

MINUTES  
New Holland Borough Council  
April 5, 2022

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 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 Michael N. Martin. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Mayor M. Timothy Bender, Police Chief William Leighty and reporter Carole C. Deck. Others in attendance included Borough stormwater consultant Darrell Becker of ARRO Consulting, Jeff Bologna, water consultant of Becker Engineering, Brian King and Borough residents Bill Kassinger, Lee Vescovich, Jonathan Brown, Rebekah Brown, Ken Wright, Barry Nolt, Barbara Nolt, LeRoy Martin, Vickie Martin, Tom Watson, Doug Martin, Kirk Middlekauf and recently hired new police officers Andrew Cruz, Kyle Hackney, Derek Kanuck, Lori King and Shannon McCorkle, who attended briefly for introduction to those present.

President Herrington opened the meeting, asking for action on the Minutes of the previous meeting.

Bryant Glick made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of March 1, 2022 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 Mike Kurtz and passed. Members Burkhart and Styer abstained to avoid any appearance of conflict with any business they may own.

Police Chief Leighty noted that before reviewing this month's Report he would like to take time to introduce the five new officers recently hired by Council. The Chief then provided a brief bio of each officer, as he introduced officer Kyle Hackney, Andrew Cruz, Shannon McCorkle, Derek Kanuck and Lori King. He then reviewed his Report. There were 346 total incidents. Of 14 total arrests, 6 were felonies or misdemeanors and 8 were non-traffic summary offences. There were two DUI arrests. Of the eight accidents, three were reportable. There were eight juvenile court, six to District court.

Chairman Burkhart suggested the Chief note the recent letter from the District Attorney concerning former county Drug Task Force officer Troy Deshong.

Chief Leighty reported the March 28, 2022 letter is included in his Report. It refers to Borough officer Troy Deshong who has served on the Task Force for a good portion of his employment with the Borough since mid-2013. He just recently returned to service with the Borough. The letter was sent to him from District Attorney Heather Adams.

In the letter, she thanked the Borough for allowing officer Deshong to serve as a Detective with the county. She emphasized he performed an excellent job and played an important role in assisting the Task Force officers. She also commented on his professionalism and commitment to the fight against illegal drugs not only throughout the county but also in the Borough.

Finance Chairman Morgan then made the motion that Council approve payment of the budgeted \$500 donation to the United Veterans' Council in support of its Memorial Day ceremonies. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Property Chairman Styer explained that as part of the upcoming Community Butterfly Garden project under the Community Memorial Park Association to serve as the non-profit organization for donations, which is being led by Manager Fulcher and Mayor Bender, the Manager intends to file a grant application with the state in support of the planned upcoming fundraising for the project. This is easier to do through the Borough. One of the initial steps requires a Resolution approved by the municipality recognizing the Borough officials authorized to sign the paperwork with the grant. This requirement is the reason for proposed Resolution #533, which becomes part of the grant application. He then made the motion that Resolution #533 be approved. This was seconded by Bryant Glick and passed.

Wastewater Chairman Glick stated he had no action items but did want to recognize Wastewater Department Supervisor Myers for another good annual Report of Department activities she recently provided to Council and the Authority. It provides a good overview of major activities in 2021 and priorities for 2022. He thanks and commends Supervisor Myers for the Report and her staff for a continuing good job.

Streets Chairman Kurtz made the motion that Council approve the request of the New Holland Summer Arts Council for the closing of East Jackson Street between South Kinzer Avenue and Park Avenue, on Monday, September 5, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. He noted that the organization is responsible for attaining proper traffic control. The motion was then seconded by Mike Martin and passed.

Chairman Kurtz noted that since last Council meeting, the Committee has been meeting with the engineer as to additional review and discussion of the flow capacities currently involved with the drain and piping in the rear yard of 536 West Conestoga Street. This was to consider if some reasonable approach to increase flow capacities in this section could be identified for Council consideration. The Committee has identified one alternative that it feels it is comfortable recommending to Council. He will make this in the form of a motion for discussion and potential action.

Chairman Kurtz then made the motion that Council approve modifying the stormwater improvement project previously approved to add an additional inlet drain capacity in the rear yard of 536 West Conestoga Street, as well as the removing of the existing 30 inch corrugated metal pipe at this rear yard inlet, which then runs into Manhole #14 in the street, and replace it with a new 36 inch smooth bore heavy duty plastic pipe; and further that the property owners not be charged for this project; however, the owner of 540 West Conestoga Street is to be responsible for the removal and replacement of his fence, for the project to proceed. This was seconded by Mike Martin.

Consulting engineer Becker then reported the information identified by his firm related to this area. The existing inlet in the rear yard of 536 West Conestoga Street meets requirements but does not have the capacity to handle a 10 year storm. Adding additional inlet capacity and replacing the existing 30 inch corrugated metal pipe will increase the handling capability to somewhat in excess of a 100 year storm. He noted that an intense rain can still cause surface sheeting runoff because of the flow velocity and it not being able to get to the drains because of how quickly it is flowing. The owner of 540 West Conestoga will also have to remove the fence which is in the pipe right of way work section.

Resident Tom Watson, owner of 540 West Conestoga, asked if engineer Becker would indicate the flow capacity numbers of the piping and how the 42" x 27" concrete elliptical pipe compares.

Engineer Becker stated that the new 36 inch plastic pipe handles 77.7 cubic feet per second at a 1 percent grade. The 42" x 27" elliptical pipe handles 71.5 cubic feet per second compared to the plastic pipe, using the same grade equation.

Vice-President Burkhart asked engineer Becker to clarify that in an intense flooding rain the runoff can cause the field to the north where the water exits to fill

and gather towards the back yards of the houses on the north side of West Conestoga.

Engineer Becker stated that as he noted earlier, there will be storms that overflow the system and this discharge as well as the extra ground runoff can cause the field to back into the yards. With these types of storms, water will collect on the street until things can drain normally again.

The members then voted on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-President Burkhart stated his thanks to engineer Becker for his good work and guidance with this matter.

Mayor Bender reported the monies received through the Police Department the past month as: \$1,146.35 from the District Justice's office; \$225 in meter revenue, \$30 in parking fines; and \$276.62 from fingerprinting. He also wants to note that Borough officer Deshong's time on the county's Drug Task Force while benefiting the county as a whole, also benefited the Borough with these concerns.

Member Glick inquired what the process is for getting a mid-block cross-walk in the 100 block of East Main Street.

Manager Fulcher replied that PennDOT discourages mid-block crosswalks if there are signalized intersections nearby due to pedestrian safety and liability factors. People are supposed to use the crosswalks at the signalized intersections.

Council, the Mayor and those in attendance then expressed their appreciation to and congratulated engineer Becker on his upcoming retirement. Borough Planning Commission Chairman Kassinger also noted Mr. Becker's significant assistance over the years with the Planning Commission's responsibilities.

The meeting was then adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

May 3, 2022  
Date Approved