

MINUTES  
New Holland Borough Council  
March 2, 2021

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, Patrick K. Morgan, John A. Styer, Bryant J. Glick and Harry M. Klinger. Member Michael H. Kurtz was absent. Others in attendance were: Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Mayor M. Timothy Bender, Police Chief William Leighty, reporter Carole Deck and residents Bill Kassinger, Mike Ireland, Ken Wright 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 meeting of February 2, 2021, be approved. 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 Harry Klinger and passed. Members Burkhart and Styer abstained, to avoid any appearance of conflict with any business either may own.

Finance Chairman Morgan made the motion that Council approve the distribution of the first half budgeted payment of \$8,250 to the Eastern Lancaster County Library. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Police Chief Leighty then briefly reviewed his monthly summary Report of Department activities. He noted in particular that there was a total of 258 incidents. There were 12 arrests of which 6 were felonies or misdemeanors; 5 summary offenses; 1 DUI. Of a total 12 accidents, 9 were reportable. There were 11 traffic citations and 5 warnings; and 6 juvenile contacts, 1 of which had to be referred to Juvenile Court. The listing of major officer involved activities is shown on the second page.

Member Glick inquired if the Chief knew yet if our Department will be holding National Night Out this year.

Chief Leighty stated it has not been settled at this time and things still remain unclear with the pandemic situation.

Member Klinger noted that as included in the Report, both the complementary email and letter of appreciation of Department services are indicative of a good Chief and Department.

Committee Chair Burkhart also complemented the Chief and officers on the recent dealings arresting a pedophile as well as the unfortunate issue of an infant death.

Chairman Burkhart reported he has another item that just came up in the past day or so which has been requested by the Police Officers' Association. This involves the allowance of the officers to provide some of their individual sick hours to a fellow officer, should the need arise. There is no cost to the Borough for this. He then made the motion that the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough and the Police Association be approved. He noted this has been prepared by the consulting attorney. This was seconded by John Styer and passed.

There were no Property, Personnel, Water or Wastewater action items presented.

Streets Committee member Burkhart, representing Chairman Kurtz who is away this evening, made the motion that Council accept the low bid of \$112,565.13 from New Enterprise Stone and Lime, for the planned street overlay work for 2021. The work areas planned are: East Conestoga Street, from North Custer Avenue east to the North Roberts intersection; the Hemlock Lane cul de sac in Ashlea Village; East Jackson, west from South Railroad approximately 393 feet; and South Kinzer Avenue, from the railroad property, south to the Borough line. This will include a small section of roadway owned by Earl Township, the cost for which the Borough is to be reimbursed. The low bid is approximately \$10,000 under budget estimate. Four bids were received. This was then seconded by Patrick Morgan and passed.

Member Burkhart next made the motion that Council approve the request of the New Holland Band to close East Jackson Street between South Kinzer Avenue and Park Avenue on Sunday, July 11, 2021 for its Antique Car Show, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. He noted this will be the 40<sup>th</sup> year for the Show. The sponsor remains responsible for obtaining proper traffic control for the event. This was seconded by Bryant Glick and passed.

Member Burkhart stated that on another matter, some may not be aware but due to a number of reasons during the numerous seemingly continuous pattern of snow storms over a number of days, the Streets crew was down some personnel and staff of the Water and Wastewater Departments stepped up to assist in the clearing efforts. He wants to commend all those who did this work.

Mayor Bender reported the monies received through the Police Department the past month as: \$1,212.01 from the District Justice's office; \$120 from Accident Report copies; and \$75 from fingerprinting. As far as last month's Police Department elements, he wants to recognize the Certification on Safe Policing for Communities received from the PA Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, following its review of Departmental operations. He commended the Chief for the Borough's receipt of this.

Manager Fulcher then reported a few information item updates. Removal of the old deteriorated hockey court at Community Memorial Park should begin soon, as the winter weather breaks. This project is supported by the Board of Community Memorial Park. The Kiwanis Club has met its commitment to the purchase of the new holiday Carolers planned for use on Towne Centre Green. The New Holland Business Association also provided four new street pole snowflake decorations.

There being no further business or Borough discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

April 6, 2021  
Date Approved