

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
April 7, 2020

The New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. All members were present: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, Patrick K. Morgan via phone, Terry S. Mohler via phone, John A. Styer via phone, Bryant J. Glick and Michal Kurtz. Also present was Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher.

President Herrington opened the meeting, asking for action on the Minutes of Council's last meeting. He noted since a number of members are attending by way of phone, he will utilize a roll call for each item.

Todd Burkhart made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of March 3, 2020, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Bryant Glick. The roll was:

Todd Burkhart—Yes	Terry Mohler—Yes	Mike Kurtz—Yes
John Styer—Yes	Bryant Glick—Yes	Don Herrington—Yes
Patrick Morgan—Yes		

The motion passed.

Bryant Glick made the motion that the monthly Financial Report be accepted and the bills paid as prepared. This was seconded by Terry Mohler. The roll was:

Todd Burkhart—Yes, noting the yes is to other bills, but he abstains from approving any payments related to any business he may have an association with;

John Styer—Yes, noting the yes is to other bills, but he abstains from approving any payments related to any business he may have an association with.

Patrick Morgan—Yes	Bryant Glick—Yes	Don Herrington—Yes
Terry Mohler—Yes	Mike Kurtz—Yes	

The motion passed.

Police Chair Burkhart noted Council members have received a copy of the Police Chief's monthly Report. If there are any questions, just let the Chief know. On behalf of the Mayor's monthly information, the monies received through the Police Department the past month were: \$1,002.10 from the District Justice's office; \$15 from accident reports; \$40 in parking fines; and \$75 from fingerprinting.

Chairman Burkhart then made the motion that Council approve the Mayor's 90-day extension of a Declaration of Emergency due to the Coronavirus pandemic

from March 25, 2020, unless rescinded sooner. This was seconded by Bryant Glick. The roll was:

Todd Burkhart—Yes	Terry Mohler—Yes	Mike Kurtz—Yes
John Styer—Yes	Bryant Glick—Yes	Don Herrington—Yes
Patrick Morgan—Yes		

The motion passed.

Chairman Burkhart next explained that under the just approved federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act (CARES) local municipalities in states where the police or other paid emergency responders operate under different laws than non-uniform employees, the municipality has to take the formal step of excluding the emergency responders from the special requirements of the Act. He then made the motion that proposed Resolution #513, which excludes the police and any other emergency responders as applicable from the requirements of the CARES Act, be approved. This was seconded by Mike Kurtz. The roll was:

Todd Burkhart—Yes	Terry Mohler—Yes	Mike Kurtz—Yes
John Styer—Yes	Bryant Glick—Yes	Don Herrington—Yes
Patrick Morgan—Yes		

Resolution #513 was approved.

Finance Chair Morgan made the motion that proposed Resolution #514, which extends the Base period without penalty for the Borough's 2020 real estate tax from July 1, 2020 to whichever date the County Commissioners of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania set as their extension for county real estate taxes without penalty. It was noted there is a dating error on the draft copy which will need corrected for the original. This was seconded by Terry Mohler. The roll was:

Todd Burkhart—Yes	Terry Mohler—Yes	Mike Kurtz—Yes
John Styer—Yes	Bryant Glick—Yes	Don Herrington—Yes
Patrick Morgan—Yes		

Resolution #514 was approved.

Water Committee Chair Kurtz stated he has reviewed the water financial situation with the Manager and it is in good shape to allow a suggestion due to the Coronavirus pandemic and its serious economic impacts across the economy, to permit the Borough customers of water, sewer and trash as may be applicable, to have two extra months to pay the current April 1 bill. He then made the motion to allow the customers of the Borough's water, sewer and community trash program

to have through June 30, 2020 to pay their April 1, water, sewer, trash bill, with no penalty. This was seconded by Terry Mohler. The roll was:

Todd Burkhart—Yes	Terry Mohler—Yes	Mike Kurtz—Yes
John Styer—Yes	Bryant Glick—Yes	Don Herrington—Yes
Patrick Morgan—Yes		

The motion passed.

Member Kurtz continued, noting for information purposes, the Borough Authority's Application for water volume withdrawal was approved by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission for its requested water withdraw permit for the new well. The engineers are now finalizing detail plans with the PA DEP.

Wastewater Chair Glick stated he did not have any action items for Council but wants to report he had a discussion with Wastewater Supervisor Myers earlier today. She indicated things are going well operating under the Borough's emergency operations procedures; with reduced staffing on-site at any given time, physical distancing and masks.

Manager Fulcher stated on behalf of ELANCO Library Board Treasurer Michael Ireland, he has a few Library items of note; and also provided the March Library Newsletter to the members. The other items are that numerous services are still available on-line; the Library serves as a distribution point for the School District's weekly lunch distribution; and the new roof replacement job was completed just before the Coronavirus stop work orders were issued.

Todd Burkhart then made the motion that Council's April Workshop be canceled due to the serious issues with the Coronavirus pandemic. This was seconded by Mike Kurtz. Member Glick inquired if this was something that should be rescheduled. President Herrington noted that at this time with the long-term concern for gatherings and with nothing unusual or pressing which requires a Workshop, it would be prudent to cancel. There would also be an advertising cost and could end up being canceled again. The roll was:

Todd Burkhart—Yes	Terry Mohler—Yes	Mike Kurtz—Yes
John Styer—Yes	Bryant Glick—Yes	Don Herrington—Yes
Patrick Morgan—Yes		

The motion passed.

The members then briefly discussed various concerns with an advertised private group driving caravan of individual families in their own vehicles scheduled for this coming Easter Saturday. Some of the concerns included the identified route including a left turn onto Main Street and being led by an Ambulance, which could make drivers think they do not have to observe stop signs or traffic signals.

Manager Fulcher noted the Police Chief was made aware of this by one of the organizers. There are no road closures nor police involvement. He will discuss these concerns further with the Chief.

Member Glick reported that for those who may not be aware and otherwise interested, the county has arranged a webinar with officials from the Wellspan hospital group to provide information on various aspects of the Coronavirus and its activities. He has the information for anyone interested.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

May 5, 2020

Date Approved