

MINUTES  
New Holland Borough Council  
August 6, 2019

The New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 6 p.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Todd C. Burkhardt, James S. Bailey, Terry S. Mohler and Abby L. Keiser. Member Patrick K. Morgan was absent. Also present were Secretary/Manager J. Richard Fulcher, Solicitor Bradford J. Harris, Mayor M. Timothy Bender and reporter Carole C. Deck. Others in attendance included New Holland Ambulance Chief Darrell Fisher, Rick Miller, President of the New Holland Ambulance Association, Borough water consultant Jeff Bologa of Becker Engineering, and residents Michael Ireland, Mike Kurtz, Larry Smith and Patricia Smith.

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

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

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

Police Chief Leighty then briefly reviewed the Department's monthly summary Report. There was a total of 12 arrests, 5 of which were summary offences; of 7 vehicle offenses, 5 were non-reportable. It was a good month in that there were no juvenile contact reports. The list of major events attended by himself or other officers as well as a number of safety programs put on, is on page two of the Report.

Darryl Fisher, Chief of the New Holland Ambulance Association then reviewed the July 2018-June 2019 Activities Report of the Association. Copies of the Report were provided to the members prior to the meeting. The first page of the Report listed the many Special Events the Association participated in during this period. The Association completed its fifth EMT training program last month. The current number of active volunteer EMTs and Paramedics is 98. There are three paid employees. Interested persons are often drawn to volunteer because of the quality of this training. The service responded to 1,737 emergency 911 calls in

the current New Holland area served; as well as another 490 from the Upper Leacock and West Earl area covered by the Leola Ambulance Association. Thursdays and Fridays are the busiest days. The average time from the initial pager alert until the trucks are on the move, is 96 seconds. The fixed cost per call is \$525; Medicare or Medicaid only reimburses 68 percent of this amount.

In response to a number of questions, he noted that the service appreciates the police presence when they are responding to a call. They are aware of the potential for a dangerous situation. They do have some protocols in place to deal with PTS Disorder but this area still needs to be improved on. As to the formal merger with the Leola Ambulance Association, it happens on September 2; though they have been operating together since February. Leola has about 40 volunteers. The merged group intends to maintain at least two vehicles with crew at all times.

Member Mohler stated he is somewhat aware of the background of the merger and is also aware of a person he knows they served in Upper Leacock. He feels it is good to work together with the neighbors.

Member Keiser said she appreciated Chief Fisher answering their questions and to let the Borough know if it can be of assistance with things such as the Emergency Action Plan and so on; and also, a thanks to the members for their service.

There were no Finance, Personnel, Property, Water, Wastewater or Streets action items presented.

Mayor Bender reported the monies received through the Police Department the past month as: \$888.57 from the District Justice's office; \$240 from accident reports; \$50 from fingerprinting; and \$10 in parking fines. He noted he too expresses his appreciation to Ambulance Chief Fisher and the Ambulance personnel for their service and dedication.

Terry Mohler then made the motion that proposed Resolution #504, which prohibits the location of Video Gaming Terminals at truck stop establishments in the Borough be approved. This was seconded by Jim Baily, who stated this does not affect the various similar small games already existing where allowed in the Borough. President Herrington noted he will utilize a roll call for this item. The roll was:

Terry Mohler—Yes  
Abby Keiser—Yes  
John Styer—Yes

Jim Bailey—Yes  
Todd Burkhart—Yes  
Don Herrington—Yes

The motion passed. Resolution #504 was approved.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

September 3, 2019

Date Approved