MINUTES  
New Holland Borough Council  
March 5, 2019

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, James S. Bailey and Patrick K. Morgan and John A. Styer, who were present electronically. Members absent were: Terry S. Mohler and Abby L. Keiser. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Administrative Assistant Paula S. Walsh, Solicitor Bradford J. Harris, Mayor M. Timothy Bender, Police Chief William Leighty and reporter Carole Deck. Others in attendance included residents Diana Morgan, Bill Kassinger, Mike Kurtz, Ken Wright and David Lutz.

Council President Herrington reported prior to opening the meeting that unexpectedly today four Council members were unable to be in town this evening but two members are able to be present and participate electronically as allowed by law.

President Herrington opened the meeting asking for action on the Minutes of the previous meeting.

Todd Burkhart made the motion that the Minutes of Council’s meeting of February 5, 2019 be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Jim Bailey and passed.

Patrick Morgan made the motion that the monthly Financial Report be accepted and the bills paid as prepared. This was seconded by Jim Bailey and passed.

Police Chief Leighty then reviewed his monthly summary Report of Department activities. There was a total of 12 arrests, 8 of which were felonies or misdemeanors; 4 summary offenses and 1 DUI. There were also 61 traffic citations 33 warnings and 1 juvenile contact. The list of major organization visits and events is on page three. Copies of two letters recently received thanking and recognizing two separate activities one by Officer Beideman, the other by Officer Stoltzfus concerning vehicle incidents are attached to the report. One additional item that came about after preparation of the Report is that Sergeant Willwerth was able to save a person’s life by the use of Narcan.

Police Chairman Burkhart stated the work and professionalism of the officers is appreciated and it is nice when members of the public let the Chief know.
Finance Chairman Morgan reported there were no action items to present. There were no action items for the Personnel or Property committees either.

In reporting for the Water/Wastewater Committee, member Burkhart stated there were no action items but as information related to wastewater, the new biosolids processing machine still has some glitches and is in need of some equipment modifications as it gets to its proper operation condition.

Council member Burkhart then made the motion that the bid award for the planned 2019 street overlay work be awarded to New Enterprise Lime and Stone at the price of $135,710.84. Three bids were publicly opened on February 27th. This bid is below the projected cost amount. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan. President Herrington noted that since two members were present electronically, he will use a roll call vote. The vote was:

Patrick Morgan—Yes  Todd Burkhart—Yes
John Styer—Yes  Don Herrington—Yes
Jim Bailey—Yes

The motion passed; the low bid was awarded.

Todd Burkhart made the motion that Council adopt Ordinance #588, which clarifies the Borough’s outdoor burning regulations; as reviewed by the Solicitor. This was seconded by John Styer. The roll was:

Patrick Morgan—Yes  Todd Burkhart—Yes
John Styer—Yes  Don Herrington—Yes
Jim Bailey—Yes

The motion passed. Ordinance #588 was adopted.

Todd Burkhart, noting that the requesting organization is responsible for obtaining the proper barricades and traffic control personnel, made the motion that Council approve the request of the New Holland Sales Stables to allow the use and closure of Fulton Street between South Railroad Avenue, west to South Custer Avenue, on Friday, June 21, 2019, from 7 a.m. to midnight, during its annual Special Horse Sale. This was seconded by John Styer. The vote was:

Patrick Morgan—Yes  Todd Burkhart—Yes
John Styer—Yes  Don Herrington—Yes
Jim Bailey—Yes
The motion passed.

Todd Burkhart made the motion that Council approve the request of the New Holland Band to allow the use and closing of East Jackson Street on Sunday, July 14, 2019, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for its Antique Car Show from South Kinzer Avenue east to Park Avenue. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan. The vote was:

Patrick Morgan—Yes
John Styer—Yes
Jim Bailey—Yes
Todd Burkhart—Yes
Don Herrington—Yes

The motion passed.

Todd Burkhart next made the motion that Council approve the request of Garden Spot Fire Rescue for the closure of East Jackson Street from South Kinzer east to Park avenue, for its Bar BQ Fest on Saturday, August 24, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This was seconded by John Styer. The vote was:

Patrick Morgan—Yes
John Styer—Yes
Jim Bailey—Yes
Todd Burkhart—Yes
Don Herrington—Yes

The motion passed.

Mayor Bender inquired if by some chance there is an unexpected heavy on-street volume of pedestrians on Jackson Street that Friday evening prior is there a process for short term closure.

Manager Fulcher noted that he and the Police Chief are aware of this possibility and the Police Officer in Charge at that time or himself can approve the street closure if a concern arises.

Mayor Bender then reported on the monies received through the Police Department the past month, $868.97 was received from the District office; $465 from copies of accident reports; $10 in parking fines; and $25 from fingerprinting. He noted under general information, there has been some preliminary discussion by some individuals about doing some type of New Year’s Eve drop in the Borough; possibly with an (imitation) bailer drop. CNH has initially responded positively to the concept. He does not know if it will pan out to be feasible or not.
Manager Fulcher reported he and Council member Bailey are scheduled for the annual Groff Park oversight committee get together the 12th of March. Anything out of the ordinary will be reported.

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

April 2, 2019
Date Approved