

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council Workshop
October 24, 2018

New Holland Borough Council met in Workshop session on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, Terry S. Mohler and Abby L. Keiser. Members absent were: James S. Bailey, Patrick K. Morgan and John A. Styer. Also present was Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher.

President Herrington opened the meeting, asking Manager Fulcher to review the draft 2019 budget.

Manager Fulcher reviewed a four-page outline of major budget items for all the operational funds. It appears we will be fortunate again to maintain the current 2.75 millage rate as 2018, which is good particularly following the first year after the reassessment year. Due to the recent changes and probable future additional changes in the recycling program, a \$10 per year increase is included for the community trash program. Though we have a few years left on our general contract, other costs will go up. The \$10 January pre-pay discount will continue. One additional street section will also be done as the overall length of the blocks scheduled will allow this; as there are no major vehicle or equipment purchases either.

In reviewing various police budget items, a couple of items were identified for further clarification. Manager Fulcher stated he would double check these and let the members know.

Police Chairman Burkhart reported that no replacement vehicles are anticipated to be needed in the department in 2019 but one major item is a second registration scanner which is placed on a vehicle. There was some initial grant money from the state for the first one but that has not been renewed.

The members briefly reviewed the legal parameters of the Borough code which strictly controls the use of public tax dollars at the municipal level to specific organizations and uses.

Councilman Mohler, Council's representation on the Inter-municipal funding committee of the three supporting municipalities which recommend the annual funding of the Garden Spot Fire Rescue, reported that the other partners, Earl and

East Earl Townships, have agreed to go to a three-year funding formula proportion update instead of the originally outlined five years. The Manager will be developing this. As to the request of GSFR for an additional 2019 project consideration of a \$130,000 air conditioning project, the committee has a lot of questions and concerns with it at this point.

Councilman Burkhart noted the Planning Commission continues its update of the zoning ordinance and somewhat related to it, he has received numerous comments from officers that our current controlled burn ordinance needs some updates to deal with circumstances where persons get around it.

Manager Fulcher reported he is looking at this with code assistant Getz as to outlining some updates for the Solicitor's review. On another operational matter, he noted he is working with Department heads and looking at gradually switching to a key fob lock/entry system where it may best apply.

Following brief further discussions, with no public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

November 6, 2018

Date Approved