

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
March 7, 2023

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. All members were present: President Donald J. Herrington, Patrick K. Morgan, John A. Styer, Bryant J. Glick, Michael H. Kurtz and Michael N. Martin. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Solicitor Bradford J. Harris, Mayor M. Timothy Bender and reporter Carole Deck. Others in attendance included Borough water consultant Jeff Bologa of Becker Engineering, Pauline Redding of the Farmer's Fair Association, Darrell Fisher, Chief of the New Holland Ambulance Association, Darrell Keiser, Chief of Garden Spot Fire Rescue, residents Ray Harnish, Bill Kassinger and Lino Vescovich, who is also a Board member of the Eastern Lancaster County Library, and former Borough resident and Council member Terry Mohler.

President Herrington opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and noting former resident and Council member Terry Mohler is visiting this evening. He then asked for action on the Minutes of the prior meeting.

Bryant Glick made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of February 7, 2023 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. Member Styer abstained to avoid any appearance of conflict with any business he may own.

President Herrington reported the next item of business this evening is proposed Resolution #547. This Resolution accepts the resignation of former member Todd C. Burkhart and appoints a previous member of Council, Harry M. Klinger. He noted the Borough did advertise the open position during the last month and Mr. Klinger was the only applicant. He stated he was sorry Mr. Burkhart chose to leave.

John Styer then made the motion that Resolution #547, which accepts the resignation of Todd C. Burkhart from Borough Council effective February 7, 2023 which was identified in his resignation letter, and further appoints Harry M. Klinger to complete Mr. Burkhart's term, ending the first Monday of January 2026. This was seconded by Bryant Glick and passed.

New Holland Ambulance Association Chief Darrell Fisher next reviewed its annual 2022 Report. He noted one of the highlights of the year was that they were Accredited as a teaching Academy by the State. They have college equivalent programs which involve 30 to 40 students. Ten earlier students went on to advanced classes. There is no longer any grant money for AEDs but he does order in bulk to obtain a lower price for those interested. They spent 3,600 hours on calls last year; an average of two and one-half hours per call. There were 60,000 on-call man-hours during the year. There are six paid employees, all on workday shifts, which is the busiest time. They work until 5 p.m. Volunteers stay at the station when on call. The vehicle fleet is in pretty good shape, though the older one has about 215,000 miles on it. Often times there are actual wait delays at the hospitals until a bed becomes available. Their expenses like everyone else's have also increased. There is additional statistical information in the Report. He then thanked Council for its support.

President Herrington thanked Chief Fisher for the report and expressed Council's appreciation to him, the employees and volunteers for their service.

Police Chief Leighty then briefly reviewed the Department's monthly summary Report. There were 321 total arrests; of which four were felonies or misdemeanors and two summary offences. There were six accidents of which three were reportable; with 26 citations and 20 warnings. There were six juvenile contacts, one of which was referred to Juvenile court. Page three indicates the major community events the officers were involved in over the month.

Police Committee representative Patrick Morgan reported there is one police related item to go before Council this evening. This is the tabled item of the request of SRO Wolfe for approval to serve as the coach of the ELANCO J.V. boys baseball team. This will be on his own time and has been requested by ELANCO.

Mike Martin made the motion that the request of SRO Wolfe to be the J.V. boys baseball coach for ELANCO be approved. This was seconded by Bryant Glick. Member Glick noted this matter was reviewed with the police counsel. Solicitor Harris stated he also concurs with special counsel's opinion. Patrick Morgan requested a roll call.

Mike Kurtz—Yes
Mike Martin—Yes

Patrick Morgan—Against
John Styer—Yes

Bryant Glick—Yes
Don Herrington—Yes

The motion passed.

Patrick Morgan then made the motion that Council approve the first half of the 2023 budgeted donations to the ELANCO Library in the amount of \$8,750. This was seconded by John Styer and passed.

Personnel Chair Styer reported for information purposes that retired former long time employee, Barry G. Eitnier, who was serving at the time as a Superintendent of Public Works position, with 45 years of service with the Borough, recently passed away.

There were no Property, Wastewater or Water action items presented.

Streets Chair Mike Kurtz made the motion that Council accept the low bid for the street re-surfacing projects for 2023, of \$86,223.60 to New Enterprise Stone and time. This was seconded by Mike Martin. It was noted that two bids had been received; the second was \$98,697.40. The motion then passed.

Chairman Kurtz next made the motion that the request of the New Holland Band to close and use East Jackson Street between South Kinzer Avenue and Park Avenue for its annual Antique Car Show on Sunday, July 9, 2023, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This was seconded by Patrick Morgan and passed.

Darrell Keiser, Chief, GSFR then commented briefly on activities. They responded to 40 calls in January. Calls were an average of 36 minutes. This is the 10 year anniversary of the merger of the former Liberty Fire Company and the Blue Ball Fire Company. He then distributed commemorative coins to the members which recognized the anniversary.

Mayor Bender reported the monies received through the Department the past month as: \$966.21 from the District Justice's office; \$135 from accident reports; \$25 from fingerprinting; and \$10 from parking fines. He also wants to recognize as Personnel Chair Styer did, former long time resident and Borough employee Barry Eitnier. He was well known throughout the community.

Manager Fulcher reported he has three items related to Community Memorial Park. The first is that the Streets, Parks, Maintenance staff was able to recently smooth and complete the landscaping along the rougher or steeper edges of the new walking path connector, including seeding. Secondly, related to the walkway, the sign recognizing long-time volunteer for the Park Board, resident Steve

Loewen, is now in place at the east end entrance off of South Kinzer Avenue. Mr. Loewen called again recently to express his appreciation to the Park Board and Council for doing this. The east end basketball court has become problematic with the number of youth and older teens gathering at that area of the Park. In reviewing this with the Police Chief problems identified include crowd size, excessively loud noise, foul language, trash and debris that is left behind. Many of these people playing are not Borough residents. Many Borough residents are afraid to walk near the area and there are walkway paths near both the north and sides of the court. A new sign providing Notice to court users will explain that these are issues and need to be addressed. If these continue, something will have to change with the area or court. We are hoping it results in an improved situation.

President Herrington stated that with new member Harry Klinger absent this evening, he will hold off any possible Committee adjustments tonight except to appoint member Mike Kurtz to the Police Committee. This will also include holding the election for Vice-President until next month.

Lee Vescovich stated as a Board member of the ELANCO Library, he expresses his thanks for its approval action tonight as well as for the year. The 2022 Annual Report was included in Council's packet and if anyone has any questions on it, to let him know. Totals related to those with New Holland addresses are indicated. They have youth STEM kits which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. There is also a special art sale during the month of March by local artist Perry Tibbins. The Library make 10 percent of every sale.

Member Glick noted he heard recently that Garden Spot Fire Rescue is able again this year to hold its Summerfest Bar B Q. This is to be the weekend of August 25. It is to be overseen by Nathan Martin. He then inquired if any major concerns were identified yet with beginning to prepare the pool for the season.

Manager Fulcher explained that so far there has been nothing major identified.

There being no other public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

April 4, 2023
Date Approved