

MINUTES  
New Holland Borough Council  
January 5, 2021

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 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 were residents: Jonathan Brown, Rebekah Brown, Mike Ireland and Ken Wright.

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

Todd Burkhart made the motion that the Minutes for Council's meeting of December 1, 2020, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by John Styer and passed.

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

Police Chair Burkhart requested Police Chief Leighty to review the monthly Department Report.

Chief Leighty reported 220 incidents in the past month, resulting in a 2020 total of 3,992. There were nine arrests, three of which were felonies; six were non-traffic summaries. There were 10 accidents in the Borough the past month; 9 of which were reportable. Twelve traffic citations were issued; as well as five warnings. There were three juvenile contacts, two of which had to be referred to Juvenile court. The third page of the Report indicates various training activities, some of which are conducted via the internet through Zoom.

Chairman Burkhart noted his appreciation to the Chief and the officers involved in the unfortunate incident of an elderly person recently being hit by a vehicle; and to please express Council's recognition to the officers for the handling of the incident.

Chairman Burkhart then made the motion that Resolution #522, which identifies five (5) percent of pay as the police officers' contribution into the Police Pension Plan for 2021, be approved. This was seconded by Bryant Glick and passed.

Chairman Burkhart then made the motion that the proposed Side Letter of Agreement between the Borough and the New Holland Police Officers' Association which allows any earned Kelly Time, Compensatory Time and/or Personal Days which were earned in 2020 but were unable to be used by an officer during 2020 because of the Covid virus pandemic, be allowed to be used through August 31, 2021. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan, and passed.

Member Burkhart stated even though the Business Association's Christmas on Main event had to be canceled, on behalf of the Association he wants to again thank the Manager and Streets Department's crew for preparing all the pre-festivity elements in preparation for it. He also noted in the bills that it appears some Borough services are being performed by businesses not in the Borough when he feels there are places such work could be kept with Borough taxpaying businesses.

Property Chairman Styer made the motion that Council approve the use of Council Chambers by the Board of the Community Memorial Park Association for its Board activities, as allowed in the past, for 2021. This was seconded by Bryant Glick and passed.

Streets Chairman Kurtz made the motion that proposed Resolution #524, which approves the inclusion of a small section of South Kinzer Avenue which is in Earl Township, but adjoins the Borough's portion to its west, be included in the scope of the Borough's overlay work, as planned with and to be reimbursed by Earl Township. This was seconded by Harry Klinger and passed.

Chairman Kurtz noted that in conjunction with Resolution #524, there is a required approval of a formal Inter-governmental Agreement between the Borough and Earl Township for the agreed street work process; a copy of which was included in Council packets. This has been reviewed and coordinated with Borough Solicitor Harris and the Earl Township Solicitor. He then made the motion that Council approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Borough and Earl Township needed for the inter-governmental street work cooperation relative to Earl Township's section of South Kinzer Avenue. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Chairman Kurtz continued, noting that as stated earlier, this year's Christmas on Main event of the New Holland Business Association had to be canceled, however, he understands it is already working on 2021's plans for it. They have identified their usual request for street use and closures involved with it. He then made the motion that the streets use and closure request of the New Holland Business

Association for its Christmas on Main event, for Saturday, December 4, 2021, to close Main Street, between Railroad Avenue, west to Custer Avenue and North Roberts Avenue, Main north to Towne Centre Lane, from 1 pm. to 6 p.m.; and the closing of South Roberts Avenue from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. be approved. This was seconded by Bryant Glick and passed.

Mayor Bender reported on the monies received through the Police Department the past month as: \$1,094.55; \$105 from Accident reports; and \$10 from parking fines. He noted the totals for the year are also indicated on the Chief's Report.

Manager Fulcher stated that the lighted carolers display being provided to the Business Association for its Christmas on Main activities, as well as the four new pole decorations arrived December 28<sup>th</sup>. He will again be working with the Business Association to see if the eight remaining old wreath decorations can be planned for replacement this year.

Member Glick inquired how the cleanup of the outside storage and other debris was progressing in the 100 block of East Main, south side.

Manager Fulcher stated one property has done significant cleanup and the others have been notified.

Member Burkhart mentioned that it looks like one of them may have added things.

President Herrington noted that if no one has any pressing group discussion items and with the overall pandemic environment, it is suggested to cancel the January Workshop. A special meeting can be called if something unexpected arises.

Mike Kurtz made the motion that the January Workshop be canceled. This was seconded by Harry Klinger and passed.

There being no other business or public comment, President Herrington stated that Council will convene an Executive Session to discuss a police personnel matter.

Upon reconvening back into regular session, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

February 2, 2021  
Date Approved