

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Authority
April 16, 2019

The New Holland Borough Authority met in regular session Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in Borough Hall. All members were present: Chairman Jacob W. Musser, Vice-Chairman Robert P. Johnson, Secretary Ernest M. Orr, Treasurer Jack E. Schnader and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Michael H. Kurtz. Also present were Authority Manager/Recording Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Authority Solicitor Bradford J. Harris, Borough Water Department Supervisor Clete Stone, Borough Wastewater Department Supervisor Tina Myers and water consultant Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering.

Chairman Musser opened the meeting, asking for action on the Minutes of the prior meeting.

Robert Johnson made the motion that the Minutes of the Authority's last meeting of January 15, 2019, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Ernie Orr and passed.

Treasurer Schnader reported that the 2018 Audit Report of Authority finances has been completed by the audit firm Maher-Duessel. The Audit received a clean, Unmodified Opinion. There were only a small number of Authority transactions so no auditor representatives were planning to attend. His review confirms the information. He then made the motion that the 2018 Audit Report of the Authority completed by Maher-Duessel, be accepted. This was seconded by Ernie Orr and passed. Mr. Schnader stated he wanted to recognize Administrative Assistant Walsh and the Manager for the handling of Authority finances.

Borough Wastewater Department Supervisor Myers briefly reviewed the formal Review of Operations for 2018 for the Department, that she prepares. The flows overall were up during the year due to the rather continuous wetness of the year. The plant had one overflow which was in August, the direct result of a long and intense rain. There was also an overflow warning at the Spruce Road Pump Station; again, due to an excessive rain event. These were reported to PA DEP as required. The rain events were statewide so this probably occurred with many plants throughout the state. As members may recall, the state has not yet taken any action to proceed with an official updated NPDES Permit, which initially expired in 2013, and has been given continuous extensions since then. Our plant operations are probably not a high priority concern of DEP. There are two

underground fuel storage tanks in use with the operations, one at the plant, the other at the Spruce Road Pump Station. There are no drawings or records related to these and the underground piping. DEP has requested an investigation into the Spruce Road location but not the one at the plant at this time. The plan is to replace the underground fuel oil storage with a different fuel, possibly propane, or use a new above-ground facility. They are the original ones and go back about 30 years. The new Belt Filter Press is running well, however, the issues remain with the transferring of the treated material to the end point. The initial conveyor process put in place was an enclosed, screw type. This could not handle the mix as a new regular conveyor belt system is planned to be installed in its place. This is being prepared, in the meantime a temporary belt system is in use. The rental costs of the temporary equipment are to be paid for by the process supplier.

Member Johnson inquired what caused the high number of Total Suspended Solids in August, as indicated in the Effluent Chart page; and secondly, he noticed that the Organic Loading Chart page seemed to also indicate some adjustments at times.

Supervisor Myers stated that the high solids item last August was probably the same rain event which caused the overflow. The solids have no time to settle nor be treated properly with that volume of water flowing through the plant. The second item involves the results of the pretreatment process at Fleur de Lait Foods. This situation has been much improved overall as to their process. A new operator was hired a year or so ago and along with some treatment improvements, their effluent into the Borough's plant is a much higher quality than before.

Chairman Musser thanked Supervisor Myers for the Report and information.

Manager Fulcher reported that on the planned major collection line replacement project, they are finalizing the Easements needed. The one out of town business owner, Frontier, has requested additional payment for the Easement. The consultants have been communicating with them at our direction.

Robert Johnson made the motion that the Manager, consultants and Solicitor if needed, be authorized to negotiate with the Frontier corporation for a reasonable payment for the approximately 540 feet of 30 foot wide Easement needed. This was seconded by Jack Schnader and passed.

Consultant Bologna reported on the current review status of the long planned new well at Groff Park. The process has been updated between the Susquehanna River

Basin Commission and the PA DEP. The SRBC's formal Docket action approval does not take place until after all of the Public Water Supply Permit items have been reviewed and approved by the DEP, and the project is ready to go. The SRBC then schedules it on their Docket meeting schedule. The SRBC did provide a full review of the Application for the 600 gpm, and did not indicate this was an issue, so everything will be designed with that in mind. In order to avoid another separate series of expensive and extensive draw down testing requirements when utilizing 600 gpm, the initial Permit plan will indicate 500 gpm. This will allow the testing for the 600 gpm to actually take place while the new well is in service. His firm will now be proceeding with a more formal design plan; stormwater management elements and so on, so it can be submitted to DEP as soon as possible. He will have more details to report at the Authority's July meeting.

Chairman Musser thanked consultant Bologna for the update, noting that it is hoped the next steps can proceed more quickly with PA DEP. He then asked Water Supervisor Stone for an update on the Ranck Road loop connection project.

Supervisor Stone reported that they are about 800 feet to the east of the roadway at Runway Avenue, working westward. Work continues as the weather allows. The Earl Township residents along the route where the line will pass will be informed and asked if they desire to pay to be connected and use the Borough's system. They did encounter much rock resistance to the digging about three quarters of the way through and continue to deal with it.

Jack Schnader then made the motion that the bills be paid as presented. This was seconded by Mike Kurtz, and passed.

Maher-Duessel Annual Audit	\$4,040.00 Ck#1496
Becker Engineering Attend Authority Meeting	\$300.00 Ck#1497
Good & Harris, LLP Attend Authority Meeting	\$85.00 Ck#1498
Lancaster County Treasurer Spring Taxes for Wertztown Road	\$6.57 Ck#1499

Lancaster County Treasurer
Spring Taxes for 287 Phillip Rd.

\$225.24
Ck#1500

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

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Date Approved