

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
November 2, 2021

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 2, 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 officer Josh Beideman. Others in attendance included Borough water consultant Jeff Bologna and residents Bill Kassinger, Mike Ireland, Dave Horst, Mike Martin, LeeRoy Martin, Ken Wright, Jonathan Brown, Rebekah Brown, Jasmine Groff, Bob Habalar, Barry Nolt, Barbara Nolt, Lamar Long, Ryan Long, Patricia Smith, Colten Martin and business owners Linda DiBartello and Bill Heagy, Sr.

President Herrington opened the meeting, asking for action on the Minutes of Council's two prior meetings.

Bryant Glick made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of October 5, 2021 be approved as distributed. This was seconded by John Styer and passed.

Harry Klinger made the motion that the Minutes of Council's Workshop of October 20, 2021, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Bryant Glick 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.

Police Chief Leighty reviewed his monthly summary Report. There was a total of 285 incidents of which 18 were arrests, 7 felonies/misdemeanors, 10 summaries, non-traffic and 1 DUI. There were eight accidents of which six were reportable. There were 30 citations and 5 warnings. Of the 11 juvenile contacts, 8 were referred to District Court, 2 to Juvenile Court and 1 to the Youth Aid Panel. The Department is set to hold its second Shred-It event at Community Memorial Park this Saturday morning in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club's Chicken Bar B Q. They will also be accepting old flat screen TVs until noon as well as accepting non-perishable food items for the local food pantry.

Council members relayed their concern and support to the officer recently hit by another vehicle while on routine patrol.

Finance Chairman Morgan stated it is the time for Council to act on its budget for 2022. He is pleased to be able to announce that as developed and proposed for 2022, the Borough budget does not call for a tax increase. The real estate millage will remain the same as 2021, 3.25 mills, for the third year in a row. He does want to recognize and thank the Manager, staff and Chief for their efforts in keeping costs down with the Borough operations. The water and wastewater rates are to remain the same. The big impact next year will be the higher cost with the community trash and recycling program. The low bid for the unit pickup portion of cost is to be awarded at this meeting. The new cost impact of the program will be to raise the annual cost to participants from the current \$195 per year to \$280 per year, an \$85 increase. This cost however is market driven and not controlled by the Borough. The \$10 full year pre-pay discount in January will still be utilized.

Member Klinger noted that the good budget situation is not just the efficient Borough operations but along with being cost conscious, the Borough is also debt free. Most municipalities cannot say this and this is a good position to be in.

Chairman Morgan then made the motion that the proposed preliminary Borough budget for 2022 be approved and advertised. The motion was seconded by Harry Klinger. It was noted that final budget approval action is planned for Council's regular meeting of December 7. The motion then passed.

Personnel Chairman Styer reported that this is the meeting during the year when Council takes the opportunity to formally recognize and thank those persons who provide their volunteer time and services to help maintain special Borough property locations. Long-time volunteer Pat Blair continues with her almost daily cleanup of Community Memorial Park and Jim Boose continues to regularly provide playground and other inspections of the grounds at Community Memorial Park. Jim Bailey continues his volunteer time and services to help maintain Groff Park. Two local businesses also continue their donated services to a few special areas of Borough properties. Showcase Lawn Works continues to donate services to plant maintenance at Towne Centre Green and at the Ed Sprecher Memorial area at Community Memorial Park; and Clean Energy Maintenance also continues its donated services to maintain the plantings around the Timbers Playground. The efforts of these folks are greatly appreciated; as well as the continued support of

the Park Association Board for its support of capital needs at the Park. These folks along with the businesses are sent formal letters of appreciation from the Borough. Streets Chairman Kurtz made the motion to approve the request of the New Holland Business Association to cover the parking meters during the holiday season, from Thanksgiving week through January 2, 2022. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Chairman Kurtz next made the motion that the low bid from Eagle Disposal for the new contract for the community trash and recycling program at \$179.28 per unit be accepted. The motion was seconded by Patrick Morgan. It was noted that the next low bid was \$254.16 per unit. The contract is for an initial four-year period. The motion then passed.

There were no action items reported from the Water or Wastewater Committees or Manager.

Mayor Bender reported the monies received through the Police Department the past month as: \$997.31 from the District Justice's office; \$75 from accident reports; \$30 from parking fines; and \$357.55 from fingerprinting. He noted Council's recognition of those persons and businesses who donate their services to helping with the upkeep of those Borough properties, is a good thing to do and he also thanks those persons and businesses. One of the area-wide activities he is involved in, which started out as a local group, is now a wider area activity known as Dementia Friendly Lancaster. This is not only a community wide concern but also national. He noted that he felt the Borough changing its Trick-or-Treat night to the next evening in conjunction with Earl and East Earl Townships due to the extreme weather was better for the participating residents.

ELANCO Library Treasurer Mike Ireland reported that a new Library Director, Anna D'Agostino, has been hired. She previously worked for the Anne Arundel County, Maryland library system. Unfortunately, with the Assistant Director moving into a new position elsewhere, one of the new Director's first major activities will be to search for a new Assistant Director. He then distributed information on an Open House planned for Thursday, December 16, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Library to meet the new Director. The information also included the 2020-2022 Strategic Plan of the Library.

Resident Dave Horst stated he has lived in the Borough the past 35 years and loves the community. He feels the local police force provides a great service in keeping the community safe. As a volunteer Chaplain available to the Department, he has

talked with some officers who have been working long shifts due to current staffing shortages. He encourages Council to be pro-active in maintaining officer staffing. He appreciates the low taxes and efficient operations of the Borough but also realizes that these things cost money. He is aware that former officer Metzler's position is to be replaced but he feels Council should hire an additional officer. He inquired if the Detective position was filled in-house and an officer position then not filled.

President Herrington thanked Mr. Horst for his comments. An additional officer was hired when the former Detective retired. He informed him that Council is in the final stages of hiring both replacement officer needs as well as additional officers. This is planned for under the just approved 2022 preliminary budget. The required Civil Service Commission process has been completed and Council is scheduled to follow through on it in the next few weeks.

Resident Bob Habalar of 195 Wecaf Road stated he is here this evening to talk about water problems he has whenever flooding rains hit. After the numerous storms and the two hurricanes back-to-back a few months ago, he had to use his sump pump a lot. Much of his problem is caused by water coming off the private alley coming down from the driveway entrance for 192 and 194 Hillcrest. He feels the water in the streets should stay on the streets until it drains into the system. That alley area on Hillcrest does not have sidewalk across it and where it ends is not ADA compliant. He hopes the Borough will make something happen there.

Manager Fulcher stated he will plan to have the Borough staff meet with him to review the situation and how those alley owners may be involved.

Resident Lamar Long of 218 Mentzer Avenue inquired when the engineering study concerning the stormwater flows during flooding rains is to be completed. When the street floods in front of his house it then backs up over the curb and up his driveway. It is when people drive thru the water which is almost two and one-half feet deep, that it splashes up against his garage door and damages it. In response to a question, he did note that when the rain slows down, the water does drain off the street within 20 minutes to half an hour.

President Herrington noted that the engineer's report is to be presented next month.

Resident Colton White of 338 West Conestoga Street stated he was somehow identified in the Minutes of Council's meeting of September 7, where it also stated

he made a brief statement. He did not attend that meeting. Someone must have been mistaken for him.

President Herrington thanked Mr. White for bringing that to Council's attention. He then asked for a motion to amend the Minutes of Council's meeting of September 7, 2021 to note this correction.

Patrick Morgan made the motion that Council's Minutes of September 7, 2021 be corrected to delete the inadvertent inclusion of Mr. White at the meeting. This was seconded by Bryant Glick and passed.

Member Styer commented that he is also curious to see what the engineer identifies in the study, however he also wants to caution everybody that it may not be a simple solution in addressing flooding storm conditions and what some expectations may be as to such a situation. It could involve a process of numerous elements and impacts pertaining to some type of possible relief.

There being no further business or public comment, Council convened into Executive Session to discuss police personnel matters. Council, the Mayor, Police Chief and Secretary Fulcher recessed for the Executive Session.

Upon completion of the Executive Session, Council reconvened back into regular session.

Police Chairman Burkhart made the motion that the Side Letter of Agreement between New Holland Borough and the New Holland Borough Police Association, be approved. He noted this allows the current Borough police officer serving on the county's Drug Task Force, Officer Deshong, to be recognized while working for the county at the Detective level of pay under the Collective Bargaining Agreement effective, 1-1-21; upon re-assuming duties with the Borough he is to return to his officer position. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan and passed.

Member Kurtz, who represents Council on the Inter-Municipal Funding Committee which deals with the annual funding requests of Garden Spot Fire Rescue under the inter-municipal funding formula, reported that the Fire Company representatives met with the municipal group last week and presented their requests for financial support for 2022 as well as identifying additional, what they called their "wish list" of other extra things. They indicated they desire to have the municipalities approve a change from the recent vehicle purchases funding support plan identified last year which was a total of \$863,000 from the three

municipalities to be used towards the recent purchase of three new engines, and instead consider paying some of the annual Lease/Purchase payment due in late November; which is a total of \$157,738. This is the first of the 15-year purchase plan. They also passed out an outline of their Apparatus Replacement vision, for which they assume certain amounts of money from the municipalities along with an annual four percent increase. They also threw out the idea of the municipalities combining their vehicle funding support monies into one fund with the Fire Company included as a signer on the account.

It was noted that the Borough's original amount for its proportional contribution to the three new engines was to be a one-time \$284,796. If any continuing support towards the Lease/Purchase plan is done over the years, the amount would be significantly more than as originally approved by the Inter-municipal group. The Fire Company has been informed many times in the past not to assume any set amount of funding from the municipalities in its plans for future vehicle purchases. It was the consensus that when representative Kurtz again meets with the Inter-Municipal Committee, he will let the Manager and Council know what the group recommends for the vehicle purchase approach. There is no commitment related to the Apparatus Replacement funding assumptions made by the Fire Company and the Borough will not be changing its current Emergency Services Reserve Fund to some other situation.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was recessed at 8:25 p.m. to Thursday, November 11, 2021, noon for the consideration of hiring police officers for the Borough.

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New Holland Borough Council met in reconvened session of November 2, 2021, to Thursday, November 11, 2021, noon. All members were present: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, Bryant J. Glick, Michael H. Kurtz and Patrick K. Morgan and John A. Styer via phone. Also present was J. Richard Fulcher, Manager/Secretary.

President Herrington reconvened the meeting, noting that the Police Committee has completed its interview process of the six candidates for police officers. They

report they have interviewed six good candidates and initially recommended moving forward with five of them at this time.

Committee Chairman Burkhart then made the motion that at this time Council approve the conditional hiring of the following candidates for police officer for the Borough: Andrew K. Cruz, Kyle C. Hackney, Derek R. Kanuck, Lori R. King and Shannon T. McCorkle; with the hiring to be contingent upon the candidate's successful completion of the remaining background investigations and procedural requirements. This was seconded by Harry Klinger. The roll was:

Mike Kurtz—Yes	Don Herrington—Yes
Todd Burkhart—Yes	John Styer—Yes
Bryant Glick—Yes	Patrick Morgan—Yes; noting he is
Harry Klinger—Yes	abstaining on candidate Kyle Hackney who
	is the son-in-law of a tenant

The motion passed.

The meeting then adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

December 7, 2021

Date Approved