

MINUTES  
New Holland Borough Council  
May 7, 2019

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. All members were present: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, Patrick K. Morgan, Terry S. Mohler, John A. Styer and Abby L. Keiser. Member James S. Bailey was absent. Also present were: Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Solicitor Bradford J. Harris, Mayor M. Timothy Bender, Police Chief William D. Leighty and reporter Carole C. Deck. Others in attendance included Borough Wastewater Department Supervisor Tina Myers, Jeffrey Bologna, water consultant of Becker Engineering and Borough residents Bill Kassinger, Mike Kurtz, Diana Morgan and Dave Lutz.

President Herrington opened the meeting asking for action on the Minutes of Council's meeting of April 2, 2019.

Patrick Morgan made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of April 2, 2019 be approved as distributed. This was seconded by John Styer and passed.

Todd Burkhart made the motion that Council's Workshop Minutes of April 24, 2019, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan and passed.

Abby Keiser 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 then reviewed his monthly summary Report of activities in the Police Department. There were 13 total arrests; 12 of which were felonies or misdemeanors. There were two DUIs. Of the total seven accidents, three were reportable; a total of 105 traffic citations and 16 warnings were issued. There were seven juvenile contacts of which six had to be referred to Juvenile court. The list of the various major events and community organization meetings is on the second page.

Council member Mohler stated he appreciated seeing the letters from the community and elsewhere included in the Report. It is good to see the positive comments and letters involved with the many issues of the job.

In response to a request from Police Chairperson Burkhart, Chief Leighty read a general letter from New Jersey which extended a person's prayers, support and appreciation for the work the Department does every day.

Chairperson Burkhart also reported that a resident in the Ashlea development had informed him of a complaint she had related to vehicles parked near her home. Was the Chief aware of this?

Chief Leighty reported that he is aware of the situation and the Department is working with Borough codes and rental units inspector Getz, and is currently dealing with the situation.

Council member Keiser asked the Chief about the background training related to instructing officers about the proper way to testify.

Chief Leighty explained that training seminars are used and senior officers will go with the newer officers to shadow and support them.

Member Keiser stated that was good to hear because that is an important element of the system.

Finance Chairman Morgan then made the motion that Council approve the payment as budgeted of \$500 to the United Veterans' Council in support of its Memorial Day activities. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

As an information item, the non-uniform personnel recently underwent updated fire safety and fire extinguisher training.

There were no action items for Property, Personnel, Water or Wastewater.

Streets Chairperson Mohler reported that the Lancaster County Conservation District has provided an updated Memorandum of Understanding between itself and the Borough related to the process of submittal of Erosion and Sediment Control Plans for developments or construction involving over an acre of ground. They also include assistance with MS-4 activities if requested. The Borough has a previous similar Memorandum with them; this is an updated version. He then made the motion that Council approve the updated Memorandum of Understanding with the Lancaster County Conservation District. This was seconded by Abby Keiser and passed.

Mayor Bender reported the fines received through the Department the past month as \$1,340.53 from the District Justice's office; \$240 from copies of Accident reports; \$50 from fingerprinting; and \$10 in parking fines. Just for information purposes, some of the activities he is involved with include the ELANCO Consortium of various non-profit and social service agencies. The next meeting is at Garden Spot High School on the 28<sup>th</sup>. This is a good networking opportunity for the agencies. Next week he is visiting Cross-Net Ministries to hear about its current activities. He understands everyone received an invitation from Garden Spot Fire Rescue to a breakfast on June 5<sup>th</sup>. He also wants to extend his appreciation to Chief Leighty for the Department's assistance in dealing with the illegal activities at a former business on the west side of town.

Council member Mohler noted that J. M. Lapp, the firm which purchased the former silk mill property and reused much of it, is having a general open house for the public on Saturday, June 1, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Council member Keiser also stated for information purposes that the New Holland Mennonite Church has established a large garden plot on a portion of its property. Volunteers along with some of its Early Learning Center youth will be tending to it. The produce will be used for their lunches with any surplus donated to the less fortunate. They are hoping for a formal recognition ceremony sometime in the future. She will let the others know in case anyone is interested.

Solicitor Harris reported that the Lancaster Industrial Development Authority has requested on behalf of Garden Spot Village, Council recognition by way of Resolution #500, financing for the Development Authority to assist Garden Spot Village with its current development plans of a Memory Support structure as well as its Sycamore Springs West development. The Development Authority has conducted all of the public hearings related to this. There is no obligation to the Borough by this action however the municipality where these developments occur is requested to acknowledge them. This only covers the Borough's portion of the activities. This step is required under IRS rules. The Borough has approved these types of things previously.

Todd Burkhart then made the motion that Council adopt Resolution #500, supporting Garden Spot Village's current development's financing request through the Lancaster Industrial Development Authority. This was seconded by John Styer. The roll was:

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| John Styer—Yes    | Patrick Morgan—Yes | Abby Keiser—Yes |
| Todd Burkhart—Yes | Don Herrington—Yes |                 |

Member Terry Mohler noted that a family member works for Garden Spot Village and he abstains.

The motion passed. Resolution #500 was passed.

Solicitor Harris stated he also has requested an Executive session related to a potential legal matter concern.

President Herrington asked if there were any other public comments. He then convened into Executive session, at 7:28 p.m. All members, the Solicitor, the Manager, Mayor and Wastewater Department Supervisor Myers remained for the session.

The meeting reconvened at 8:03 p.m. There being no further business or public comment the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

June 4, 2019

Date Approved