

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
November 1, 2016

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 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. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Solicitor Bradford J. Harris, Mayor Wilbur G. Horning and Police Chief Donald L. Bowers, Jr. Others in attendance included Borough water consultant Jeffrey Bologna of Becker Engineering and residents Bill Kassinger and Diana Morgan and reporter Allison Cuthie.

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

John Styer made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of October 4, 2016, be approved as presented. This was seconded by Jim Bailey and passed.

Todd Burkhart made the motion that the Minutes of Council's Workshop of October 19, 2016, be approved as presented. This was seconded by John Armbrust and passed.

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

Police Chief Bowers then reviewed his monthly summary report. It was a good, rather quiet month for the number of vehicle accidents in the Borough, though there was the more usual high number in Earl Township. The monthly activities for each officer is listed on page two. The official Halloween evening was last night. Probably due to the weather there were a large number of children out and things went well. Officer Fritz was just on the television news this evening as a certified Drug Recognition Officer, outlining and explaining situations where people are under the influence of drugs and even nodding off at the wheel while driving. The Chief gave a talk at Garden Spot Village outlining the activities related to policing in small towns. He also served on an organized panel in Columbia Borough organized by a chapter of the NAACP. He and Lt. Heisse and the Mayor attended a community collaboration gathering at the High School, held by numerous community involved organizations in the school district. State Senator Ryan Aument did do a ride-along with Officer Weaver on the 14th. Pennsylvania Senator Pat Toomey, is planning to visit the Police Department this Friday afternoon. Officer Deshong was able to provide speakers who had prior drug experience for the New Holland Drug Coalition. Lt. Heisse did an active intruder discussion for Goodville Mutual, did a drug awareness talk with the

ELANCO Library staff, and continues his participation with the Accelerated Rehabilitation Disposition (ARD) Panel. The Coffee with a Cop held on the 18th at the New Holland Coffee Shop in Earl Township was considered a success. Maybe 80-100 people dropped in. Another aspect of the activity was that following a resident's suggestion the ELANCO Library had staff there to read stories to pre-school children who may have come with their parents; who may not have been able to go otherwise. Along with himself, officers Beideman, Specht, Sgt. Willwerth and Lt. Heisse represented the Department.

Mayor Horning noted that should there be another such Coffee with a Cop morning, he has people who have offered to under-write it.

Police Chairman Burkhart stated he wants to Thank the Chief and those officers who participated in this event.

Finance Committee Chairman Morgan reported that it is his pleasure to present the proposed 2017 Borough budget for initial action by Council this evening. The planned real estate tax millage rate is to remain at 3.4 mills. This is the same rate as in effect since 2012. He then made the motion that Council give its preliminary approval to the 2017 Borough budget and have it so advertised. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Chairman Morgan noted that this is largely due to the work of Borough employees, and he wants to thank the Manager, Police Chief, Department Supervisors and all those employees who consciously work to help the Borough run as efficiently as possible while still meeting Borough responsibilities.

Property Chairman Bailey made the motion that Council authorize the advertising of bids for the potential expansion on the northwest side of Borough Hall of an addition to the police department. This was seconded by Terry Mohler and passed.

Personnel Chairman Styer reported that as is usual this time of year, Council takes the opportunity to recognize and publicly thank the numerous persons from the community who volunteer their time and services assisting with various Borough properties. The Board members of Community Memorial Park Association, Shaun Seymour President, continue to use their fund raises to support capital needs at the Park. Three other long time volunteers at the Park continue providing their time, Pat Blair who continues on a regular basis to pick up trash and debris, Jim Boose, who does playground equipment inspections and Ruth Frankhouser who continues to assist with Lifeguard training activities. These folks are also sent a Thank you letter from Council President on

behalf of Council. At Groff Memorial Park, Jim Bailey, currently on Council, continues providing his time and oversight activities there.

Streets Chairman Mohler made the motion that Council approve the request of the New Holland Business Association to allow them to cover the parking meters over the holiday season from Thanksgiving week through January 1, 2017. The Association is responsible for placing the decorative covers on the meters as well as removing them. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan and passed.

Mayor Horning reported the fines received through the Police Department for the month as: \$867.08 for fines; \$150 from accident reports; \$20 for fingerprinting; and \$100 in parking fines. On a number of community related matters, he reported that the reception recently held by M&T Bank in conjunction with their contribution of a “Carpenter” grandfather clock to the Museum was well attended and the Bank provided a nice reception. Christmas on Main is gearing up again for Saturday, December 3.

Patrick Morgan then made the motion that Ernest M. Orr be appointed to a five year term on the Borough Authority, from 2017 through 12-2021. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Terry Mohler made the motion that Donald W. Reed be appointed to serve on the Borough Planning Commission for a four year term, from 2017 through 12-2020. This was seconded by John Styer and passed.

Jim Bailey made the motion that Resolution 487, appointing W. Fred Brownlee to a three year term in the Borough’s Zoning Hearing Board, from 2017 through 12-2019 be approved. This was seconded by John Armbrust and passed.

There being no further business or public comment, President Herrington announced that Police Committee Chairman Burkhart has requested an Executive Session for a discussion of a police personnel issue.

The meeting was then convened into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

Upon reconvening back into regular session, there was no action taken or public comment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

December 6, 2016
Date Approved