

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
December 1, 2020

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 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, John A. Styer, Bryant J. Glick, Michael H. Kurtz and Harry M. Klinger. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Mayor M. Timothy Bender, Police Chief William Leighty and reporter Carole Deck. Others in attendance included residents Patricia Smith and Mike Ireland.

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 meeting of November 3, 2020 be approved as distributed. 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 Bryant Glick and passed. Members Burkhart and Styer abstained to avoid any appearance of conflict with any business either may own.

Police Chief Leighty then reviewed his monthly summary Report. There were 246 total incidents filed, which included 13 arrests, of which 8 were felonies or misdemeanors. There were two non-traffic summaries issued. There were three DUI's. Of six accidents, two were reportable. Thirty-two traffic citations were issued and 11 warnings. There were also 11 alarm responses. The one contact related to a juvenile had to be referred to District Court.

Police Chairman Burkhart asked the Chief to express Council's appreciation to Officer Reifsnyder for his efforts involving the three DUI stops last month.

Property/Personnel Chair Styer noted for information purposes that B.J. Baldwin Electric donated its electrical portion of the cost of replacing the old underground electric line at Community Memorial Park, extending from the Seymour Building, west to the Veteran's Monument. This \$2,458 cost was donated back to the Veterans' Monument of ELANCO organization. The Borough's Streets/Parks/Maintenance staff assisted with the project.

Chairman Styer next reported that December is Council's traditional time of year to recognize those employees with their various years of service milestones reached during the year. The employees to be recognized and thanked for their long service are the police officers, each for 20 years of service: Troy Deshong, Wendell Metzler and John Yanarella; and for 35 years of service, Borough Manager/Secretary Richard Fulcher. These staff are presented with Certificates of Appreciation in later December.

Streets Chairman Kurtz reported he had one action item for this evening; noting a second one planned involving street paving has been delayed. At last month's meeting there was a question concerning the specifications and type of wheels involved but he understands this has been squared away so Council can proceed with the planned replacement dump truck as approved in the budget for 2021. He then made the motion that the 2021 Freightliner chassis from Transteck of Harrisburg be approved for ordering and purchase under state bid at the cost budgeted as \$81,616, with the dump bed, snow plow and cinder spreader to be from Lancaster Truck Bodies at a projected cost of \$61,500. Todd Burkhart seconded the motion, noting he has reviewed the corrected specifications. The motion passed.

There were no Finance, Water or Wastewater action items presented.

Mayor Bender reported the monies received through the Police Department the past month as: \$623.33 from the District Justice's office; \$210 from Accident Reports; \$20 from fingerprinting; and \$10 from parking fines. He wants to also take the opportunity to thank the three police officers cited earlier for their longevity and 20 years of service milestones and Manager/Secretary Fulcher for his long service and dedication to the Borough. As a reminder, the annual Christmas on Main is still scheduled for this Saturday, with the tree lighting at 6 p.m. As everyone is aware, activities have been greatly modified due to the Coronavirus pandemic environment.

Manager Fulcher reported that the Fire Company was scheduled to do some confined space type practice at the Timbers Playground at Community Memorial Park this evening. In relation to the on-street downtown wreaths, four of the six new snowflakes have not yet been received and the lighted display of a family of Carolers that is to be paid for by the New Holland Kiwanis Club and placed in the northwest corner of Towne Centre Green, has also not been delivered in time for this year.

Library Board Treasurer Mike Ireland reported that with the recent significant increase in the number of the pandemic Coronavirus cases, many libraries in the county have again shut down. At this time, utilizing the stringent mask, distancing, time limitations and so on, the ELANCO Library has remained opened. There is no public access to the computers because of the safety logistics involved. The Leola branch of the Lancaster County Library System has closed permanently. We are now serving more of those folks. Should anyone inquire about the ELANCO Library and its approved service area formally expanding to part of the area covered by the Leola Library, which is now covered by the City's library, please have them talk with him or other Board members. The Library was fortunate to receive \$16,630 from the recent Extra Give event. In 2019 the total was around \$10,000.

There being no further business or public comment, President Herrington stated that Council will convene into Executive Session to discuss a police personnel matter. The Mayor, Chief, Sergeant and Secretary also attended.

Upon reconvening into regular session, Todd Burkhart made the motion that based on the information and facts presented and the recommendation of the Police Chief, Officer Fritz be suspended without pay for three days. This was seconded by Bryant Glick. President Herrington asked for a roll call.

Patrick Morgan—Yes
Harry Klinger—Yes
Bryant Glick—Yes
Michael Kurtz—Yes

John Styer—Yes
Todd Burkhart—Yes
Donald J. Herrington—Yes

The motion passed.

Member Burkhart noted he had a miscellaneous item and showed some recent pictures of the rear yards of some businesses on the south side of the 100 block of East Main Street, from North Railroad Avenue, going west for three or four properties. The pictures indicated an accumulation of debris, miscellaneous broken items, even a mattress, existing on the back side of these properties.

Manager Fulcher reported this situation is on the enforcement list. The property inspection assistant just returned from some time off and the enforcement process is set to begin in the near future.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was recessed until 12 noon, Thursday, December 3, 2020.

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Recessed to

December 3, 2020

The New Holland Borough Council met in reconvened session on Thursday, December 3, at noon in Borough Council chambers. All members were present: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, Patrick K. Morgan, Michael H. Kurtz; and John A. Styer, Bryant J. Glick and Harry M. Klinger were present via phone.

President Herrington reconvened the session of December 1, 2020, noting that the main items today are the final steps required in the budget process, involving the final budget adoption and the real estate levy required to support it.

Patrick Morgan made the motion that Resolution #520, which provides final approval to the preliminarily approved 2021 Borough budget, be approved. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Todd Burkhart made the motion that Resolution #521, which adopts the 2021 real estate tax levy in New Holland Borough at 3.25 mills, be approved. This was seconded by Bryant Glick and passed.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

January 5, 2021

Date Approved