

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
February 2, 2021

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 2, 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. Others present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Mayor M. Timothy Bender and Police Chief William Leighty. Others in attendance included Chief of Garden Spot Fire Rescue Darryl Keiser and residents Mike Ireland and Ken Wright.

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 meeting of January 5, 2021, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by John Styer and passed.

Patrick Morgan made the motion that the bills be paid as prepared and the Financial Report be accepted. 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.

Chief of Garden Spot Fire Rescue Darryl Keiser then reviewed the annual Report of Activities for 2020. He noted as a reminder that other than the front cover summary, the Report's format was changed in 2019 to a different standardized method. The summary cover page was added back at the request of the Borough to continue with it. Of the other main pages, page two provides a more detailed breakdown of incidents with fire losses. The other pages continue with various statistical data related to incidents. On page three, they have included comparison of average response time and turnout (leave station) with the Ambulance service. The Fire Company's average response time to site is seven minutes, twenty seconds; and for the first unit to arrive and then leave the station is three minutes, fifteen seconds. Friday is still the peak call day.

In response to a question from Mayor Bender, Chief Keiser stated that the information reported under "Overlapping" situations is when the Fire Company is already on a call and gets a call for assistance elsewhere. Garden Spot Fire Rescue has extra equipment those other Company's do not have. He then continued, reporting they are fortunate that three local businesses allow a good number of

their employees to respond to daytime calls. These are: Country Lane Gazebos to Station Two; the business 10-8 to Station One; and the fire truck service in East Earl Township behind the former headquarters of Blue Ball Bank, to Station Three. Three other things he wants to mention are that the Fire Company received COVID grant funds to support its operations; most meetings with officers are still being held through the media Zoom; and there was one HazMat incident in Earl Township in 2020 which involved 17 hours of attendance.

Beginning with the snowstorm of December 16, 2020, they have had members stay at the stations during the storms. They keep them busy by doing some training, assisting with ambulance calls and driving around and clearing the area around fire hydrants. The annual Awards Banquet and Ceremonies this year will be held virtually through Zoom and the general public will have access. They hope to have an educational aspect with it. The Summer Day Camp which had to be canceled last year, involving youth 12-14 years of age is planned for this year to be held June 14 through 18. It has not yet been decided if the Summer Bar B Q Fest will be held. They do hope to have a dedication ceremony for the three new Engines on order but the date is uncertain at this time. They intend to provide miniatures of nuts and bolts to those who attend to make them aware that they have paid for these vehicles and can think of it as a part of the Engines that belong to them.

Police Chief Leighty then reviewed his monthly summary Report of Department activities. There was a total of 275 Incidents. Other major activities included 12 total arrests, of which 8 were felonies or misdemeanors; four summary charges; and six DUIs. There were five accidents; four of which were reportable; 25 traffic citations and 8 warnings. The list of the recent training activities and related items is shown on the third page.

Police Chairman Burkhart noted the six DUIs on the Chief's Report, stating his thanks to the Chief and those officers doing a good job with this concern.

Property Chairman Styer reported he has two information items to mention. The first is that the Borough was able to sell by bid through the Municibid public site, the former 2016 police department Ford Explorer for \$6,100; which he feels is a good amount. The other item is that the Borough Streets/Parks Department staff will begin working on removing the deteriorated hockey court area at Community Memorial Park as the weather allows. This involves the removal of the existing elements including asphalt, to provide additional open green area. To help keep the restored open area clear, a number of currently used poles will be removed; one is planned to be relocated because it will still be providing service to other nearby

structures. This is one of the Park Board's supported capital improvements for 2021.

Streets Chairman Kurtz reported there are two street use and closure requests before Council this evening; noting the requesting entity is responsible for obtaining proper traffic control. He then made the motion that Council approve the request of Garden Spot Fire Rescue to close and utilize the portion of East Main Street between Brimmer Avenue, east to Kinzer Avenue, on Sunday, June 13, 2021, for its Car Show and Cruise event, from Noon until 5 p.m. This was seconded by Bryant Glick and passed.

Chairman Kurtz next made the motion that Council approve the request of the New Holland Sales Stables to close Fulton Street on Friday July 2, between South Custer Avenue and South Railroad Avenue for their annual Special Horse Sale Day. This was seconded by Harry Klinger and passed.

Mayor Bender reported the monies received through the Police Department the past month as: \$818.65 from the District Justice's office; \$75 from accident reports; and \$250 from fingerprinting.

Manager Fulcher stated he had a couple of information items to present. The first is that even with the two snow days so far this week, the regular trash and recycle day for the Borough is still to be Thursday. The second item is for next week. Those residents who are on the Borough's community trash program who do not want to use the new trash and/or recycle program totes provided by Eagle Disposal, will be informed to call the Borough office and get on a list to have them picked up, on the same day as regular trash pickup.

Borough resident and Board member of the ELANCO Library, Mike Ireland, then spoke briefly of various elements concerning the Library's activities at this time. They were able to safely hold their annual meeting in January. The new Board President is Mark Delps who lives in Earl Township. They are still open for 32 hours per week; closed on Sunday and Friday. A maximum one-half hour inside book viewing is allowed. Borough resident Lino Vescovich is now on the Board and former Board member Josh Martin is on their fundraising committee. The current schedule will hopefully be able to be expanded after May 1st.

Member Klinger stated he wants to recognize and thank the Streets crew for what he feels was a good job with snow removal with the recent two-day storm.

Member Glick noted he agrees with Mr. Klinger and also asked if the Borough has an ordinance requiring vehicles to be removed from the streets during a snow storm.

Manager Fulcher stated it does not have such an ordinance. If a significant blizzard occurs, the Mayor would be asked to declare a State of Emergency if needed, but otherwise those who keep their vehicle on a street usually have snow piled behind and around the vehicle; which they then have to deal with.

Member Burkhart noted that he saw a few people blowing their snow onto the street. People need to be reminded this causes a hazard and is not permitted.

President Herrington then thanked Chief Keiser for reviewing his Report, noting that the time and dedication of the Chief and members is sincerely appreciated by Council. He also congratulated the Chief on a recent article about him in one of the local newspapers; which outlined his work and time with the Fire Company.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was then adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

March 2, 2021

Date Approved