

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Authority
October 18, 2016

The New Holland Borough Authority met in regular quarterly session on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in New Holland Borough Hall. Members present were: Chairman Jacob W. Musser, Treasurer Jack E. Schnader, Secretary Robert P. Johnson and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Ernest M. Orr. Vice-Chairman M. Timothy Bender was absent. Also present were Authority Solicitor Bradford J. Harris, Authority Manager/Recording Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Borough Water Department Supervisor Clete Stone and Authority water consultant Jeff Bologa of Becker Engineering.

Chairman Musser opened the meeting, asking for action on the Minutes of the Authority's prior meeting.

Robert Johnson made the motion that the Minutes of the Authority's meeting of July 19, 2016 be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Ernest Orr and passed.

Water consultant Bologa then gave an updated status report on the progress of the steps required to proceed with the new well at Groff Memorial Park. As the members may recall, PA DEP gave its approval to the draw-down plan, however we still await the approval to proceed from the Susquehanna River Basin Commission. In discussing this with them recently, they indicated it should be provided in the near future. In the meantime, his firm will be preparing for proceeding with the non-critical, practical aspects of the draw-down. The test involves a draw-down of the well for 72 hours at 700 gallons per minute; with monitors placed on nearby private wells. This is a good time to do a draw-down test as it is in the more dry season. In response to a question, he noted that it is preferred to be done in the drier season so the impact to surrounding wells is more accurate as to what happens to the other wells being monitored when things are drier. If it was done during a wet season there is a required impact formula adjustment to reflect a probable result during a dry spell. Performing it in the drier season provides more accurate information. Once the draw-down results are completed, both the effects of the draw-down as well as the chemical makeup of the water are more clearly identified. The chemical makeup information allows the initial treatment design work to take place for the treatment facility. It then usually takes the Commission about three months to identify final conditions and approval to proceed. Final design adjustments will then be made to proceed to bid stage.

One item which may come up related to the monitoring concerns of the Commission is that the adjoining neighbor, the Beilers, from whom the land was purchased, currently have an old, small well. They are considering replacing it. The Commission may want to see a new well as to it being a better situation to monitor. If this is the case, the Authority may want to consider some amount of support towards Mr. Beiler's efforts with this.

Mr. Bologna continued, reporting on a number of other water related items. The final inspection was completed recently of the east end (Garden Spot High School location) water tank. A submersible camera unit was used for the interior. Everything looked very good. There is a miscellaneous normal situation related to where the seams are not fully welded. This is standard in the construction of the tanks. This does create a look of rust but it is not rust, it just looks the same color. The follow-up final inspection was also completed for the new water line and the relocated wastewater line installed in preparation for the new well. No issues were found with this inspection either. Concerning the now required Permitting of Well 1, the Commission has agreed to waive the draw-down monitoring process of nearby wells. As before with Well 4, as a result of the good records maintained by Department Supervisor Stone, they will be able to use them for the process. They were able to obtain a \$3,800 grant from PA DEP which paid for the review fee with Well 4. He is hopeful they may get another such grant to help with costs on Well 1. He is also working with the Department Supervisors on recommended updates to the Borough's water and sewer ordinances; as well as preparing an updated comprehensive map whereby everything is not only updated but available on one map. At some point in the future, this can possibly be used with GPS.

Solicitor Harris then reported that the formal Agreement for the previously approved ('08) right-of-way to Roy Zimmerman across the Authority's 30 foot easement south of the Borough's wastewater plant, in which the final discharge pipe runs into Mill Creek, is near final stage for signature. As some may recall, Mr. Zimmerman then delayed any further work on the development until now. There are just a few minor corrections to be made before signatures. He recommends updated approval action by the Authority since the Agreement has been updated due to some changes in parties.

Robert Johnson made the motion that the updated Agreement for the right-of-way across the Authority's 30 foot easement which goes through the Blank property, south of the wastewater plant be approved; contingent upon the final review and approval of the Solicitor, Chairman and Manager; and the appropriate officers be authorized to sign it when ready. This was seconded by Jack Schnader and passed.

The Solicitor next reported that the proposed Agreement with Crown Castle has the one item remaining still related to their preferences to do a survey after the Agreement is signed, and the Authority's position that any such survey be done prior to approval. He is still waiting to hear from them again.

Jack Schnader made the motion that the bills be paid as prepared. This was seconded by Robert Johnson and passed. The bills were:

Becker Engineering	\$385.00
East Water Tank--Warranty	Ck#1462
Good & Harris	\$493.00
Verizon Wireless Cell Tower	Ck#1464
Network Building & Consulting	\$437.50
Reimb. of unused escrow funds for T-Mobile permit	Ck#1465
Becker Engineering	\$1,320.00
East Water Tank—Warranty	Ck#1466
Good & Harris	\$255.00
Verizon Wireless Cell Tower	Ck#1467
Good & Harris	\$816.00
Crown Castle Wireless Contract	Ck#466

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

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Date Approved