

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council Workshop
April 25, 2023

New Holland Borough Council met in regular Workshop on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. All members were present: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Patrick K. Morgan, John A. Styer, Bryant J. Glick, Michael H. Kurtz, Michael N. Martin and Harry M. Klinger. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Mayor M. Timothy Bender, Attorney Susan Yocum and Austin McKay and Andrew Casey of Eagle Disposal.

President Herrington opened the meeting, asking if Mr. McKay and Mr. Casey would address recent concerns about the past few weeks of some hit and miss pickup services. Vice-President Morgan may have some insight as to his home street.

Vice-President Morgan stated he noticed two weeks ago that yard waste bags were missed in his neighborhood. Then again last week, it seems the entire town was missed until Saturday.

Mr. Casey replied that if someplace is missed like two weeks ago they can call the Borough; which then emails them or contacts Eagle direct and their process is to dispatch someone available to go to that address. They try to get it within 24 hours. Last week was a staff shortage crisis. They called in workers from other areas to get it done.

Austin McKay stated he has been in the area as site Manager for two years now. He has found it here as elsewhere a very difficult market to hire in at this time and the quality of applicants is often disappointing. They have had some success with a new recruiter for their needs but they still have a big need. As a reminder note, the ownership of Eagle Disposal and A.J. Blosenski are part of the larger corporation of the Waste Connections family of companies, and are in the process of combining.

Manager Fulcher reported that in reviewing the overall situation, efficiency and considering possible ways to address the current challenges, he inquired if Eagle was interested in discussing the possibility of adjusting the service contract to picking up recyclables every other week. There may be a few owners who request a second toter but this would seem to be one possibility to assist both sides' interests.

Mr. McKay answered they would be interested in reviewing and discussing that possible service change.

Manager Fulcher asked Mr. McKay to prepare Eagle's recyclable pickup service costs per day for his review. This possibility can then be analyzed for a potential contract change order and its effect through the remaining initial term of December 2025. Council can consider it after the information is compiled. It would be nice to keep the option moving and the possible change for July if enacted.

Member Klinger noted he agreed with the Manager's suggestion to look at this. He also wanted to report that the area of Broad Street between North Railroad and North Custer Avenue was completely missed with the street sweeping. It seems this year's sweeping company was the same as last years, which he recalls there were also some problems.

Manager Fulcher reported the company only provided one truck for the job. It was not sufficient and once finished with them, he brought in East Petersburg's sweeper. That section of Broad Street will be added to the pre-July 4th sweeping areas.

Manager Fulcher then provided a summary outline of the current status of the major planned project improvements and updates in the Borough for 2023. The outline was presented as:

Streets:

1. Heritage Basin Restoration
 - Final survey/staking underway in next few days
 - Boro has set vehicle stone path from southern cul de sac thru a bordering portion of the farmer/owner's field for work south of Basin.
 - Weather will then dictate work schedule; Usner Excavating has low bid
2. Pre-paving sidewalk and curb replacement where necessary is to get underway the second week of May on the 500 block of West Conestoga Street area to be repaved. Paving is planned for early June.

Water:

1. Penn DOT incorporating Authority plans for two system improvements within its r/w prior to the repaving of East Main from Kinzer east past Shady Maple later this year. The first involves replacing the old section of six inch pipe

under Main Street thru the Ranck Road intersection as well as along a small section also under Main St. This will allow the capital improvement project planned to replace the remainder of the old six inch line, going n/s from near Weaver Avenue, south through Ranck Road, to the Borough line, where eight inch line already exists. The second is to add a loop connector from under Main Street, north towards the Willows. This will then be connected to the end of the Willow's line at the last hydrant. The Willows system is not deficient, this just adds additional service capabilities to the system.

2. The results of the application of the major project for Locust Street will determine if the project will be able to move forward sooner, or need to be redesigned and postponed.

Community Memorial Park:

1. Due to the significant cost increases involving the redoing of the two tennis courts (one for pickleball) more than doubling in costs over the past few years, the Manager will be preparing a grant application to fund these updates; it will also include the replacement of the siding on the Kiwanis Pavilion. A Resolution similar to that used for the Locust Street project indicating Council's request for the grant is required and will be scheduled for Council meeting. The total amount should be around \$286,000. The local match (15%) will also include financial participation by the Park Board, pickleball group and the Kiwanis Club.

Butterfly Garden Status:

1. The beginning of the infrastructure work is currently planned for approximately May 22. There is much coordination of the various businesses and persons involved. It will be a systematic step process where some things have to wait for others to be completed.

2. He noted that Council member Glick as a personal effort in support of the Park Association's Butterfly Garden project, has taken on the challenge of having what is called the Keystone Steak Cookoff on Saturday, May 6.

The meeting was then convened into Executive Session. Following the Executive Session, the meeting reconvened, and then adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

May 2, 2023

Date Approved