

MINUTES  
New Holland Borough Council  
July 2, 2019

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. All members were present: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, Patrick K. Morgan, James S. Bailey, Terry S. Mohler, John A. Styer and Abby L. Keiser. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Solicitor Bradford J. Harris, Mayor M. Timothy Bender, Police Chief William Leighty and reporter Carole C. Deck. Others in attendance included Borough Water consultant Jeffrey Bologna of Becker Engineering and residents Diana Morgan, Sandra Shumaker, Raymell Houck, Paula Houck, Mike Kurtz and Mike Ireland, also President of the ELANCO Library Board.

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

Patrick Morgan made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of June 4, 2019 be approved as distributed. This was seconded by John Styer and passed.

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

Police Chief Leighty then reviewed his monthly summary Report of Department activities. He noted of the 318 incidents during the month, there were 13 arrests, 7 of which were Felonies and misdemeanors; 6 summary offenses and 1 DUI. Of the 12 accidents, 4 were reportable. There were 112 traffic citations and 37 warnings. All four juvenile contacts were referred to District Court. The list of community events attended by himself or officers is listed on page three. The National Night Out is being held again at Community Memorial Park on Tuesday, August 6, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Vice-President Burkhart then reported for information purposes that former Borough resident Tim Heitz, who served as pastor for a number of years at the United Methodist Church and one-term on Borough Council, recently passed away. He requested a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Heitz; which Council then observed.

Property Chairperson Bailey reported that the property owner to the west of Borough Hall at 426 East Main Street has informed the Manager she intends to relocate in the next few months and wanted to let the Borough know in case it should be interested in purchasing the property. This actually goes back to the Manager asking her years ago that should this occur, would she let the Borough know first. Chairman Bailey stated that even though the Borough boundaries will not grow, there may be a chance sometime in the future that Borough related emergency services could be consolidated in this location. Things could also change so that if a future Council determines it is not needed, it could sell it. Some small elements related to Borough activities could use a small portion of the backyard but it would otherwise be rented out.

Chairperson Bailey then made the motion for Council to authorize the Manager and Solicitor to proceed with the process to present the possible purchase of 426 East Main Street to Council when ready, possibly at its August Council meeting. This was seconded by Terry Mohler and passed.

Personnel Chairman Styer presented a matter related to Manager Fulcher who also serves as the Borough's Acting Emergency Services Coordinator, related to the forms required under the PA Emergency Management Agency and ultimately FEMA, updated county Hazard Mitigation Plan of which the Borough is a part. This is due for approval. He then made the motion that Council approve Resolution #501, which adopts the county's Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Borough. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Water/Wastewater Chairperson Keiser stated she had no action items but did want to inform everyone that the new conveyor belt was installed and is working fine. There is one item yet to be received as to automatic shut off. The interim rental ones were returned. There is a little catch up to be done with the material that may take a few weeks.

Streets Chairperson Mohler presented the proposed Agreement with Penn DOT for the removal of snow and ice from its highway Route 23/Main Street, through the Borough, from Western Avenue, east to Ranck Road. This will encompass the winter seasons from 2019/2020 through 2023/2024. The payment amount for this past season was \$5,424. This is based on a mileage formula and adjusted each season by Penn DOT. He then made the motion that Council adopt Resolution #502, which approves the updated annual snow and ice removal Agreement with Penn DOT, though the 2023/2024 season. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan. In response to a question from Mayor Bender, it was noted the missing "Duties"

attachment is a form carry-over and involves the area for the snow removal and ice treatment. The motion then passed.

Chairperson Mohler next made the motion that the requested street closing change approval of the New Holland Sales Stables, from the originally planned June 21, 2019, be approved for Friday, July 5, 2019; from 7 a.m. to midnight. This is for Fulton Street between South Railroad Avenue and South Custer Avenue. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan and passed.

Mayor Bender reported the monies received through the Police Department the past month as: \$1,069.54 from the District Justice's office; \$240 from accident reports; \$50 from fingerprinting; and \$10 from parking fines. Some community events he attended over the period included the monthly meeting of the New Holland Business Association, the community officials breakfast held recently at Garden Spot Fire Rescue and he was at the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Coatesville Savings Bank.

President Herrington noted that the National Night Out is held on the first Tuesday of August, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. as noted by Chief Leighty. This is Council's regular meeting day. It was considered that Council may want to hold its August meeting at 6 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. in August, to allow those who may want to attend the event, to arrive as soon as the meeting is over. This would be properly advertised if Council so desires.

Terry Mohler made the motion that Council's August 2019 meeting be held at 6 p.m. not the regular 7 p.m., noting the Manager will provide proper public notice. This was seconded by Jim Bailey and passed.

ELANCO Library Board President Mike Ireland reported for Council information that the Library just mailed out 3,500 solicitation letters related to the need to replace the roof.

Abby Keiser inquired if the Library fundraiser tied to the school district art contest is related to this project.

Mr. Ireland stated that due to the various requirements of each fund, this Library art related fundraiser has to go into the general fund.

Resident Paula Houck spoke next stating she is present this evening with her mother and a neighbor, all of which live on Locust Street. On the west end of

Locust Street, the eight apartment units to the north side of the Locust Street properties have a three-sided wooden fence enclosure for their trash. Currently there are a number of mattresses and some wood furniture lying there. Some of the tenants seem to not care about how it looks or to properly dispose of it. They recently informed the Borough office of this also.

Vice-President Burkhart stated he is aware of this situation and the Borough inspector has already been checking on it.

Manager Fulcher added that the code staff, himself and others will continue to monitor this and communicate the issue to the management firm and owner if necessary.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

August 6, 2019  
Date Approved