

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
August 3, 2021

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 5:30 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, Solicitor Bradford J. Harris and reporter Carole Deck. Others in attendance included Borough water consultant Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering, residents Bill Kassinger, Jonathan Brown and Rebekah Brown, Borough business owner Javon Shirk of New Holland Church Furniture and attorney Dwight Yoder.

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 July 6, 2021, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Harry Klinger 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 businesses they may own.

President Herrington then opened the Public Hearing for the Re-zoning Petition before Council.

Attorney Yoder stated he is here representing the business owners involved with the re-zoning request, noting that the two private property owners in the area involving the north side of Prospect Street have also signed in support of the re-zoning. Since he and a number of the owners have been through an information session as well as the formal process with the Planning Commission and with Council at a Workshop session, they hope not to take up much of Council's time this evening. Those meetings helped clarify some of the initial elements, resulting in a few minor modifications. The matter consists of three main items. The first is the property J.M. Lapp is on. This is requested to be rezoned from its current M designation to the C-2 designation, not including however the section at the 330 East Main Street entrance and the other Main Street driveway access further east, both of which will remain in C-1. The other two elements are that a parcel to the

immediate west of New Holland Custom Woodwork which is already owned and used by them, is currently in the R-2 district and they would like it rezoned to the M district. The third part involves the remaining parcels between New Holland Custom Woodwork property and Brimmer Avenue. This includes the properties held privately in residential use. This area is requested to be rezoned from its current R-2 to C-2. The main owner involved here, Musselman Lumber, feels this will provide much more practical use to the properties in this area, for future mixed-use possibilities.

In response to a number of questions, attorney Yoder noted that the lot involving New Holland Custom Woodwork is already owned by it and by way of Zoning Board approval is already used for a manufacturing support building. The prior information meetings were helpful regarding everyone's questions and the minor clarifications involved prior to the formal presentation. The owners involved believe the mixed-use possibilities would be a benefit to the Borough.

In response to a question, Manager Fulcher noted the potential future mixed-use possibilities as well as the zoning changes should result in a long-term benefit to the financial position of the Borough.

Member Morgan reported he has looked at this closely and feels the potential for mixed uses under the new zoning will be a benefit to the Borough as well as allowing the various businesses to have alternatives for a possible increase in the Borough's tax base, compared to a more restrictive situation.

Borough Planning Commission Chairman Kassinger stated that the Commission feels this is a win-win for the owners and the Borough. As indicated in the file, they strongly support it and recommend approval.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was concluded.

President Herrington then asked if there was Council consideration for action on the matter.

Mike Kurtz made the motion that proposed Ordinance #593, which approves the requested rezoning requests as reviewed by Solicitor Harris be approved. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart. The roll was:

Patrick Morgan—Yes	John Styer—Yes	
Harry Klinger—Yes	Todd Burkhart—Yes	
Bryant Glick—Yes	Don Herrington—Yes	Mike Kurtz—Yes

The motion passed. Ordinance #593 was adopted.

New Holland Ambulance Association Chief Darrell Fisher then briefly reviewed the annual Report of the Service. During the 2020-21 operating year their 8th EMT program was completed. They currently have 5 paid employees and 112 active volunteers. In the past operational year, they responded to 3,130 emergency 911 calls. Mondays and Thursdays are the currently busiest call days. They are the quickest responding agency in the county; something they are proud of. The volunteers are often by choice, in the station ready to roll; logging over 56,500 “on-call” hours of time. They are fortunate that they have been able to replace their vehicles as needed on basically a regular schedule. As a reminder, this prior operating year was impacted by the consolidation of the Leola Ambulance Service with New Holland. This provided a much larger service area with sections of Upper Leacock and West Earl Townships. They did downsize by two vehicles when the merger took place. They also appreciate that in New Holland, the police respond with the calls.

Member Klinger stated where he grew up in the country, the area service there at that time was nothing like ours is today in this region. He commends the New Holland Ambulance Service for its operations.

Vice-President Burkhart noted he also thanks Chief Fisher and the crew members for their effort and a phenomenal response time.

Mayor Bender stated he echoes those comments of appreciation and believes that a well run organization is a reflection of its leadership, which is Chief Fisher and the others overseeing the operation.

President Herrington noted all of Council’s and the New Holland community’s appreciation and thanked Chief Fisher for his Report.

Police Chief Leighty then briefly reviewed his monthly Report of Department activities. There was a total of 353 Incidents. There were 12 arrests, of which 9 were felonies or misdemeanors; one summary offense and one DUI. There was only one reportable accident and only one juvenile contact which was referred to the Youth Aid Panel. There were 40 medical response assists. There were 43 citations and 9 warnings. The third page has the list of main community meetings he or the officers attended during the month. He also wants to note the good working relationship he and the Department have with the Ambulance Association and Chief Fisher.

Member Klinger noted that during his time on Council he enjoys seeing the letters of thanks to the Department from various residents or businesses, for their services.

Wastewater Chairman Glick stated he has no action items for consideration but did want to report that the Borough's Wastewater plant's Class A Bio-solids process was recognized recently by the Pennsylvania Water Environment Federation under its Beneficial Use of Bio-solids Award program. He commends Department Supervisor Myers, her staff and Manager Fulcher for the oversight and operation of this process.

Streets Chairman Kurtz reported he had no action items but wanted to inform others that the signal at Main and Diller-Mentzer, is operating on its default cycle, as one of the control cameras stopped working and is being rebuilt at the manufacturer.

Mayor Bender reported the monies received the past month through the Department as: \$939.79 from the District Justice's office; \$60 from Accident Reports; and \$287.09 from finger printing.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

September 7, 2021

Date Approved