

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
July 3, 2018

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. All members were present: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, James S. Bailey, Patrick K. Morgan, Terry S. Mohler, John A. Styer and Abby L. Keiser. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Mayor M. Timothy Bender, Solicitor Bradford J. Harris and Police Chief William Leighty. Others in attendance included Darrell Fisher, EMS Chief of the New Holland Ambulance Service, Darryl Keiser, Chief of Garden Spot Fire Rescue, residents Bill Kassinger, Mike Kurtz, Bob Habular, Diana Morgan, Keith Snowberger, resident and President of ELANCO Library Board Mike Ireland, and Earl Township residents Ken Harnish and Linda Harnish.

President Herrington opened the meeting, asking for action on the Minutes of the previous meeting.

Todd Burkhart made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of June 5, 2018 be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Abby Keiser and passed.

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

Darrell Fisher, EMS Chief of the New Holland Ambulance Service then reviewed the Service's July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 Activities Report which was distributed to the members. He is one of three paid employees of the service. During this period, the Association responded to 1881 emergency 911 calls. Their average call-out time from call to on the road is 98 seconds. They will be completing their fourth EMT teaching class in the next few weeks. Mondays and Thursdays were the busiest call days during this period. More than 40,000 hours of "on-call" hours were provided. At any given time, there are usually four to six persons at the station. They are one of two certified Intermediate Life Support (ILS) Units in the state. He also noted that in almost all calls the Police Department is nearby the scene of the call and he expresses his appreciation to Chief Leighty for that. In response to questions from Council member Keiser, he noted that the ILS designation about doubles the training time to be certified for those interested. The opioid crisis is not yet impacting them nearly to the extent it is in the larger communities. Their next new ambulance is to arrive this summer. Future

volunteers are a long-term concern. Grant programs of support continue to dry up. The Association meets the second Tuesday of each month and Council is welcome.

President Herrington thanked Chief Fisher for the Report and for the services provided by the Association and its members.

Police Committee Chairman Burkhart noted that it was observed on social media that one of the Borough police officers is experiencing some health issues. We wish him well. He then asked Chief Leighty to review his monthly Report.

Chief Leighty reported that there was a total of 275 total incidents in the Borough with 17 arrests; 6 felonies and 2 DUIs. There were 11 accidents and 30 traffic citations, 16 of which were warnings. The state Attorney General's office conducted an audit of the Department and found things in order. If things are being done well on a regular basis, which they are, the audit goes well. In response to a question, he noted that the audit involves things like Department processes and procedures, records handling, federal and state rules and regulations, and so on. The new record system being put in place will also make the entire process less complex. The list of major events attended is on the third page.

Chairman Burkhart then made the motion that the Civil Service Commission be requested to begin the process to provide potential officer candidates to Council should it desire to hire in the future. He noted this action does not commit Council to anything. This was seconded by Terry Mohler and passed.

Personnel Chairman Styer stated that as a special information item, he is pleased to report that Wastewater Department Supervisor Myers recently received an award from the Pennsylvania Water Environment Federation, known as the Purity of Water Awards. This is in recognition of her professionalism and responsibilities in her job and her officer position with the Eastern Section of the Association. He is pleased to share the information of the special award with the public. Supervisor Myers will receive a special letter of recognition and commendation from Council through the President.

Council member Keiser stated she was recently able to spend some time with Supervisor Myers at the wastewater plant and gained a lot of knowledge of the process involved with returning the Borough's wastewater back into the environment safely.

Property Chairman Bailey reported he has no Borough items to report however concerning some private development of interest, he noted that the new owner of the former Skip's cutting manufacturing site along East Main Street is making good progress with the initial demolition phase of the structural areas to no longer be used.

Wastewater Committee Chairman Keiser then made the motion that Council approve Amendment #4 to the Sewer Service Capacity Agreement, which grants an additional 10,000 gallons per day in wastewater service; to serve the eastern side of the Borough in Earl Township, with portions on both the north and south sides of Route 23, be approved. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Mayor Bender reported the fines received through the Police Department the past month as: \$1,436.17 from the District Justice's office; \$120 from Accident Reports; \$80 from parking fines; and \$80 from fingerprinting.

Terry Mohler then made the motion that the Resignation of C. Stephen Good from the Civil Service Commission be accepted; noting Mr. Good provided a letter of resignation to Council. This was seconded by Jim Bailey and passed.

President Herrington noted Mr. Good's numerous years of volunteer service to the Borough. He served on the Planning Commission, Council and the Civil Service Commission. His service is appreciated. His reason for resigning is noted in his letter.

Bob Habular of 195 Wecaf Road in the Borough stated he wants to know what can be done about people who feed feral cats. He believes there is a serious feral cat problem in the Borough. He read recently when Christiana Borough is considering some type of cat control ordinance.

Council member Morgan noted that this is a problem in many sections of the Borough.

Manager Fulcher reported that this is basically a Borough wide problem. We have an animal control ordinance. People who feed feral cats are considered the owners of these cats even if they have them neutered. They are not to leave the owner's property. He is aware that some towns have hired outside animal control persons to gather the feral cats. He will review this further, though it will probably only be a short-term measure as to others returning. We still have numerous farms near the Borough which contain many cats. The Borough also has safe trapping cages

which can be signed out for if they are able to relocate them to a farm or other new home.

Chief of Garden Spot Fire Rescue Darryl Keiser stated that as Council may have noticed over the past few months, the Fire Company has tried to have an officer attend the municipal meetings in case Council should have any questions for them. Everyone is also invited this Saturday to the Dedication of the B. Aufer Museum section of the Main Station, as well as the 100th year celebration of the 1918 American LaFrance fire engine. There will be activities for kids and snacks. It is from noon until 4 p.m.

Library Board President Mike Ireland reported that the Library will again be sponsoring the Shoe Fly Pie Run in Terre Hill on July 21st. The Library will also be holding its Kid's activities as well as a Chicken Bar B Q on July 4th at Community Memorial Park, the day of the fireworks.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

August 7, 2018
Date Approved