

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Authority
July 14, 2020

The New Holland Borough Authority met on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in Borough Hall. All members were present: Chairman Robert P. Johnson, Vice-Chairman Ernie Orr, Treasurer Jack E. Schnader, Secretary Michael Kurtz and Lino (Lee) Vescovich. Also present were alternate Recording Secretary Paula S. Walsh, consulting wastewater engineer Dave Shirk of Buchart-Horn, water consultant Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering and Wastewater Supervisor Tina Myers.

Chairman Johnson opened the meeting asking for action on the Minutes of the prior meeting.

Ernie Orr made the motion that the Minutes of the Authority's meeting of May 19, 2020 be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Lee Vescovich, and passed.

Engineer Shirk reported that the only item left regarding the 10" main collection line project is the final paving which will be completed 90 days after substantial completion of the project. Application for Payment #2 has been approved for payment by the engineers. The final AFP will be for the 5 percent retainage and possible two change orders. One for moving Frontier Communications' poles off of, then back onto the right-of-way; the other for the two unexpected additional sewer laterals, one for the car dealership and one that was connected to an additional house to the east of the original stop point of the backyards along Locust Street.

Member Vescovich asked if the Authority receives as-builts. Engineer Shirk stated yes, that hard copies are provided along with a PDF. Supervisor Myers also answered saying that it is all also being updated to a GIS system.

Supervisor Myers reported that the plant is running well through the pandemic. Fleur de Lait is restarting after the shutdown order; however, the AFP side makes the cheese for Taco Bell so they never shut down.

Consultant Bologna explained that the construction of Well #5 is shovel ready. Pre-pandemic the state grants were scheduled to be awarded in August; however, we are unsure of when municipalities will receive any notice of approval or denial. The Authority has 60 days from opening bids to award the project. He and his firm are satisfied with the bids received, except for one. The initial low bidders are: General: \$2,073,000 from Walabax Construction; Electrical: \$292,500 from Flow Data; and Mechanical: \$189,000 from Garden Spot Mechanical for a total of \$2,554,500. They have an issue with the electrical bid contractor. Flow Data has no similar contracts in

PA and Becker Engineering may look into disqualifying them. Flow Data is based in Texas but has an office in PA. The next lowest bid is \$309,900, but may be a better choice through the project and in the long run. He is not familiar with Walabax but other municipalities that used them liked them.

Consultant Bologna then discussed a possible Developer's Agreement for the Hollander Road extension project. The original line extension is for three industrial lots but the water line will not go to the end of the third property or other properties which may request to tap into the water line. This would be for a 10-year period with no cost to the Borough/Authority. The Borough would be provided plans to review and approve along with inspecting the installation of any additional taps in the future. All costs are the responsibility of whomever requested to tap on during the 10-year period. They pay the original developer a percentage of the original construction costs; pro-rated according to the year requested. The Borough would receive income from the additional water usage.

Jack Schnader made the motion that the bills be paid as proposed. This was seconded by Ernie Orr and passed. The bills were:

LCTCB Real Estate Tax Group	\$762.23
School Taxes- 287 Philip, Wertztown Rd.	Ck#1518
Gerald G. Martin & Sons	\$249,717.95
Brubaker Ave. AFP #1	Ck#482
Gerald G. Martin & Sons	\$122,947.00
Brubaker Ave. AFP #2	Ck#483

Chairman Johnson noted that in January, member Vescovich toured the wells with Water Supervisor Clete Stone and thought this was valuable. Anyone who is interested can contact Clete directly. He and member Vescovich also want to tour the sewer plant. They will contact Supervisor Myers to schedule this.

Jack Schnader made the motion to recess the meeting until August 11, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. This was seconded by Lee Vescovich and passed. The meeting was recessed at 9:00 a.m.

July 14, 2020
Recessed to
August 11, 2020

The New Holland Borough Authority met in recessed session of July 14, 2020, on Tuesday, August 11, at 8:30 a.m. in Borough Hall. All members were present: Chairman Robert P. Johnson, Vice-Chairman Ernie Orr, Treasurer Jack E. Schnader, Secretary Michael Kurtz and Lino (Lee) Vescovich. Also present were Authority Manager/Recording Secretary J. Richard Fulcher and water consultant Jeff Bologa of Becker Engineering.

Chairman Johnson reconvened the meeting, requesting consultant Bologa to update the members.

Mr. Bologa stated he and the firm have more thoroughly analyzed the bids received. They found a serious concern with the initial low electrical bidder Flow Data. This firm has no experience working in Pennsylvania and no experience with this type of project. These were qualifying elements in the bid documents. They discussed these issues with Flow Data, and informed them they intend to recommend to the Authority that their bid be rejected for such cause. The second low bid is Garden Spot Electric, which does result in an increase in project cost of \$17,400. They also reviewed with the Manager and contractors the feasibility of possibly deleting the emergency generator, related propane tank and associated labor. This only resulted in a potential reduction of \$110,000. It is estimated that to proceed in the future to have it installed would be \$200,000-\$225,000 at today's cost. It seems justifiable to do it at this time. With the elimination of the internal low electric bidders, they recommend awarding to the other low bidders. In response to questions, he noted that in order to further support the funding position, the process will be started with the contractor, close to September 8. The paperwork, reviews and approvals usually take about a month. Their projection of construction completion date is late spring or summer next year.

Chairman Johnson noted he attended the Borough Council meeting of August 4. Member Kurtz is also on Council and its Water Committee Chairman. He asked Manager Fulcher to review the project funding situation, which allows the project to proceed.

Manager Fulcher stated Borough Council at its meeting of August 4, obligated the funds necessary for the Authority to proceed with the project. This fills the gap between what the Authority has available @\$1.6 million, and what is otherwise needed. The Borough intends to utilize its Water and Wastewater Reserve funds to assist the Authority in finally moving this project forward. Some grant financial

support is also hoped to be obtained under the application submitted however we have not received anything in writing about this yet.

Jack Schnader then made the motion that the initial low bidder for the electrical work, Flow Data, be rejected as not meeting requirements. This was seconded by Mike Kurtz and passed.

Mike Kurtz made the motion that the low bid contractor for the General Construction, Walabax Construction Services, Inc., be accepted, at the cost of \$2,073,000. This was seconded by Lee Vescovich and passed.

Lee Vescovich made the motion that the bid for the Electrical Work from Garden Spot Electric, at \$309,900, be accepted. This was seconded by Ernie Orr, and passed.

Jack Schnader made the motion that the low bid for the Mechanical work, from Garden Spot Mechanical at a cost of \$189,000 be accepted. This was seconded by Ernie Orr and passed.

Member Schnader inquired if any impacts similar to the recent flash flooding were identified with the new well design. He observed the field to the north of the Borough's extended property for the well site, was almost reached by the flooded field where it had to wait to drain across North Railroad Avenue.

Consultant Bologna stated that the location of the new facility is well above the flood plain related to the field to the north. The structure is also built on a higher level than the surrounding ground it will be located on. When the new water connection line was put in a few years ago it is also in the lowest field spot but there was some bank restoration work done there also while that work was done.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 a.m.

October 20, 2020
Date Approved