

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
June 7, 2022

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Todd C. Burkhart, Patrick K. Morgan, Michael H. Kurtz and Michael N. Martin. Members John A. Styer and Bryant G. Glick were absent. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Mayor M. Timothy Bender, Police Chief William Leighty and reporter Carole C. Deck. Others present included Borough water consultant Jeff Bologa of Becker Engineering, Gary Hurst of Hurst Holdings and Borough residents Lino Vescovich, LeRoy Martin, Vicky Martin, Doug Martin, Ken Stanford, Deb Stanford, Samantha Trego, Jeff Trego and Allison Naranjo.

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

Todd Burkhart made the motion that the Minutes of Council's prior meeting of May 3, 2022 be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Mike Kurtz 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 Martin and approved. Member Todd Burkhart abstained to avoid any appearance of conflict with any business he may own.

Chief Leighty then briefly reviewed his monthly summary Report. There was a total of 375 incidents during the month. There were seven total arrests, of which four were felonies or misdemeanors; and three non-traffic summaries. There were eight accidents, four of which were reportable. There were also 36 traffic citations and 6 warnings. Of the four juvenile contacts, two were referred to Juvenile Court and two were sent to District Court.

Police Chairman Burkhart stated he heard good comments about the recent Coffee with a Cop meet and reading program. He then inquired what the TAC Officer Training officer Young attended referred to.

Chief Leighty explained that he was the officer to have certain training hours designated for the nationwide CLEAN police software system.

Streets Chairman Kurtz stated there were no action items to present but he wants to report that the planned street repaving areas for the year were successfully completed mid-month.

There were no action items presented from the other Committees.

Mayor Bender reported the monies received through the Police Department the past month as: \$741.24 from the District Justice's office; \$165 for Accident Reports; \$50 from parking fines, and \$75 from fingerprinting. He noted he also heard good comments about Coffee with a Cop. He feels this is a good community outreach activity.

Manager Fulcher reported that the Borough was just recently informed that the Senior Class of Garden Spot High School will be doing a one way Main Street Drive thru, from Pizza Hut east to the High School, on the 8th at 1:30 p.m. He and Borough Public Works staff will be assisting the Fire Police with intersections to help make it safer.

There being no other Council business discussion President Herrington asked if anyone in the audience wished to make any comments related to the Borough.

Samantha Trego of 230 Stoever Drive in the Heritage Estates development stated in summary that she was here this evening because she had received a letter from Fry Surveying that there is to be a building addition and related work to be done on the property of Freedom Flooring on Diller Avenue which is above her property. She and some neighbors are concerned that the addition project will add stormwater to Heritage Estates. They are not against businesses expanding but want to be sure the water coming from the expansion is not directed to their properties. She attended and spoke at the Earl Township Supervisor's meeting last evening where the situation was explained. Both the Borough's engineers and the Township's engineers reviewed it and it meets requirements. She and some neighbors are not satisfied with that at this time. Candie Johnson, Secretary of Earl Township, said she would look into a meeting to have this explained better to them. In the meantime, she and her neighbors would like the project to be put on hold until they are satisfied.

Gary Hurst, one of the owners of Freedom Flooring, noted that the plan has been reviewed by two separate municipal engineering firms and found in compliance with the requirements.

Manager Fulcher stated he is aware the applicant has met legal requirements so there are no grounds for a municipality to hold up a property owner's project. They have the right to proceed. He will otherwise wait to hear from Earl Township as to any type of discussion on the project they may talk about. Someone may hire their own engineer to review the plan if they desire.

Mrs. Trego indicated that she saw a wall of Rutt Cabinetry on Diller Avenue and it has a crack. People have to walk around that area to see all the issues. She inquired who owned the stormwater pipes in Heritage Estates.

Manager Fulcher responded by noting the Borough owns the stormwater collection pipes in the street until they empty into a privately owned basin. The basin and its facilities are the responsibility of the basin property owners. The Borough's drains and piping system work properly. He was recently told one or more of the owners of the basin are thinking of preparing plans to modify it and some of its facilities, but he has not had this confirmed by anyone yet.

Mrs. Trego stated there are pipes of different heights in it and it does not seem right. A car got water in it when a portion of the street had excess rainwater rise in it from the flooding rain last year.

Manager Fulcher noted she was getting off her original concern about the project and also talking about other people's property. The expansion plans of Freedom Flooring are not allowed to redirect water to her property.

Allison Naranjo of 224 Zwecker Drive in Heritage Estates, one of the owners of the private basin in Heritage Estates, stated she has pictures.

Mrs. Trego stated she may be back next month and if the Borough does not do something about the problems in Heritage Estates, they have other sources they can go to see that things happen.

Member Morgan noted his son also had a vehicle get water in it on a low part of the street where flooding rains can back up temporarily. Mrs. Trego has exceeded her allowed time, and the discussion should be brought to an end. He suggested she meet with the Borough Manager to detail her particular problem and get a better understanding of these types of issues before bringing them to a public meeting.

Doug Martin of West Main Street whose mother owns property on the 500 block of Westfield Drive inquired on the status of the Borough's street work on West Conestoga Street.

Manager Fulcher reported that all materials have been ordered, some without a guaranteed delivery date. If it all arrives in time, the work will be scheduled for the weeks after Labor Day.

There being no further comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

July 5, 2022

Date Approved