

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
November 6, 2018

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, James S. Bailey, Terry S. Mohler, John A. Styer and Abby L. Keiser. Member Patrick K. Morgan was absent. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Solicitor Bradford J. Harris, Mayor M. Timothy Bender, Police Chief William Leighty, new police officers Brett Reifsnnyder and Joel Stoltzfus and reporter Carole Deck. Others in attendance included Borough water consultant Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering, Borough residents Bill Kassinger, Mike Ireland, David Lutz, Mike Kurtz, Diana Morgan and Keith Snowberger.

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

Todd Burkhart made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of October 2, 2018 be approved as presented. This was seconded by Jim Bailey and passed.

Jim Bailey made the motion that Council's Workshop Minutes of October 24, 2018, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Abby Keiser and passed.

John Styer made the motion that the monthly Financial Report be accepted and the bills paid as prepared. This was seconded by Terry Mohler and passed.

Police Chief Leighty stated that prior to reviewing his monthly report he will introduce the two recently hired police officers. These are Joel Stoltzfus, who has experience with the Northern Regional Police Department and lives in Earl Township and Brett Reifsnnyder, who has experience as an officer with the city of Lancaster. He also lives in the area. He then reviewed his monthly Report of Department activities. There were 318 total incidents which resulted in 23 arrests, 8 of which were felonies. There were no DUI arrests; 40 traffic citations, with 7 warnings; 15 total juvenile contacts of which 9 were sent to district court and 6 to the juvenile court system. The New Holland Farmers' Day Association Fair at the beginning of the month went fairly smoothly. In response to a question from Police Chairman Burkhart, he noted that there were two fatal traffic accidents during the period of the Fair; both occurring in Earl Township. Some of the community activities he or his officers attended last month included Sergeant

Willwerth participating in the New Holland Church of the Nazarene's annual Trunk or Treat Halloween activity. The Chief met with Grace Family Church to provide security information and later in the month gave a talk at Our Lady of Lourdes Church about home safety and fraud concerns. The Department will also be holding another Coffee with a Cop at the New Holland Coffee Company on November 12, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. This will include a book reading activity for youngsters in conjunction with the ELANCO Library.

Member Keiser stated she appreciates the continuous efforts of the Chief and officers of reaching out in the community to get to know it better.

Chairman Burkhart then made the motion that Council approve the reassignment of an officer to the county's Drug Task Force, beginning January 2019 through 2020; noting that the Borough retains the right to recall the officer should there be a Department emergency. This was seconded by Abby Keiser and passed.

Councilman Styer stated he is first reporting on behalf of the Finance Committee this evening, with the usual main item of preliminary action on next year's budget. A main highlight of the proposed budget is that there is no tax increase. The millage is to remain the same as 2018, 2.75 mills. There are no cost increases for the water and wastewater services but there is to be a \$10 increase for the year for those on the community trash program. The \$10 prepay discount option if paid in full in January is to continue. He feels most people are probably aware with all the changes in recycling practices that trash and recycling activity costs are increasing nationwide. He then made the motion that Council give its preliminary approval to the 2019 budget and its advertisement. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

As Personnel Chairman, Councilman Styer reported that it has been Council's tradition to annually recognize at the meeting those local persons who volunteer their time and services to the Borough. At Community Memorial Park, both Pat Blair and Jim Boose continue to donate their time and services. Mrs. Blair can often be seen removing trash and debris from the Park areas. Mr. Boose continues to monitor and inspect the playground and facilities for the Borough. He is also a volunteer member of the Park Board. At Groff Park, Councilman Bailey continues volunteering his time and work activities to maintain that Park. Also this year, we wish to extend a special thanks and recognition to the volunteer Board of the Community Memorial Park Association, which successfully completed its challenge to provide two replacement pavilions and new updated restrooms on the

northeast area of the Park. He noted that both the volunteers and the Board are sent Thank you letters from Council through the President.

Property Chairman Bailey stated he has no action items but similar to Personnel Chairman Styer he has a number of community business related donations to the Borough that Council takes the opportunity at this time of year to also publicly recognize and thank them for their donations. The first is Clean Energy which continues its maintenance of the plantings and landscaped area in the front of the Timbers Playground area; which it also originally installed by donation to the project. The second is Showcase Landscaping. Showcase donated the original plantings and landscaped area of the downtown open space Towne Centre Green, as well as maintaining the area at Community Memorial Park that surrounds the Edward L. Sprecher memorial. These folks also receive letters from Council.

Water and Wastewater Chairperson Keiser reported there were no action items this evening, but she wants to take the opportunity to recognize those employees who responded to a leak on the main water line on West Cedar Street on the Saturday afternoon of the 27th. Water Department Supervisor Clete Stone and all Department staff, Jesse Kern, James Hartranft and Jose Savilla, assisted by Streets/Park employee Jason Bagnato worked together to do a good job in a timely fashion. Also, fortunately the leak repairs did not require shut down of the line. On another water related matter, the piping was recently received for the Ranck Road loop connection project. The Department staff with some other employees' assistance will be performing much of the work.

Streets Chairman Mohler made the motion that Council approve the request of the New Holland Business Association to allow it to cover the parking meters in town over the holidays beginning the Monday of Thanksgiving week through January 1, 2019. This was seconded by Jim Bailey and passed.

Mayor Bender reported the fines received through the Police Department the past month as: \$973.78 from the District Justice's office; \$210 from copies of accident reports; \$25 from fingerprinting; and \$10 in parking fines.

Borough resident and current President of the Board of the ELANCO Library, Mike Ireland, stated as a Borough resident he thanks Council for the no tax increase budget. As Library Board President, he also thanks Council for the donation increase of \$500 for 2019 to the Library. He is happy to report that the summer reading program was again a great success. This past season in the under 18 group of readers, they had a completion rate of 81 percent. This was the highest

in the county. During the month of July, general circulation was up 8 percent, August 14 percent, September 15 percent and October 15 percent. The Library is also planning a strategic plan gathering with the public which is invited to attend and present ideas on the update of its Five-Year Plan on November 14th at 6:30 p.m. on the second level of the Library. Council members are welcome.

President Herrington noted that he wants to thank Manager Fulcher, Financial Assistant Robin Parker and the Police Chief for developing a budget that again does not call for a tax increase.

Councilman Mohler stated he is aware that the Borough has been able to often go a good number of years without raising taxes. This is a nice positive record for the Borough.

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

December 4, 2018

Date Approved