

MINUTES  
New Holland Borough Council  
November 3, 2020

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 3, 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, 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 C. Deck. Others in attendance included local state Representative Dave Zimmerman and Borough residents Bill Kassinger, Harry Klinger, Jonathan Brown and Rebekah Brown.

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

Bryant Glick made the motion that the Minutes of Council's regular meeting of October 6, 2020, be approved as presented. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Terry Mohler made the motion that the Minutes of Council's Workshop of October 21, 2020 be approved as presented. This was seconded by John Styer and passed.

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

Local State Representative Dave Zimmerman then made a presentation of a Citation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives to the Borough, in recognition of its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of its formal incorporation as a Borough. He read the Citation:

**Whereas**, It always is with a deep sense of pride that the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania recognizes those communities that strive to preserve the traditions of the past as they encourage the strength of community spirit in the present and for future generations; and

**Whereas**, The Borough of New Holland is being congratulated upon the momentous occasion of its one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary; and

**Whereas**, New Holland Borough was settled 1728 by John Diffenderfer and his family, and it became known as Earl Township upon the formation of Lancaster County in 1729. The Borough adopted its current moniker in 1802 to honor the benevolence of the people of Holland who offered assistance to the town's settlers when they passed through Rotterdam on their way to America. Incorporated on April 20, 1895, New Holland Borough was primarily a farming community throughout the 1700s and 1800s, and it is home to Case-New Holland, which is lauded as the second-largest manufacturer of agricultural equipment in the world. A valuable presence in this Commonwealth, New Holland Borough is a community which has always been blessed with steadfast citizens, concerned community and civic-minded leaders, lasting traditions and a resilient spirit that have helped it to thrive for one hundred twenty-five years and prepared it to meet the challenges of the future.

**Now therefore**, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pays tribute to the Borough of New Holland upon the momentous occasion of its one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary; affirmatively states that its wealth of contributions over the years is a vital facet of this Commonwealth's rich history; extends sincere best wishes for the continuation of its most worthy endeavors in the years to come;

**And directs** that a copy of this citation, sponsored by the Honorable David H. Zimmerman on September 21, 2020, be transmitted to the Borough of New Holland, 436 East Main Street, New Holland, Pennsylvania 17557.

President Herrington thanked Representative Zimmerman for the Citation and taking the time to visit and present it this evening. He also expressed the Borough's appreciation for his strong and active support of the Borough Authority's state grant application for its new well; towards which a \$200,000 grant was awarded.

Representative Zimmerman noted his thanks for the comment. Due to the pandemic environment, the state grant situation was severely impacted. He was fortunate to have the Authority's application as well as one for Akron be awarded.

Police Chief Leighty then reviewed his monthly summary Report. There was a total of 274 incidents recorded; with 15 total arrests. There were 39 citations, with 6 warnings; of 8 accidents, 5 were reportable. They did have four juvenile contacts; two of which had to be referred to District court. He feels the Shred-It event held for the first time by the Department at Community Memorial Park in conjunction with a chicken bar-b-q held by the Kiwanis Club on the 17<sup>th</sup>, went well. About three tons of paper was received. The Halloween weekend was quiet as to any unusual activities.

Police Chairman Burkhart noted that there was a copy of a letter of appreciation in the Chief's Report from the city of Lancaster for the Department's assistance during an emergency in the city which required out of city officer support. He

requested the Chief express Council's thanks to these officers for their participation in this unusual situation.

Finance Chair Morgan reported that there is one main item for finance this evening and that is that Council is to provide preliminary approval to the proposed 2021 Borough budget. He is happy to announce that the Borough is able to move forward without an increase in the real estate tax for 2021. It is to remain at 3.25 mills. He commends and thanks the Manager, Police Chief and staff for their efforts to continue to maintain efficient operations.

Member Mohler reported he got a call from a resident inquiring what the Borough is doing to reduce the annual operating loss of the pool. He is referring the question to the Manager.

Chairman Morgan then made the motion that Council give its preliminary approval to the proposed 2021 budget as reviewed and discussed at Workshop, and so advertise. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Property Chair Styer reported that this is Council's annual meeting to formally recognize those dedicated volunteers in the Community who contribute various activities on Borough properties; as well as those businesses who donate in a similar manner. The Borough is fortunate to continue to have some long-time volunteers. Pat Blair continues her many years of service picking up trash, debris, recyclables and the like at Community Memorial Park; and Jim Boose who along with serving on the Park Board, continues his volunteer playground and grounds inspections, also at Community Park. There is also Jim Bailey, who remains active volunteering at Groff Park. The volunteer Board members of the Community Memorial Park Association remains dedicated to assisting with capital needs at the Park. The first of the local businesses for recognition is Showcase Landscaping, which along with maintaining the plantings donated to Towne Centre Green, also maintains the Ed Sprecher Memorial area at Community Memorial Park. Clean Energy is the other area business that donates to Borough property beautification by maintaining the plantings area of the Timbers Playground. These folks and businesses are sent formal Thank you letters from Council.

Patrick Morgan made the motion that Council approve Resolution #518, which is being done at the request of Penn DOT. It updates the Agreement for Snow and Ice Removal Services with the Borough; one of which was approved in August at PennDOT's initial request. This one contains some minor modifications to the earlier one. This was seconded by Bryant Glick and passed.

Patrick Morgan made the motion that Council approve the annual renewal of the Agreement with West Earl Township for use of its compost facility for yard waste, leaves and Christmas trees as provided by West Earl for the year 2021. This was seconded by Terry Mohler and passed.

Patrick Morgan next made the motion that Council approve the covering, and uncovering, of the downtown parking meters by the New Holland Business Association, from Thanksgiving week, through January 3, 2021. This was seconded by John Styer and passed.

After brief discussion, the consideration of authorizing the ordering of a Freightliner dump truck included in the 2021 budget, was tabled for action until the next meeting to allow Council members to review the specification details. The Manager thought this had already occurred but apparently had not.

Mayor Bender reported the monies received through the Police Department the past month as: \$944.02 from the District Justice's office; \$225 from fingerprinting; \$60 for Accident Reports; and \$10 in parking fines.

President Herrington then presented Resolution #517, which accepts the resignation of Council member Terry Mohler who is relocating out of the Borough soon, effective November 20, 2020, and appoints resident Harry M. Klinger as his replacement.

Before requesting action on it, he has a few comments. He did not know Terry Mohler until he began on Council, approximately seven years ago. He remembers indicating to him that it usually takes someone new to municipal activities and laws, about two years to understand what a Borough and Council does. He asked many good questions on things that were not clear the first time. President Herrington noted that he appreciates his volunteer time and energy as a Council member. On behalf of Council, best wishes to you and your family.

Vice-President Burkhart stated he concurs with President Herrington. He has enjoyed working with member Mohler, who was an asset to Council and will be missed.

Mayor Bender noted it seems appropriate to thank member Mohler on the night Council recognizes its community volunteers much like Mr. Mohler's volunteer service on Council. He exemplified someone who cares about the Borough. Thank you for your service and also best wishes to you and your family.

Councilmember Mohler stated it was his privilege to serve in the town in which he has lived his whole life. He learned members do not have to always agree but respect each other and when necessary discuss things through. He is very comfortable in leaving and knowing with Council and the Borough staff, the Borough is in good hands.

President Herrington noted Mr. Klinger is present this evening for those who do not know him yet. He has been a resident since 1997, has been serving on the Borough's Civil Service Commission, and is currently its Chairperson. He has been a volunteer with the local Farmers Fair Committee and coached soccer for the Garden Spot High School teams. He has worked for the county of Lancaster for 14 years, the last 4 as its Director of Purchasing. He brings much to the table as a Council member.

Member Glick asked Mr. Klinger about his interest in serving on Borough Council; and could he also provide a resume for those that may not know him as well.

Mr. Klinger stated his love of this town is what makes him desire to serve. He initially moved to Lancaster county in his late 20s and felt this was a good community and ultimately moved into the Borough. His daughter graduated from Garden Spot High School. Along with his current service to the town and community, he feels serving on Council is another way to give back to the community. He is retiring as the county's Director of Purchasing in early January so this is an appropriate time to make this commitment. He works closely with many of the county row office officials, Treasurer, Recorder of Deeds, Registrar and so on, and they are available for references. He will provide a more detailed resume in the next few days.

Council member Mohler stated he considered it an honor to make the motion and did so, to approve Resolution #517, which accepts his resignation from Council, effective November 20, 2020, and appointing Harry M. Klinger as his replacement. He noted he feels Mr. Klinger is an exceptional person and will be an asset to Council. This was seconded by Mike Kurtz and unanimously passed.

President Herrington noted that with the upcoming change with the new member, he will be making some minor adjustments in the Committee assignments. These are: member Kurtz will become Streets Committee Chair, and also replace Mr. Mohler as Council's representative to the Inter-municipal Funding Advisory Committee, working with Earl and East Earl's representatives relating to financial requests from Garden Spot Fire Rescue. Based on Mr. Klinger's close

involvement with police activities on the Civil Service Commission, he will serve as Chair of the Water Committee and be a member of the Wastewater Committee; and also be a member of the Police Committee.

Members Burkhart and Morgan commended the President's approach and perspective on his Committee adjustments.

After brief further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

December 1, 2020

Date Approved