

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
September 1, 2020

The New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. All members were present: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, Patrick K. Morgan, Terry S. Mohler, John A. Styer, Bryant J. Glick and Michael H. Kurtz. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Mayor M. Timothy Bender, Police Chief Bill Leighty and reporter Carole Deck. Others in attendance included Kirk Wolfe and residents Bill Kassinger, Mike Ireland, Jonathan Brown and Rebekah Brown.

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

Bryant Glick made the motion that the Minutes of Council's prior meeting of August 4, 2020, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Terry Mohler and passed.

Patrick Morgan made the motion that the monthly Financial Report be accepted and the bills paid. This was seconded by Mike Kurtz and passed. Members Todd Burkhart and John Styer abstained to avoid any appearance of conflict with any business they may own.

Police Chief Leighty then briefly reviewed his monthly Department Report. There was a total of 889 incidents during the month. There were eight arrests; five of which were for felonies or misdemeanors. Of the eight accidents, seven were non-reportable. There were 28 traffic citations and 4 warnings.

Chief Leighty next introduced Kirk Wolfe who will be assisting the Department with some part-time needs. He is a veteran of the U. S. Air Force and a retired police officer from the city of Lancaster. He is a member of the county's SERT team and also an instructor for the county's Crisis Intervention Team.

Police Chairman Burkhart welcomed Mr. Wolfe and commended him for his prior service.

Chairman Burkhart then made the motion that the request of officer John Yanarella to work in a part-time job as part of the Door Dash meal delivery service, be approved. He noted that officer Yanarella indicated this would be mainly while a

son is wrestling, which often results in extended wait periods. The Chief has reviewed this and supports the request. Terry Mohler seconded the motion, which passed.

Finance Chair Morgan made the motion that Council approve payment of the second half budgeted donation to the Eastern Lancaster County Library, in the amount of \$8,000. This was seconded by John Styer and passed.

Property Chair Styer reported he has a couple of positive items to note this evening. As initially discussed briefly last month, the project being led by New Holland native Todd O'Brien to upgrade the main basketball hoops and surface at Community Memorial Park, has been successfully completed. Along with Mr. O'Brien, the local businesses who participated and donated included Lyons and Hohl Paving, Hoch Seal Coating, Superior Line Stripings and Usner Excavating. The volunteers and businesses will be sent formal Thankyou letters from Council. It continues to be heavily used.

The second special item is to recognize long-time maintenance worker at Community Memorial Park, Don Troupe, who recently retired from the Borough. He worked as a part-time, seasonal worker at the Park from 2006 until now. His other Borough related work involved starting as a part-time police officer in 1962; becoming a full-time officer in 1968; than as Chief from 1973-1984. He is remaining available to assist and train if needed. We are grateful for his service and dedication.

Water Chair Kurtz stated he is happy to report that the Borough Authority has received a \$200,000 grant from the state to be used towards the new well project. This is through the PA Department of Community and Economic Development's H₂O grant program, under its Commonwealth Financing Authority. This will be a big help to the Authority and Borough in funding this project. The importance of this project was recognized by our local State Representative Dave Zimmerman, who supported it from the time it was submitted by the Manager. He wants to publicly recognize and thank Representative Zimmerman for his awareness of and strong commitment to the project and the grant process. He has already been sent a formal Thankyou letter from Council and the Authority. The original funding under the program was significantly reduced because of the overall impacts of the coronavirus pandemic. It was reported there were over 900 applications, with only 16 awarded. Representative Zimmerman's support was crucial to our effort.

Wastewater Chair Glick reported he had no items for action but he did want to note that through both of the recent short, intense rain events, the first on the 11th, the second on the 14th, though there was some overflow at the plant, there were no Permit violations involved. A representative of PA DEP inspected the next day and confirmed the situation.

Street Chair Mohler made the motion that Council approve Resolution #516, as requested by Penn DOT, in order to allow them to proceed to correct an error on the earlier Snow and Ice Removal Agreement between it and the Borough. This was seconded by Bryant Glick, and passed.

Mayor Bender reported the fines received through the Police Department the past month as: \$2,148.20 from the District Justice's office; \$75 from Accident reports; and \$25 from fingerprinting. On the general community elements identified earlier, he adds his thanks to Todd O'Brien, the other volunteers and businesses involved with the basketball area upgrade. He feels the court is well used and it has been used by multiple generations over decades. The result was a top-notch job. His thanks also to Don Troupe in his official retirement. To Representative Zimmerman for his great grant support and the Manager for the success of the application. The \$200,000 will be a big assist with the \$2.5 million well project.

Manager Fulcher noted that as Wastewater Chair Glick reported, the wastewater plant had to recently deal with the intense storms while many others also had to address water issues throughout town. Along with the basketball activity, the pickleball and tennis court areas have been heavily used this summer also. A lunch at the Park is planned in the next week or two for Don Troupe. He will be letting Council and Mayor know when in case anyone should be able to stop in. He also noted the two toter bins on display in the room this evening, one for trash, one for recyclables. These are to be distributed free to all customers on the Borough's Community Trash Program in October. This will allow the firm Eagle Disposal, to more efficiently collect these items, with less staffing.

Member Mohler said he is concerned that some elderly may find the new trash bin too heavy for easy movement.

Manager Fulcher noted they are trying to be prepared and ready to review any concerns of that type. Many elderly do not have much trash weight to move.

Mike Ireland, Treasurer of the ELANCO Library, thanked Council for its approving of the second half budgeted contribution. The good news is that next

week the Library will re-open to access under the various guidelines, a total number limit, maximum time limits, and so on. Books can still be ordered on-line. With the current crowd concerns related to the pandemic, the busy children's group activities are not being held, so there are no Friday hours.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

October 6, 2020

Date Approved