

MINUTES
New Holland Borough
May 4, 2021

The New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 4, 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 Michael H. Kurtz. Member Harry M. Klinger was absent. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Mayor M. Timothy Bender, Police Chief Bill Leighty and reporter Carole Deck. Others in attendance included Borough Water Department Supervisor Clete H. Stone, Jr., his wife Denny Stone, Eric Stone of Morgantown, residents Carol Flora, Robert P. Johnson, Rebekah Brown, Jonathan Brown, Ken Wright, Jack Schnader, Judy Taylor, John Taylor, business owner Linda DiBartolo and associate Bill Heagy, Sr., members of Boy Scout Troop 48, Marc DeChristopher, Josh Hadden, Brian Miller, Jonathan Tilley and Jack Bruggeman; New Holland water consultant Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering, Keyla Salas of Earl Township and Jen Stoltzfus, writer for the Lancaster Patriot organization newsletter.

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

Bryant Glick made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of April 6, 2021, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by John Styer and passed.

Patrick Morgan made the motion that the Minutes of Council's Workshop of April 28, 2021, 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 Mike Kurtz and passed. Members Burkhart and Styer abstained to avoid any appearance of conflict with any business they may own.

Personnel Chairman Styer reported that a main action of business this evening is his privilege to recognize retiring Water Department Supervisor Clete Stone, who is present this evening. Mr. Stone finishes this week after 47 years of employment in the Borough's Water Department; the last 25 as Water Department Supervisor. Chairman Styer stated his congratulations and appreciation for a job well done. Mr. Stone's good work will be felt by the community for many years to come.

Vice-President Burkhart stated the Borough's water system looks a lot different now than it did in the early 1980's. Back then there was always a concern if there was a large fire, would the Borough's system be able to provide an adequate supply.

President Herrington asked Mr. Stone to step forward and then informed him that in recognition of his 47 years of service to the Borough in the Water Department, the new well building on a corner of Groff Park is to be named after him. The plaque of recognition on the new structure will read:

The Cletus H. Stone, Jr. Building
May 2021
In Recognition of 47 Years (5/74 – 5/21) of Dedicated
Service in the Water Department
of New Holland Borough
Department Supervisor
5/1996 – 5/2021

Mr. Stone thanked President Herrington and noted he also had a good staff assisting in the Department.

Police Chairman Burkhart reported that a recently retired police officer, Wendell Metzler, passed away a few weeks ago; and asked for a moment of silence in his memory.

Police Chief Leighty then reviewed his monthly summary Report. There was a total of 256 incidents. Arrests totaled 14, of which 6 were felonies and misdemeanors. There were two DUI arrests. There were eight accidents of which five were reportable; 16 citations and 9 warnings. All three of the juvenile contacts had to be referred to District Court. In response to an inquiry concerning the possibility of a Police Night Out event this year, he noted that there is a lot of officer time involved with this. At this time, with so many unknowns still existing, it is not being worked on. They are again looking at something similar to last year when a special Shred-It event was held at the Park along with a local organization's chicken bar-b-q and maybe add an area for a drop off for donations to the local food bank.

Member Morgan noted that it was nice to see the letter in the Chief's Report from an area resident thanking the Chief and officers for helping to keep the community safe.

Chairman Burkhart then made the motion that Council approve the purchase of a newer vehicle for the Detective, as planned and budgeted for. The purchase step process and requirements have been properly addressed. The newer vehicle is a 2018 Subaru Legacy, at a cost of \$17,896 from the New Holland Auto Group. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan and passed.

Chairman Burkhart next made the motion that proposed Ordinance #593, which will establish the Deferred Retirement Option Plan for up to two years under the Police Pension Plan, be tabled until next month's meeting, as all of the final documents have not been received. This was seconded by John Styer and passed.

Wastewater Chairman Glick stated he has no action items to present but wants to commend Department Supervisor Myers and her staff. The PA DEP conducted a recent inspection of the above ground ferrous chloride tank and no violations were identified.

There were no Finance, Property or Streets related items presented.

Water Chairman Kurtz noted that water consultant Bologna is here this evening and is to present an update on the water system and the new well.

Consultant Bologna began by explaining that the Borough's water system currently consists of four supply wells, with another well under construction. The system is owned by the Borough Authority but run and supported by Borough Council. The system is approved for a maximum withdrawal amount of 1.65 million gallons per day by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission which controls such things. The normal current daily average use is about one million gallons per day. The system serves the Borough and most of the growth areas of Earl Township. The existing wells along with the new one, which will be one of the largest in the county, provide alternate sources to rotate during normal use as well as the critical need for redundancy when anything occurs that shuts down one or more of the wells for various reasons. The Susquehanna River Basin Commission also recently released a Water System Review Report of all the systems it oversees. New Holland's system is in its top category. The Borough does treat for the presence of PCEs, chlorinates the water and treats for hardness. In response to a number of questions, it was noted that the system softening goal is 5 grains and no fluoride is added. Member Morgan inquired about the overall general comparison of the system to similar municipalities.

Consultant Bologna stated that as noted by the River Basin Commission, it is a high quality system with good supplies, distribution and service. On a comparable basis, it would be considered very good county and statewide. The Borough has done a great job in building up a first class public water system over the years.

Mayor Bender reported the monies received through the Police Department the past month as: \$2,499.30 from the District Justice's office; \$120 from Accident Reports; \$30 from Parking Fines; and \$25 from Fingerprinting. He is also pleased to be able to take the opportunity to commend retiring Water Department Supervisor Clete Stone for his dedicated service to the Borough. He was a positive value to the water system and his impact to the community can be seen with its good water system. On another matter, he also agrees with Council member Morgan's statement that it was a nice letter of support the Police Department received from an area resident.

Resident Ken Wright stated he would like to compliment local reporter Carole Deck on the nice article she wrote concerning former police officer Metzler.

Manager Fulcher reported that the normal enforcement of items such as miscellaneous property concerns, disabled vehicles, debris and so on are behind a month or so due to staff illness.

Keyla Salas of Earl Township stated those incumbents running for Borough Council are expected to be at another candidate's campaign event at the Fire Hall after this meeting.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

June 1, 2021
Date Approved