

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
November 7, 2017

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, James S. Bailey, Terry S. Mohler, John A. Armbrust and John A. Styer. Member Patrick K. Morgan was absent. Also present were Secretary/Manager J. Richard Fulcher, Mayor Wilbur G. Horning, Solicitor Bradford J. Harris, and reporter Carole C. Deck. Others in attendance included Borough water consultant Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering and residents John Taylor, Bill Kassinger, Mike Kurtz and resident and ELANCO Library Board representative Mike Ireland.

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

John Armbrust made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of October 3, 2017, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Jim Bailey and passed.

Todd Burkhart made the motion that the Minutes of Council's Workshop of October 25, 2017, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by John Styer and passed.

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

Police Chief Leighty then reviewed his monthly summary Report of activities in the Department. There was a total of 322 incident responses in the Borough the past month. There were 11 felony arrests and 4 misdemeanors. There was a total of seven juvenile contacts, with three referred to juvenile court; the other four to District court. There were 30 traffic citations and 7 warnings given out. There was one reportable accident and seven non-reportable. The officers received Lethality Assessment Training through the Lancaster County District Attorney's office. Lt./Detective Heisse attended numerous community group meetings including Career Days at Garden Spot High School and an Intruder Security meeting at Grace Family Church.

Police Committee Chairman Burkhart noted he was pleased to see there were five DUI arrests during the month as he feels this is an important safety activity.

Chairman Burkhart then made the motion that Council approve the ordering now and purchase under the 2018 budget, of a 2018 Dodge police vehicle through New Holland Dodge under the state bid package, at a cost, including trade of the current 2011 Ford police cruiser, of \$22,446. This does not include equipment. He noted this is included in the proposed budget. This was seconded by Terry Mohler and passed. Councilman Armbrust abstained, noting he is employed by New Holland Auto Group.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, member John Styer made the motion that Council give its preliminary approval to the proposed 2018 Borough budget and it be properly advertised. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart. Mr. Styer noted that the General Fund portion of the budget is similar to last year's total, @\$3.9m. The overall budget including all funds is about \$8.8m. This is up 4 percent over 2017 due in large part to some major expenditures at the wastewater plant. Since the final new assessed value has not yet been received from the county, the final tax millage rate will not be finalized until after it is received. It is anticipated to be lowered from the current 3.4 mills to around 2.5 mills. The motion was then approved.

Councilman Styer, continuing as Chairman of the Personnel Committee, noted that there are a number of area community individuals that Council is set to recognize this evening. These folks are Pat Blair, who continues to spend much of her time cleaning up trash and debris at Community Memorial Park and Jim Boose, who continues his volunteer grounds and playground equipment inspections, which assist the Borough staff at Community Memorial Park. He also noted that Councilman Jim Bailey continues his volunteer time and effort at Groff Park. These folks also receive a formal Thank you letter from the President on behalf of Council.

Property Chairman Bailey made the motion that Council approve the use of Council meeting room by the Board of Community Memorial Park for 2018. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Chairman Bailey next made the motion that Council approve a special fundraising event for the Community Park Board for its Capital Campaign for the replacement structures. He noted this project is part of the savings to Borough taxpayers in replacing these dangerously deteriorated structures. This event will probably be in the spring and is sponsored by New Holland Ford. The New Holland Kiwanis

Club plans to assist the Board with the event. This was then seconded by Terry Mohler and passed.

Chairman Bailey reported he was at the Park with Streets/Parks/Maintenance Supervisor Bob Buzzard yesterday and the Borough personnel have done a good job with the demolition of a portion of the structures. He understands the Park Board's plan is to keep the project moving as the weather allows.

On other property related items, Chairman Bailey noted that this is also the time of year Council takes the opportunity to recognize those businesses who have donated services to Borough properties. This year this includes Clean Energy Maintenance, which continues its donated services to the plantings area in front of the Timbers Playground; which they also originally donated and installed. Another business is Showcase Landscaping, which continues its donated services to the plantings at Towne Centre Green, which it originally contributed; as well as at the memorial area at Community Park for former long-time police chief Ed Sprecher.

Streets Chairman Mohler made the motion that Council approve the request of the New Holland Business Association to allow it to cover the parking meters from Thanksgiving week through January 1, 2018. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Chairman Mohler next made the motion that Council approve the ordering of a new 2017 "New Holland" Backhoe B95c; through state bid from Ag Industrial, which is here in town; which with the trade-in of the current year 2000 one, at a cost of \$69,856.65; to be purchased under the 2018 budget. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Mayor Horning reported the monies received through the Police Department the past month were: \$678.30 from the District Justice's office; \$465 from Accident Reports; \$100 in fingerprinting; and \$20 in parking fines. On some community related matters, he noted that the Business Association's Christmas on Main day is scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd. There is also a special event scheduled for the main station of Garden Spot Fire Rescue where about 10 local non-profit organizations will be represented on Friday, November 17, from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. This is to encourage the area to be involved with the event sponsored by the Lancaster County Foundation, called the Extra-Ordinary Give Campaign, whereby for every donation a person makes to an organization, it can help that organization possibly earn an additional amount from the Foundation.

Library Board President Mike Ireland stated the Library has been and it is still involved with this. When one donates on the Giving Day, they must use a credit card and pay the card fee. The Foundation provides a certain amount of money, which is provided proportionally to those who participate and how much they have raised.

Councilman Mohler then made the motion that Council approve Resolution #492, which appoints resident John M. Taylor, to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three-year term, beginning January 1, 2018 through December 2020. He will be replacing longtime member Don Welsh, who is retiring from the Board. This was seconded by Jim Bailey and passed.

There being no further business no public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

December 5, 2017
Date Approved