

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Authority
January 18, 2022

The New Holland Borough Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in Borough Hall. All members were present: Michael H. Kurtz, Lino J. Vescovich, Ernest Orr and via phone Robert P. Johnson and Jack E. Schnader. Others in attendance included Authority Manager/Recording Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Borough Wastewater Department Supervisor Tina Myers, Water Department Supervisor Jesse Kern and Authority water consultant Jeff Bologa of Becker Engineering.

Recording Secretary Fulcher called the meeting to order, asking for nominations for Authority Chairman for 2022.

Lino Vescovich nominated Robert Johnson for Chairman for 2022. Mike Kurtz seconded the nomination. Ernie Orr moved that nominations be closed. This was seconded by Lino Vescovich. Robert Johnson was then elected Chairman for 2022.

Jack Schnader nominated Mike Kurtz for Vice-Chairman for 2022. Mike Kurtz moved that nominations be closed. This was seconded by Lino Vescovich and passed. Mike Kurtz was then elected Vice-Chairman.

Jack Schnader nominated Ernie Orr for Treasurer for 2022. Robert Johnson seconded the nomination. Vice-Chairman Kurtz, noting there was no other nominations, called for election of Treasurer. Ernie Orr was then elected Treasurer.

Jack Schnader nominated Lino Vescovich for Secretary for 2022. Mike Kurtz seconded the nomination. Jack Schnader moved that nominations be closed. This was seconded by Ernie Orr and passed. Lino Vescovich was then elected Secretary for 2022.

Lino Vescovich nominated Jack Schnader for Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Ernie Orr seconded the nomination. Vice-Chairman Kurtz, noting there were no other nominations, called for election of the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Jack Schnader was then elected Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

Lino Vescovich made the motion that the following meeting days and times be established for the Authority's regular meetings: the third Tuesday in the months of April, October and January, and the second Tuesday for the month of July, at 8:30 a.m. This was seconded by Ernie Orr and passed.

Ernie Orr made the motion that the firm of Good and Harris of New Holland be appointed as the Authority Solicitor for 2022. This was seconded by Mike Kurtz and passed.

Lino Vescovich made the motion that the firm of Becker Engineering be appointed as the Authority's water consultants for 2022; and that the firm of Buchart-Horn be appointed as the Authority's wastewater consultant for 2022. This was seconded by Ernie Orr and passed.

Vice-Chairman Kurtz noted that the Board would now move to regular business.

Lino Vescovich made the motion that the Minutes of the Authority's previous meeting of October 19, 2021, be approved. This was seconded by Ernie Orr and passed.

Wastewater Department Supervisor Myers noted she will have the more formal annual Operating Report summary for the Authority's April meeting, but will go over some of the main items discussed in general more recently. As mentioned in the past, the long delayed new five year NPDES Permit was received April 1, 2021. We continue to monitor for Bromide and Chloride and Phosphorus and now for Sulfate. A new limit for Cyanide begins in 2024. The testing of the Cyanide residual during 2021 was within the Permit limit, except for two months when it had spike points. PA DEP is therefore requiring a formal Toxic Reduction Evaluation Study (TRE). This Study needs to outline a plan for continued study of the data, as well as utilizing proper analysis stops to try to identify and address the cause(s). Another major element remains the Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) tests on the stream below the discharge point. This is the test which indicates the impacts of the effluent on the stream with the micro-organisms "Daphnia". The annual test done in September came back negative so a second test was required. This test came back within limits, so it remains currently an annual test, though a first step of doing a Toxic Identification Evaluation must now be completed for it. This could lead to a TRE plan. Some of the major improvements completed in 2021 included correcting the former odd loop in the main collection line at South Kinzer and East Jackson and removing the two underground fuel storage tanks for the emergency generators, one at the plant, the other at the Spruce Road Pump

Station. These and others will be further outlined in the annual Report. The two overflows which took place at the plant during the year were both intense rain related weather events.

Consultant Bologna reported on the status of the progress on the Groff Park Well (Well #5). The contractor continues to have equipment delivery delays not under their control. They have been doing an overall good job. Along with the delay in receiving some equipment, there is also a leak in the 48 inch water pipe which is part of the Chlorine contact hold process. They are not yet sure of the cause of it. This is a contractor responsibility. Some of the main equipment awaiting delivery which is holding up other things, is the insulation jacket and exhaust pipe piece for the emergency generator. The originally extended Substantial Completion Date was for February 2, 2022. Due to the continuing uncontrollable circumstances, they can support and recommend an additional extension. Under the circumstances and a continuing good faith effort, he does not feel there is a need to act adversely as to damages at this time. They recommend approving the necessary Change Orders to the contracts to provide a new Substantial Completion date of April 19, 2022, which is just prior to the Authority’s next meeting, and a Final Completion date of May 6, 2022.

Manager Fulcher noted that under the existing overall negative pandemic impacts, he supports the proposed extension and fortunately there is no emergency.

Lino Vescovich made the motion that Change Order #4 for Contracts 1, 2, and 3 for the new well project extending the Substantial Completion date to April 19, 2022 and the Final Completion date to May 6, 2022, at no charge or costs, be approved as proposed by the consultant. This was seconded by Robert Johnson and passed. The Change Orders were:

<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Changes</u>	<u>Sub. Comp.</u>	<u>Final Comp.</u>	<u>Cost/Impact</u>
1	Extended project time	4/19/2022	5/6/2022	\$0
2	Extended project time	4/19/2022	5/6/2022	\$0
3	Extended project time	4/19/2022	5/6/2022	\$0

Lino Vescovich made the motion that the bills be paid as presented. This was seconded by Ernie Orr and passed. The bills were:

Walabax Construction Services	\$32,771.79
Contract 1, AFP #13	Ck#1552

Garden Spot Mechanical Contract 3, AFP #5	\$92,049.30 Ck#1553
Walabax Construction Contract 1, AFP #14	\$62,806.93 Ck#1554
Becker Engineering Verizon on Grandview and Diller Tanks	\$1,560.00 Ck#1555
Becker Engineering Verizon on Grandview and Diller Tanks	\$2,040.00 Ck#1556
Becker Engineering North Watershed Park	\$260.00 Ck#1557

Manager Fulcher reported for information purposes that preliminary review and design work is underway by the consultants to provide a base sketch plan for the proposed community Butterfly Garden to be located on the approximate two acres of the north wellhead protection area. This project is being sponsored through the Board of Community Park which is a 501(c)3 organization. The community effort will be led by himself, Mayor Tim Bender and former Mayor Wilbur Horning. If the upcoming community fundraiser is successful, it is hoped to be completed by the end of this year.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

April 19, 2022
Date Approved