

MINUTES  
New Holland Borough Authority  
October 17, 2017

The New Holland Borough Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 in Borough Hall. Members present were: Chairman Jacob W. Musser, Vice-Chairman M. Timothy Bender and Secretary Robert P. Johnson. Treasurer Jack E. Schnader and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Earnest M. Orr were absent. Also present were Authority Manager/Recording Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Borough Wastewater Department Supervisor Tina Myers, Authority water consultant Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering and stormwater consultant Mark Harmon of ARRO Consulting.

Chairman Musser opened the meeting, asking for approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting.

Timothy Bender made the motion that the Minutes of the Authority's meeting of July 18, 2017, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Robert Johnson and passed.

Consultant Bologna then provided an update on the status of the new well planned on a portion of Groff Memorial Park. They are preparing for the official draw-down testing for November. They are also working with PA DEP for the review of the potential treatment activities for the well. On an early quality test, the water showed 14 parts per billion (ppb) of TCE/PCE. This is close to treatment requirements; however with a more recent test, done in a different pumping process, the level was 4 ppb. This chemical element is reduced or removed by simple processes at those levels and should not be a factor.

In response to member Bender and Chairman Musser, Mr. Bologna noted that they have not yet had a determination from DEP as to this level needing treatment. He is discussing the situation with them. They are hopeful it will not be a treatment requirement and if it is not, the design will still include the infrastructure for if it should ever be needed in the future.

Wastewater Department Supervisor Myers updated the members on the Borough's plans to replace the original Belt Filter Press machinery. Four tests were done using three different styles of processes. The engineers are currently analyzing the results and will then make a recommendation. The Borough is budgeting this for

2018. It should be a much more efficient and economical operation. It was also noted that the Borough recently replaced the original loader used in the process.

Authority/Borough Manager Fulcher informed the members that a letter was received from Garden Spot Fire Rescue, copies of which he distributed to the members, to Borough Council and the Authority. The letter requests that no demolition be performed on the former fire practice structure before the end of the year. It also includes statements from their consultants about how they would like to develop a method for them to continue to utilize the area.

Robert Johnson inquired if they have other alternatives than to use this area as there are significant Authority responsibility and liability issues. The letters from the two consultants had clear outlines of the laws, regulations and liabilities involved with the situation. The Board's Solicitor also provided a recent letter supporting the outline of the consultants as well as clearly identifying the responsibilities and liabilities of the public officials involved. The risk to the public officials and water supply is substantial and could involve personal liability, if this should continue.

Mr. Harmon explained the county training structure is available for these activities and the required control facilities and secondary protections are built in with it. It is less convenient to the local fire companies, but it meets the law.

Member Bender noted that even if the Fire Company could find an area in the nearby townships, to build such a contained facility, there would still be similar property and liability concerns to that owner. The activities could still also impact underground aquifers.

Tim Bender then made the motion that a letter be sent by the Authority to the GSFR organization indicating no demolition activities are currently scheduled before December 31, 2017, and further that the Authority will consider some purchase value to the former practice structure if the Authority and/or Borough can feasibly utilize it as a storage structure, but the practice facility can no longer be used by GSFR. This was seconded by Robert Johnson and passed.

Manager Fulcher next reported that the Borough will be budgeting and planning to finally proceed with the South Ranck Road loop connector; which will be connected to the end of the existing Borough line, near the end of Windssock Way, in 2018. There are a number of homes along Runway Avenue in the area which we will be communicating with Earl Township about. They will be asked if they

desire to connect their properties to the new loop line. This work would be paid by the lot owner to the contractor. At the completion of this project, which is planned to be done in part directly by the Borough, the existing emergency direct connection to Garden Spot Village should be disconnected in some fashion.

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

Weinhold, Nickel & Company, LLP 2016 Audit	\$4,125.00 Ck#1479
T-Mobile, USA, Inc. Reimb. of Unused Escrow Funds	\$437.50 Ck#1480
Good & Harris, LLP T-Mobile, Meeting, Audit Info	\$935.00 Ck#1481
Good & Harris, LLP Crown Castle	\$1,411.00 Ck#469

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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Date Approved