

Earl Township resident Linda Harnish stated she has strong ties to the American flag. Her ex-husband was a Marine who served in Vietnam. When she checked on the flag outside New Holland Borough Hall recently, it was not lowered on the second day when she checked it for former First Lady Barbara Bush. She also found it was not lowered in a timely fashion a while ago after the school shooting incident that took place in Florida.

Manager Fulcher replied that he was not aware it missed two days for Mrs. Bush. He had also spoken with Mrs. Harnish before to simply call or stop in and let the Borough staff know if some flag time is off. When she did this before, the Borough added another email notification for such things from pa.gov. He will follow-up as to its effectiveness.

Council member Mohler noted that Fire Police Captain Norm Brower watches for such things for the Fire Company. He can be asked to add the Borough office to his email list as an additional source of notification.

President Herrington and Council thanked Mrs. Harnish for her interest and information with this as everyone shares a similar concern when these events happen.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

June 5, 2018

Date Approved