

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
May 3, 2022

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 3, 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. Others present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Mayor M. Timothy Bender, Police Chief William Leighty and reporter Carole C. Deck. Others in attendance included residents Bill Kassinger, Barry Nolt, Barb Nolt, Rudolf Peters, Bonita Stone and Ken Wright; and Lee Vescovich who is also representing the Eastern Lancaster County Library Board is with Library Director Anna D'Agostino and Assistant Director Jen Watson.

President Herrington opened the meeting asking for action on the Minutes of the prior meeting and Workshop.

Bryant Glick made the motion that the Minutes of Council's Informational Workshop of April 26, 2022, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Todd Burkhart and passed.

Bryant Glick made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of April 5, 2022, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by John Styer and passed.

Patrick Morgan made the motion that the monthly Financial Report with cover page dated May 2, 2022 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.

Police Chief Leighty then reviewed his monthly report. There was a total of 274 incidents. Of the 12 arrests, five were felonies or misdemeanors. There were seven non-traffic summary offences; and one DUI of which is also included in the total of felonies/misdemeanors. Of the nine total accidents, three were reportable, six non-reportable. There were 18 traffic citations and 7 warnings. Seven juvenile contacts resulted in one being referred to Juvenile Court and the other six to District Court. He noted the last page as usual has an outline of officer activities during the past month. There is to be a Coffee with a Cop session at New Holland Coffee Company on Tuesday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. In response to an inquiry from member Glick, he noted that the Crimewatch postings are not on a

regular schedule as only one officer has the responsibility and he could be busy or off for a period. There is to be a National Night Out in New Holland on Tuesday, August 2.

Property Chairman Styer reported for an information update that the pool preparation work continues, with the needed recaulking waiting for a series of good dry weather days. The pool is planned to open June 9.

There were no action items presented from the Finance, Personal, Water, Wastewater or Streets Committees.

Mayor Bender reported the fines received the past month through the Police Department as: \$1,369.57 from the District Justice's office; \$80 from parking fines; and \$168.45 from fingerprinting. He noted he has received positive feedback for the used drug drop-off held by the Department recently at Garden Spot Village. He also noted that officers Kanuck and McCorkle have successfully completed phase four of the new officer process.

Manager Fulcher stated he had one item of information and that is the Borough Authority is continuing its study and review of a potential site of a position of the wastewater plant for an energy exchange solar project. They have confirmed meeting Monday, June 13 at 8:30 a.m. It would be helpful if a number of Council members were present to hear additional information and discussion.

Resident and ELANCO Library Board member Lee Vescovich then introduced the new Director of the Library, Anne D'Agostino and new Assistant Director Jen Watson.

Director D'Agostino stated she is pleased to be with the library. She has worked in libraries in the Baltimore area. The current focus of priorities are the areas of Collections, Partnerships and Programs. There are over 40,000 options in the Library, including audiobooks and research data on various topics. They also have access to the Lancaster Library system; as well as other systems. The Patronage refers to their efforts to inter-act with other area organizations with events, making staff available and so on. The Programming is to continue as well as add to the many programs they try to put on for the public. This year's theme is Ocean of Possibilities.

Assistant Director Watson stated she has a science background. She looks forward to the continuing emphasis of the focusing on early childhood literacy. She hopes

to add more science and technology interests to some of the activities hoping to attract more attendees. They also have some plans to work with programs through Longwood Gardens, which has various educational and support elements.

Mr. Vescovich thanked Council for its continued support.

There being no other public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

June 7, 2022

Date Approved