The New Holland Borough Authority met in regular quarterly session on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: Vice-Chairman Robert P. Johnson, Treasurer Jack E. Schnader and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Michael H. Kurtz. Members absent were Chairman Jacob W. Musser and Secretary Ernest M. Orr. Also present were Authority Manager/Recording Secretary J. Richard Fulcher and Authority water consultant Jeff Bologa of Becker Engineering.

Vice-Chairman Johnson opened the meeting asking for action on the Minutes of the Authority’s prior meeting in July.

Mike Kurtz made the motion that the Minutes of the Authority’s meeting of July 17, 2018 be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Jack Schnader and passed.

Vice-Chairman Johnson next requested consultant Bologa to provide any update on the status of the process for the new well approvals.

Consultant Bologa provided copies of the cover letter with a few map attachments of the Report to the Susquehanna River Basin (SRBC) Commission on the data related to the completed draw-down testing of the planned new well. Not all of the raw data is attached because that took up the size of a three-ring binder. This is under final in-house review by his agency and then will be formally submitted to the SRBC. Currently, the Borough system has Permit approval for a maximum 1.65 million gallons per day. The results of the data show that the Authority can be justified in requesting a larger daily limit to possibly 1.85 mgd. The request for the new well is to be for 600 gallons per minute.

Interestingly, the draw-down testing when utilizing the lowest impact number, extended about four miles each direction east and west but no effect was found on the south side; as to its official cone of influence. The overall impact to this cone during the testing was minimal. There is low risk to the physical water quality and therefore no filtering system will be required. It will be designed for disinfecting (chlorination) and TCE/PCE treatment. The well is at a depth of 420 feet. It is hoped approval of the Request will take place at the Commission’s December quarterly meeting. If it is held until the first meeting 2019, it should not have any
delaying effect as the major design parameters are identified and can be refined to a good extent in the meantime. After the SRBC approves it, then PA DEP assumes system design and Permit review and responsibility.

Manager Fulcher then gave brief status updates for a number of the currently known priority capital improvement projects. The Ranck Road, west to Bridle Path loop connection, of which the Borough is to do some of the work, is dependent on the arrival date of the necessary ductile iron piping and when weather conditions allow. Another distribution line replacement concern is the old line under Locust Street. The Diller Avenue water tank is also coming nearer the time for repainting. On the wastewater side, the necessary new easements for the main collection line, from Brubaker east to Hinkle Drive are being prepared by the Solicitor. When they are ready, the Manager will meet with each property owner for review and signature. The owners have been kept informed of the on-going activities. This project is to use heavy duty plastic pipe so it should not be the same concern as steel related piping. In the past, Council has traditionally had the Authority oversee these types of major projects. It is hoped this project can be completed during 2019. At this time, the major project planned to follow this still remains the replacement of the original six-inch force main from the Spruce Road Pump Station which works its way up North Kinzer, on State, Warren, Hiester, etc. to discharge into the main line on Main Street. As always unexpected, major emergencies can impact the normal long-range improvement projects but overall both systems are in very good condition.

Jack Schnader then made the motion that the bills be paid as prepared. This was seconded by Mike Kurtz and passed. The bill was:

Becker Engineering $1,092.50
Authority Meeting, Verizon West Tank Upgrades Ck#1493

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

January 15, 2019
Date Approved