The New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 in Borough Hall. Members present were: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, James S. Bailey, Patrick K. Morgan, Terry S. Mohler, Abby L. Keiser and John A. Styer, who was present electronically via phone. 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 Jeff Bologa of Becker Engineering, and residents Patricia Smith, Diana Morgan, David Lutz, Bill Kassinger, Mike Kurtz, and Mary Yeich.

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

Todd Burkhart made the motion that the Minutes of Council’s meeting of August 6, 2019, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Abby Keiser and passed.

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

Chief Leighty then reviewed the monthly summary Report of the Department activities for the past month. There was a total of 259 incidents in the Borough; including five felonies or misdemeanors, two summary offences and one DUI. There were six reportable accidents. There were only two juvenile contacts one of which was referred to Juvenile Court, the other to District Court. The Chief attended a meeting of the Youth Aide Panel during the month, with a number of the affected parents there as well as School Resource Officer Joel Stoltzfus. As most are aware, this year’s National Night Out had great weather and large turnout. He appreciates all of the assistance from the other staff and citizen volunteers.

Police Chairperson Burkhart stated he commends the Chief and officers for holding a great event. It appears this year’s officer in charge of the event, Brett Reifsnyder, did a good job. He did not hear any negative comments concerning it.
Finance Chairman Morgan then made the motion that Council authorize the second half budgeted amount of $7,750 to the ELANCO Library, as planned and budgeted for 2019. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Personnel Chairperson Styer reported he had no action items but did want to publicly commend and congratulate newest Water Department employee Jose Sevilla for recently obtaining the required Water Certification according to PA DEP requirements.

Property Chairperson Bailey reported that a proposed agreement has been reached for the possible purchase of 426 East Main Street, the property to the immediate west of Borough Hall, from the willing seller; who offered first option to the Borough. The beginning price based on the Appraisal was $207,000. The Borough conducted an inspection of the property and after noting a list of concerns, the proposed purchase price is presented as $198,500.

In response to a question from Council member Burkhart, Mr. Bailey noted the $207,000 was the appraisal value, and the $198,500 does not include the costs traditionally paid by the Borough.

Chairperson Bailey then made the motion that Council authorize the purchase of 426 East Main Street, at a purchase price of $198,500 plus costs; with the initial funds to be temporarily borrowed from water reserve funds. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan. The roll was:

- John Styer—Yes
- Terry Mohler—Yes
- Abby Keiser—Yes
- Patrick Morgan—Yes
- Jim Bailey—Yes
- Todd Burkhart—Yes
- Don Herrington—Yes

The motion passed.

 Resident Patricia Smith inquired if the Borough had any plans for the use of the property.

President Herrington stated there are no plans currently to change the property. It is planned to be rented out. Council wanted to take the opportunity while the opportunity existed in case it should be needed in the future.
Water/Wastewater Chairperson Keiser made the motion that Council authorize the funds needed for the planned replacement of the major west side wastewater collection line by the Borough Authority. This amount as based on the low bids received is $419,489; and will be from the wastewater reserve funds. The was seconded by Terry Mohler. Chairperson Keiser noted that the low bidder is local contractor Gerald L. Martin and Sons. The motion then passed.

Streets Chairperson Mohler stated he had no action items to present but he did have a miscellaneous matter to note. He was recently talking with the owner of Tannery Antiques on Main Street, who is helping with the New Holland Farmers’ Fair stand locations. She asked if anyone has any ideas to get younger persons interested in assisting with the Fair, to please let her know. This is becoming an issue.

Mayor Bender reported the monies received through the Police Department the past month as $1,437.69; $300 from Accident reports; and $25 from finger printing. There were no parking fines. He also takes the opportunity to commend the Chief, event organizer Officer Reifsnyder, the other officers, staff and volunteers who helped make the Borough’s second National Night Out a great success. He also wants to thank all the local businesses who donated to the cost of the event.

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

October 1, 2019
Date Approved