The New Holland Borough Authority met in regular quarterly session on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: Chairman Jacob W. Musser, Vice-Chairman Robert P. Johnson, Treasurer Jack E. Schnader and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Michael H. Kurtz. Secretary Ernest M. Orr was absent. Also present were Authority Manager/Recording Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Authority Solicitor Bradford J. Harris, Borough Water Department Supervisor Clete Stone, Borough water consultant Jeff Bologa of Becker Engineering, wastewater consultant Dave Shirk of Buchart-Horn and local contractor Gerald G. Martin and Sons and associates Kyle Martin and their estimator Chris Riffanacht.

Chairman Musser opened the meeting, asking for action on the Minutes of the previous meeting of July 16, 2019; as continued for two sessions.

Robert Johnson made the motion that the Minutes of the Authority’s prior meeting of July 16, 2019 be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Jack Schnader and passed.

Chairman Musser noted that the accepted contractor for the Brubaker collection line replacement project is present this morning.

Wastewater Consultant Dave Shirk stated he has received some updated forms from the firm Gerald G. Martin and Sons. These will be reviewed and when confirmed the steps will be in place for the Notice to Proceed.

Water consultant Jeff Bologa then reviewed two Well 5 drawings, one an overall site plan not including the Borough’s property to the north which will be used for stormwater requirements; the second being an overhead view of the interior building and process equipment. The process design is part of obtaining the Public Water Supply Permit from PA DEP for the new well. The initially planned processing equipment is for the standard softening, chlorination, the adding of phosphate, which helps prevent rust in the distribution piping, and the air-stripping system for the removal of TCEs/PCEs. The exterior wall, rear/northeast side of the structure is designed so that in the future if there is a need to add for Nitrate removal, it can be readily done at this location. He noted that though the Nitrate readings can vary according to the supply used, according to Water Department Supervisor Stone, the normal readings are low at 2.9 ppm (max limit 10).

In continuing, consultant Bologa reported that the Authority’s request for withdrawal approval from the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) at 600 gallons per
minute is scheduled for first review at the Commission’s public meeting on October 31, 2019. The application can be commented on until November 12. The Commission staff can also still request information from the Borough. The Commission Board then meets on December 6 for final action. He does not anticipate any concerns but there could be questions.

In relation to the particular inquiry concerning lead by Authority member Johnson, consultant Bologa explained that there is the regular three-year testing of 20 properties in the Borough for lead. This has to everyone’s knowledge never been detected. He noted that the usual issue with lead is an acidic water supply. This reacts with the lead joints, thus causing the leaching.

Water Department Supervisor Stone reported that the Borough’s Ph is normally around 7.3 to 7.6, regularly above the concern of less than 7. The Borough has historically replaced its service lines if galvanized piping which used the lead couplings is detected during street reconstruction projects. This would not be applicable with the newer plastic based piping and copper service lines used in the newer developments and streets. If an old galvanized private service line is identified at any of these times, the homeowner is required to replace it. He is not aware of any remaining such situations in the Borough.

Wastewater consultant Dave Shirk reported that as noted briefly earlier, he is working on the final paperwork, bond approvals, and so forth for the collection line replacement project; however, he also awaits the updated status report from the Solicitor concerning finalizing the Agreements with Frontier and Norfolk-Southern Railroad. Frontier has some materials to remove from the easement area and the Norfolk-Southern property impacts a good portion of the project.

Solicitor Harris stated that both the easement requested from Frontier and the “License” to be granted by Norfolk Southern have both been mutually modified. The main concern with Frontier is that the title to the property still references Enterprise Telephone, however numerous mergers and acquisitions have taken place since that time. Frontier has provided a brief statement indicating a formal, legal merger occurred; but other than this it is not clear. They are indicating that Frontier of PA, LLC should be utilized. He is thinking he will include wording something like “Frontier Communications of PA, LLC, fka Frontier Communications of PA, Inc.”

Robert Johnson then made the motion that the Solicitor be authorized to proceed with the easement title as requested by Frontier, based on the information provided by Frontier. This was seconded by Jack Schnader and passed.
As to the Agreement with Norfolk-Southern, Solicitor Harris reported that most of the practical operational concerns were able to be modified as we requested however they will not change their position on using a License instead of an actual easement. Should the railroad wish to abandon or transfer its railroad line property in the future, the Authority would have to formally act to maintain its access. He is waiting for the final version of the Agreement for review and signatures.

Member Johnson stated that he noted on the Borough’s recent quarterly Newsletter, there was a concern for grease and greasy food waste not being put into the sewer system but into the regular trash for incineration. He wondered if this was a major mechanical concern at the wastewater plant.

Manager Fulcher responded that this was a general comprehensive reminder to customers that these things can both impact equipment operations as well as have residual effects on the environment. Those who have heavy grease use are required to have grease traps, which are not disposed of at the wastewater plant.

Mike Kurtz then made a motion that the bills be paid as prepared. This was seconded by Jack Schnader and passed. The bills were:

- Becker Engineering $1,770.00
- Verizon West Tank Upgrades, Meeting Ck#1505
- Norfolk Southern—Holding check $1,000.00
- Risk Financing Fee Ck#1506
- Becker Engineering $450.00
- Verizon West Tank Upgrades Ck#1507
- Good & Harris, LLP $578.00
- Authority meetings 7/16, 8/27; PPL Easement Ck#1508

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

January 21, 2020
Date Approved