

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
June 1, 2021

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 1, 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 Bill Leighty and reporter Carole Deck. Others in attendance included Borough water consultant Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering, residents Mike Ireland, Ken Wright and Rebecca 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 May 4, 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 Harry Klinger and passed. Members Burkhart and Styer abstained to avoid any appearance of conflict with any business they may own.

Property Chairman Styer reported he has no action items however just as a project information update, the work on the former hockey court area at Community Memorial Park continues. As weather allows, topsoil will be brought in, leveled and seeded. The pool is set to open Saturday the 5th; fortunately, only minor, normal maintenance elements had to be addressed. In response to a question, he noted that the projected chlorine shortage this season is not expected to impact operations, and the available lifeguard staff seems to be adequate. There is also a new classification of membership being tried this season. This is called a "Group" rate. A Group is defined as six or less people that do not need to be in the same household. This should be attractive for the various combinations such as grandparents, babysitters, family friends and the like.

Police Chief Leighty then briefly reviewed his monthly Report. There was a total of 335 incidents. Of the 13 total arrests, 6 were felonies or misdemeanors, 4 of were summary offenses and 3 DUIs. There were five juvenile contacts of which one had to be referred to district court. There were 31 citations and 7 warnings.

Chairman Burkhart noted appreciation to the officers involved with numerous DUI citations and the Chief can let them know.

Chairman Burkhart then made the motion that proposed Ordinance #593, related to the Deferred Retirement Option Plan, be tabled until Council's July meeting. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan and passed.

Member Klinger stated he had some concerns when reviewing the monthly Report's chart of activity by officer. He is concerned about the variation in numbers.

Chief Leighty explained that one officer was off for the month, one is on special assignment, another was committed to some other duties.

Member Morgan noted that the current situation causes some additional overtime and inquired about the status of applicant responses for potential new officers. He wants it to be clear that Council is moving forward with the process of searching for new officers.

Chief Leighty reported that about 10 applications were received. This is not many; the initial background steps are being taken. This is not usually a good time to seek officers.

Chairman Burkhart noted that last month's unusual situation caused additional, non-regular overtime.

Streets Chairman Kurtz reported that the Farmers' Fair Association has decided to proceed with the Fair and related parade this year. He then made the motion that Council approve the Fair and provide street use request of the Farmers' Fair Association. This is for the Fair: Tuesday, September 28, 1 p.m. to Sunday, October 3, 2021, 8 a.m. For the parade: Wednesday, September 29, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.; utilizing Jackson Street from Ranck Road west to South Custer Avenue, north to Broad Street, east to North Railroad Avenue; south to Main Street, then east to Kinzer Avenue. This was seconded by Bryant Glick and passed.

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

Mayor Bender reported the monies received through the Police Department the past month as: \$2,284.92 from the District Justice's office; \$75 from Accident Reports; \$80 from parking fines; and \$135.64 from fingerprinting. He noted he

was able to attend the recent 75th Anniversary of the local VFW Post #7362 and presented a Proclamation to them congratulating them on the Anniversary as well as their service to their country. He is encouraged to see the Fair Association planning on its fair this year. This may help restore some sense of normalcy to the community after a long period of pandemic impacts.

Manager Fulcher reported that a private group has rented a pavilion at Community Memorial Park for the afternoon, however, they are advertising their private event and misleading people as a “Community Fest”, inviting the public, supposedly providing free food to the public. This is a first-time situation where a group is attempting to get around regular pavilion use and turn it into something else. They are not a municipal or related community organization. They have been denied use of a bounce house and are required to provide a \$1million insurance policy covering the Borough.

Member Styer noted that perhaps the use regulations or the ordinance may need updating.

Member Glick stated he believes that Terre Hill Borough uses regulations that limit use of their pavilions to the maximum amount the pavilion can hold.

Manager Fulcher stated he will review these to see if the rules and process needs modified.

ELANCO Library Board Treasurer Mike Ireland expressed the Board’s Thanks to Council for allowing its Streets, Parks, Maintenance staff to repaint the lines in the Library’s parking lot. The major good news is that except for in-person kids story time programs, the Library is back in full operation mode. The returned books are able to be processed immediately without a wait period. With the return to much normalcy, two new part-timer employees have started; both with good related work experience.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

July 6, 2021
Date Approved