

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
October 4, 2016

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 7 p.m. Members present were: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, Terry S. Mohler, James S. Bailey, John A. Styer and John A. Armbrust. Member Patrick K. Morgan was absent. 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 Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering, and Borough residents Bryant Glick and Diana Morgan and reporter Allison Cuthie.

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

Terry Mohler made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of September 6, 2016 be approved as distributed. This was seconded by John Styer and passed.

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

Police Committee Chairman Burkhart reported there were no action items this evening so the Chief will proceed to review his monthly Report.

Chief Bowers noted that there were 10 vehicle accidents in the Borough last month. An interesting activity during the month was a delivery of baked goods to the Department from a local couple going on a mission trip outside the country; along with the food they had a note stating they know they cannot trust the local police where they are going like they do here. Officer Fritz received an "Attaboy" letter from an officer of the Ephrata Borough police department for his assistance with a Drug Recognition Expert arrest. Lieutenant Heisse held a discussion with a group of local Amish on security concerns. He also received a Thank you letter from the New Holland Farmers' Fair Association for this assistance concerning an issue with a vendor. The Lieutenant also attended a discussion on heroin use with the District Attorney's office held at Yoder's Restaurant. Officer Bitner presented a personal safety discussion with a group of home schooled children held at the Petra Church. A Thank you letter was received on behalf of Officers Fritz and Specht for taking an elderly lady to a funeral service from her broken down vehicle

on North Railroad Avenue just south of Spruce Street. When the officers arrived to assist the Streets Supervisor who was assisting her, they took the lady to the funeral. This year's Fair was relatively quiet probably due in large part to the rains involved over the period. The crowd was also down.

Member Bailey noted that the food stand of the Cross Connection near their building on Franklin Street almost ran out of food on parade night.

Personnel Chairman Styer stated he wants to recognize all the work and time put into assisting the Farmer's Fair Association for both the Fair and its annual parade by the Streets, Parks, Maintenance Department staff.

Water Chairman Armbrust reported he had no action items but noted that the water staff continues to replace the batteries in the customer's water meters when time allows. These batteries have a normal expected service life of about 10 years.

Streets Chairman Mohler made the motion that Council approve Trick or Treat Night in the Borough for Monday, October 31, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Chairman Mohler next made the motion that the annual renewal of the Agreement with West Earl Township that allows the Borough to have its yardwaste, leaves and Christmas Trees taken to their compost facility near Brownstown, be approved. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Mayor Horning reported the fines received through the police department last month as: \$621.74 from the District Justice's office; \$135 for Accident Reports; and \$30 from parking fines. On community matters, he noted that even with the rain the night of the annual Farmers' Fair parade, the food stand run by the Historical Society at Community Memorial Park that evening still sold about 75 percent of its normal volume during good weather. Late in the month three 1,100 pound vaults which hold the copies of the former New Holland Clarion weekly newspaper, were relocated from the ELANCO Library to the basement of the Historical Society building. The Society hired a professional rigging outfit, which did the relocation. They were lowered into the Museum building through the front/Main Street entrance. They are stored in a climate controlled room. The Clarion was in existence from 1873-1984. About two-thirds of the editions have been able to be digitalized over the years, but there is still about one-third left to be done. This is an expensive process they are working towards raising the funds to get it done. M&T Bank is to donate a "Carpenter" (maker's name) grandfather

clock to the Museum. The other two famous clock maker's names from the area are Esterle and Davis. An Esterle clock has already been donated to the Museum from the local Wentz family. The Society is now working to obtain a Davis one. There is an Open House—Drop In to be held on Thursday, October 27, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the local branch of M & T Bank recognizing the donation. He encourages those who can to attend.

Councilman Burkhart suggested that he send out a reminder email closer to the date.

Mayor Horning stated he will plan to do so.

President Herrington welcomed the reporter for the Lancaster Newspaper, Allison Cuthie, who is present for the first time this evening.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

November 1, 2016

Date Approved