

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Authority
July 20, 2021

The New Holland Borough Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in Borough Hall. All members were present: Chairman Robert P. Johnson, Vice-Chairman Michael H. Kurtz, Treasurer Jack E. Schnader, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Ernest M. Orr and Lino J. Vescovich. Also present were Authority Manager/Recording Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Borough Water Department Supervisor Jesse Kern, Borough Wastewater Department Supervisor Tina Myers, water consultant Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering and recently retired Water Department Supervisor Clete Stone.

Chairman Johnson opened the meeting, asking for action on the Minutes of the prior meeting.

Jack Schnader made the motion that the Minutes of the Authority's meeting of April 20, 2021, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Mike Kurtz and passed.

Wastewater Department Supervisor Myers then reported on some items related to the recently approved NPDES Permit. Three main items are, first there is a first time Cyanide limit on the new Permit. The limit is .007ppm. We have so far been below the limit. If we cannot show normal operations can maintain below the limit, we will have to move on to remediation studies. She is hoping with the initial results we are just required to monitor regularly. A second item is that the Chlorine Residual limit has again been lowered. This new limit will probably negatively impact the ability to properly kill the bacteria. At this time, an ultra violet system might be the currently available most feasible alternative. No discussions or estimates have taken place at this point. The third item is that the Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) tests, which relate to the microscopic impacts in the discharge waterway, are now required every year instead of every three years.

The members next briefly discussed the regular operational situation which includes some flows from Earl Township on the west end of town and East Earl from the east end of town; although the more recent approval was to provide an additional 10,000 gallons per day to the Earl Township allotment to assist that small industrial area between the Borough and the East Earl line, originated by Bob Martin. The plant accepts septage and septic waste from area haulers as well as treated sledge from the Earl Township plant which is then processed through the

Biosolids process. These activities can be handled without issues in the plant and they provide some income.

Manager Fulcher reported that the Borough just received notice that the Borough's Treatment Plant's Biosolids operation received recognition under the PA Water Environment Association's annual Awards program. The award recognized the beneficial process and the ability to have this reused on farmland or other grounds.

Chairman Johnson noted that the first item of business under Water is to recognize recently retired Supervisor of the Water Department, Clete Stone. Mr. Stone also recently received a Recognition of his service from the Pennsylvania State Senate. As well as both Council and the Authority members supported naming the new well structure after him: The Cletus H. Stone, Jr. Building. The members expressed their congratulations to Mr. Stone.

Water Consultant Bologna then reported on the status of the new well project. The work progress has been good. The new generator is in place. Walabax Construction which has the general contract, has indicated there may be a manufacturer's delay in the initial anticipated date of planned arrival on site. They are not sure yet. This would probably cause a delay in original completion date. This is not under the control of the contractor so a liquidated damages discussion does not apply. He then outlined and explained the three Change Orders recommended for approval.

Change Order #1, which is issued for all three contracts, involves the required additional non-discrimination wording in the contracts to meet the requirements of the state grant. There is no cost impact with this one. Change Order #2 is for Contract I only. This involved the main elements of over-excavation due to soil conditions. There were some plus and minus elements with this but the situation caused some additional excavation. A second item with this was the need for an adjustment involved with the piping location related to the Air Stripper. On site review required a piping layout change. This results in an increase of \$7,401.31. Change Order #2 for Contract II involved a relocation of the interior lighting as well as adding brighter fixtures. The sky lights did not have the lighting impact hoped for and it was felt for safety reasons the number of the interior lights should be increased in number and lumens. This will brighten the maintenance and operation areas of the interior. Additional lumens were added as well as adding six new fixtures and at a greater height. This resulted in a price increase of \$8,217.53.

They have reviewed the details of the elements involved with the proposed Change Orders with the engineers and architects and they feel the unexpected situations warranted the changes and they recommend approval.

Member Vescovich made the motion that the recommended Change Orders be approved as presented. This was seconded by Ernie Orr. The current Change Orders are:

- a. CO#1—All 3 contracts: Clarification of non-discrimination section wording; retroactive to start date No Cost
- b. CO#2—Contract 1—Over-excavation required due to unsuitable soils; and additional piping/insulation/heat trace for the Air Stripper due to the need for an effluent piping layout change +\$7,401.31
- c. CO#2—Contract 2—Revised interior lighting renovations +\$8,217.53

The motion passed.

Authority Manager Fulcher reported that there has been no further information received from the developer who was granted approval to extend the Borough's water line southward under Hollander Road by either himself or Solicitor Harris and the developer's interest in establishing a Developer's Agreement. This could be because it has taken them longer than anticipated to complete the work. A second information item is that Borough Council at its July meeting authorized the utilization of the monies to be received under the federal American Rescue Plan to be received by the Borough, to be utilized towards the new well. The amount, which is made in two payments over two years is approximately \$571,900. The first payment has been received. The second is anticipated about the same time next year. This should significantly reduce any amount of temporarily borrowed in house money from other funds, if needed outside of Water.

Jack Schnader then made the motion that the bills be paid as prepared. This was seconded by Mike Kurtz and passed. The bills were:

Becker Engineering	\$1,236.72
T-Mobile—Grandview	Ck#1535
Becker Engineering	\$2,783.44
T-Mobile—Grandview	Ck#1536

Walabax Construction Contract 1—AFP #7	\$61,001.89 Ck#1537
Walabax Construction Contract 1—AFP#8	\$141,000.98 Ck#1538
Garden Spot Electric Contract 2—AFP#1	\$17,415.00 Ck#1539
Walabax Construction Contract 1—AFP#9	\$231,991.27 Ck#1540
Garden Spot Electric (GSE) Contract 2—AFP#2	\$44,640.00 Ck#1541
Garden Spot Mechanical Contract 3—AFP#2	\$8,730.00 Ck#1542
LCTCB Real Estate Tax School Taxes-Wertztown Rd; 287 Phillip	\$778.72 Ck#1543

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

October 19, 2021
Date Approved