New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, Terry S. Moher, John A. Styer and Abby L. Keiser. Members absent were Patrick K. Morgan and James S. Bailey. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Mayor M. Timothy Bender and Police Chief William Leighty. Others in attendance included Borough water consultant Jeff Bologa of Becker Engineering and Borough residents Bill Kassinger, Mike Kurtz, Ken Wright and 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 December 4, 2018 be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Abby Keiser and passed.

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

Police Chief Leighty then briefly reviewed his monthly summary Report of activities. He noted December is a usually busy month for everyone so there were not many community organization meetings or talks. There were 10 Accidents of which 3 were reportable. There were eight juvenile contacts five of which were referred to District Court, three to Juvenile Court. There were also 111 traffic citations and 25 warnings.

Council member Mohler noted he is happy to see some good activity numbers related to DUI arrests. Councilman Burkhart stated he also feels this is a good reflection on the officers involved.

Police Chairman Burkhart then made the motion that Resolution #499, which provides Council approval for the Fire Police of the Borough to participate in non-emergency events for 2019, be approved. This was seconded by Terry Mohler and passed.
Member Keiser reporting for the Property Committee, made the motion that Council approve the use of Council chambers by the Board of Community Memorial Park for its meetings in 2019. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Chair of the Water/Wastewater Committee Keiser stated there were no action items for presentation however she did want to mention that the water leak that occurred in mid-December and required the official Boil Water Notice for 17 residences, was able to be repaired quickly by the Water staff assisted by some Streets/Parks staff. The official Boil Water Notice was able to be removed following the 48 hour, dual testing period.

Streets Chairman Mohler noted he had some questions on the description of the small containers able to be utilized for outdoor burning, he therefore makes the motion that the consideration of the potential fire burning ordinance update #587, be tabled noting it could possibly be clarified at Workshop. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Chairman Mohler then made the motion that Council approve the request of the New Holland Business Association to again hold its Christmas on Main, on the first Saturday of December 2019, December 7th, permitting the use and closure of Main Street from Railroad Avenue west to Custer Avenue and North Roberts from Main north to Towne Centre Lane, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and South Roberts Avenue from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. He noted that the sponsoring organization is responsible for obtaining the required traffic control persons. This was seconded by Abby Keiser and passed.

Mayor Bender reported the monies received through the Police Department last month were: $1,165.14 from the District Justice’s office; $345 from Accident Reports; and $25 from finger printing. He noted for anyone who may be interested, the quarterly volunteer ELANCO Collaborative meeting which is kind of a round table discussion of interests throughout the school district, is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Garden Spot High School on the 22nd. The Business Association is planning to replace its old seasonal banners and someone is looking into the possibility of it working with an art group at the high school.

Resident Ken Wright, who recently retired from the Lancaster City Fire Department inquired if he could review the proposed modifications to the small burning container ordinance and attend Council’s Workshop.
President Herrington replied he is welcome to attend the Workshop and this should be reviewed briefly at the beginning to clarify things.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

February 5, 2019
Date Approved