

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
August 7, 2018

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, John A. Styer and Abby L. Keiser. Members absent were: James S. Bailey, Patrick K. Morgan and Terry S. Mohler. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Mayor M. Timothy Bender, Solicitor Bradford J. Harris and reporter Carole Deck. Others in attendance included Dan Becker, President of Becker Engineering and residents Wilbur Horning, Seth Bender, Bill Kassinger, Keith Snowberger, David Lutz and Chairman of the ELANCO Library Board, Mike Ireland.

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

Todd Burkhart made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of July 3, 2018, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by John Styer and passed.

Abby Keiser made the motion that the Financial Report be accepted and the bills paid as prepared. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Police Committee Chairman Burkhart reported that the Police Chief is busy elsewhere this evening with the Department's activities related to the National Night Out police event. He will outline the main totals from the Chief's monthly Report, in his absence. There were 17 felonies and misdemeanors and 3 summary offenses. There were also 75 traffic citations with 23 warnings. The usual additional monthly activity is included in the Report. On a related matter, he reported that former School Resources Officer (SRO) Dan Achenbach resigned as the SRO and following final interviews by School District personnel, Officer Specht will be assuming that position this school year. Officer Achenbach has returned to regular patrol.

Chairman Burkhart then made the motion that long-time resident and former Mayor Wilbur Horning be appointed to fill the remainder of the unexpired term of former member C. Stephen Good, which ends December 2018, on the Civil Service Commission. This was seconded by Abby Keiser. It was noted that with his past experience and knowledge of the process and operations, it will be a good addition to the Commission. The motion then passed.

There were no Finance, Property, Personnel, Water, Wastewater or Street action items presented.

Mayor Bender reported the monies received through the Department the past month were: \$874.92 for the District Justice's office; \$450 from accident reports; \$20 in parking fines; and \$75 from fingerprinting.

Solicitor Harris reported that being made aware of the concerns related to the new statewide fireworks law, he reviewed the status of the impacts on the Borough and other municipalities as to local enforcement action. Some of the statute's language states the user is to be 18 years or older and has to be at least 150 feet away from any occupied structure. There is no authority to change the law's allowances, even though permission should be given by the private or public property owner. There is no additional action required by Council to state that such fireworks activities are not permitted on Borough streets or property. Local police otherwise respond to any actual complaints as they have in the past. He will be checking to see what official process the Borough has as to those requesting to put on a public fireworks display.

Manager Fulcher reported that following the confusion created by the recent articles in the Lancaster Newspaper about recycling changes, word seems to be getting around town from those on the Borough's community refuse program that the program's current hauler is still taking newsprint, but not the glossy type. There are some changes to other items, such as plastics, which in simple terms should be #1, #2 or #5 and have a neck. Cardboard is still being taken but nothing with elements of being in contact with food stuffs. A few calls still come in to the office to check and it may be a main element of the October billing Newsletter. There may be additional changes in the future. Less recycling will also impact the cost of waste hauling.

Council member Burkhart noted that the information for what the Borough's current hauler, Eagle Disposal still recycles is on its business website.

Council member Keiser inquired about the procedure if a resident indicates a willingness to serve on one of Council's advisory boards.

President Herrington stated that the resident can call the Manager direct or if someone lets a Council member know, the Council member can inform the Manager. The Manager keeps a list of those persons who may be considered as a volunteer for one of the Borough's volunteer boards.

Dan Becker of Becker Engineering then presented Council President Herrington with a check for use to support the special community activities of the Police Department such as National Night Out or the Cuddle Bear program. They like to give something back to the communities they work for. He appreciates being able to serve the Borough and Authority and working with what they have found to be a great staff.

President Herrington thanked Mr. Becker for the contribution.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

September 4, 2018

Date Approved