

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Authority
October 20, 2020

The New Holland Borough Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 8:30 a.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: Chairman Robert P. Johnson, Secretary Michael Kurtz, Treasurer Jack Schnader and Lino (Lee) Vescovich. Vice-Chairman Ernie Orr was absent. Also present were Authority Manager/Recording Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Water Department Supervisor Clete Stone, Wastewater Supervisor Tina Myers and water consultant Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering.

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

Lee Vescovich made the motion that the Minutes of the Authority's prior meeting of July 14, 2020 be approved, noting that in the last paragraph of the front page he believes the initial contract total number indicated has a typo of the last number of 400 which is to be 500. This was then seconded by Jack Schnader and passed.

Water consultant Bologna reported that numerous contractors' drawing submittals are still under review but the contractors are moving forward. The Borough water staff is marking the impacted trees to be removed. The contractor is planning to be on-site next Monday the 26th. The monthly Requests for Payment are expected to start sometime after that. These will be reviewed and approved first by his firm, as well as the record of wage rates; they are then forwarded to the Borough office for the payment process. He did meet recently with the owners of the property to the north of the Borough's in relation to the need for them to relocate their fence on Borough property.

Borough Wastewater Department Supervisor Myers reported that she received a draft updated five year NPDES Permit on Friday, October 16. This is the one we have been waiting for since 2013. Once the draft is published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, the Borough has 30 days to respond to the proposed draft and its proposed changes. The draft contains numerous potential "big" changes, as DEP continually reduces allowable levels in a plant's effluent, some lowered, some new ones, though the Phosphorus and Nitrogen numbers are the same. It proposes a drop on the Chlorine Residual level, which if it holds could require some type of de-chlorinization process or the use of an ultra-violet system; both of which would not be cheap. The Chlorine Contact Tank in use is one of the four remaining carry-

overs from the original plant. Other elements cited included: free-cyanide, chloride, bromide, sulfates and the total dissolved solids. They also want the stream impact toxicity testing done annually; which, depending on results, could require a toxicity reduction evaluation study. Some of these could include discussions about adjustments in some manner with the Borough's water system.

Chairman Johnson inquired about the potential lowered chlorine residual.

Supervisor Myers stated the proposed change is to go from the current .5 percent to .07 percent. There is an additional issue with this because as you lower the chlorine to that level, not all of the fecal chloroform is removed at that chlorine level. Concerning the proposed cyanide level, there is a three-year period to meet this concern. This will involve initial testing to identify current, if any, detectable levels. She noted that local industry CNH could be a possible contributor but they have made major improvements to their painting and other systems for chemical content and contaminants over the past few years. Basically, she will work with wastewater consultant Dave Shirk of Bucharth-Horn about a plan to address these concerns in the draft and she will be starting preliminary testing to get ahead of our response.

In response to a general inquiry, Manager Fulcher noted that the Borough suspended the normal utility shut off procedure for the past two quarters but overall the coronavirus situation did not seem to impact many people. The late payers generally remained the same group.

Water Supervisor Stone noted that his Department received about the normal amount of initial Notice quarterly shut-offs @35, and usually by actual shut-off day all but three or four have paid; with most paying by the end of the day.

Member Vescovich expressed his thanks to Wastewater Supervisor Myers for his recent tour of the wastewater plant.

Mike Kurtz then made the motion that the bills be paid as prepared. This was seconded by Lee Vescovich, and passed. The bills were:

Becker Engineering	\$2,640.00
T-Mobile—Grandview	Ck#1519
Becker Engineering	\$840.00
T-Mobile—Grandview	Ck#1520

Clean Energy Maintenance	\$5,891.40
Landscaping to repair Locust St. Prop. (sewer pipe)	Ck#484
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There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

January 19, 2021
Date Approved