

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Authority
January 17, 2023

The New Holland Borough Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 8:15 a.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: Robert P. Johnson, Jack E. Schnader, Lino J. Vescovich and Michael H. Kurtz. Member Earnest E. Orr was absent. Also present were Authority Manager/Recording Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Borough Water Department Supervisor Jesse Kern and water consultant Jeff Bologa of Becker Engineering.

Manager Fulcher opened the meeting for the initial organizational step, asking for nominations for Chairman for 2023.

Lino Vescovich nominated Robert Johnson for Chairman for 2023. Jack Schnader seconded the nomination. No other nominations were received. Robert Johnson was then elected Chairman.

Mike Kurtz then moved that the remaining officers for 2023 be:

Mike Kurtz, Vice-Chairman
Lino Vescovich, Secretary
Jack Schnader, Treasurer
Ernie Orr, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

This was seconded by Lino Vescovich and passed.

Jack Schnader made the motion that the following days and times be set for the Authority's regular meetings for 2023: the third Tuesday of the months of April and October, and the second Tuesday of July, all at 8:30 a.m. This was seconded by Mike Kurtz and passed.

Lino Vescovich made the motion that the following appointments be made for 2023:

Good and Harris, Solicitor
Becker Engineering, water consultant
Buchart-Horn, wastewater consultant

This was seconded by Jack Schnader and passed.

Chairman Johnson then noted that they would now move onto regular business.

Lino Vescovich made the motion that the Minutes of the Authority's prior meeting of October 8, 2022 be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Mike Kurtz and passed.

Water consultant Bologna then gave an update on the initial operations of the new Well 5 (Groff Park). He noted that though it was fully operational before then, the formal initial start-up date was December 14, 2022. To do this, all contractors had to be on-site and this is the date that worked. There is a 12 month guarantee on the project. It is on the system and minor glitches are being corrected by the contractors. These issues have not interrupted the use of it. Items have included correction of a pressure relief valve and the inside heater. There are a number of contract close-out items presented for formal action today. The first involves the Certificates of Substantial Completion. These delays are related to waiting for all of the equipment to be received and installed. The next item consists of the final Change Orders needed to identify the final dates for the formal time extensions ultimately needed.

Lino Vescovich made the motion that the Certificates of Substantial Completion be approved as prepared and recommended by the engineers:

Contract 1: August 1, 2022

Contracts 2 and 3: October 5, 2022

This was seconded by Jack Schnader and passed.

Mike Kurtz made the motion that Change Orders #5 for each of Contracts 1 and 2; and Change Order #6 for Contract 3, which extend the final contract time to December 14, 2022, be approved. This was seconded by Jack Schnader and passed.

The Change Orders are:

<u>Contract #</u>	<u>CO#</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1	5	Final Time Extension; thru 12/14/22	\$0
2	5	Final Time Extension; thru 12/14/22	\$0
3	6	Final Time Extension; thru 12/14/22	\$0

Manager Fulcher next gave a brief over-view of priority capital projects as planned for barring any major emergencies. The first priority need is the replacement of the old Locust Street water line. Though the project is to be handled by the Authority, the Borough has applied for a grant through the state for 50 percent of

the projected cost of replacing the old six-inch transite pipe which serves Locust Street from South Custer Avenue to Diller Avenue. This is the next priority on the distribution system that needs to be upgraded. Given the age and type of piping, asbestos is suspected of being in a portion of the materials as such pipe was constructed of this material back then. It is to be replaced with an eight-inch PVC pipe. The estimated project cost under the grant is \$1,124,048; with the grant request at this time to provide one-half of it. Should the grant not be awarded, various elements of the project will be modified as replacement of this line remains a distribution system priority.

Water Supervisor Kern noted that he routinely tests for any asbestos in this line. None has even been detected. He is not aware of this type of pipe remaining anywhere else in town.

Chairman Johnson noted that as he understands it, the concern with asbestos is when the material it is in is broken up.

Consultant Bologna stated to his knowledge that is correct. More on the status of the project will be provided at the April Meeting.

Manager Fulcher next reported that PennDOT is scheduled to repave Main Street/Route 23 from just east of the Kinzer/Main intersection, eastward past Shady Maple later this year. No definitive date has yet been identified, but we anticipate it to be in late summer or early fall. Because of Penn DOT's plans, this presents a second immediate priority for some elements of the distribution system in that area. A 6" line goes southward from Grandview through Weaver, then eastward under Route 23, then crosses Route 23 going southward through Ranck Avenue. With the upcoming repaving of Route 23, the plan is to remove the section of the old 6" which is beneath Penn DOT's right of way. By doing this, the remainder of the project which is to completely replace the remaining north/south 6" line, south to the 8" at the Borough line is able to be completed, outside of Penn DOT's right of way. Temporary adjustment couplers will be utilized in the interim. There is also a loop connection which is planned to be included from where the 8" line, which currently ends at the last fire hydrant in the Willows South about 315 feet north of Main Street, is planned to also be connected to the 8" going east/west under Main Street. Penn DOT has indicated its willingness to include the work under its pre-paving bid work. If the bid for the work is acceptable, the Authority would have them proceed with it if the funding is available.

In response to a question concerning water pressure, Supervisor Kern noted that most hydrants on an 8” line produce about 1,500 gallons per minute flow. The Borough also does not guarantee fire flow to a business, just capacity to serve on a normal basis.

Manager Fulcher reminded that, again barring any unforeseen major emergency expenses, the repainting of the Diller Avenue storage tank remains a future major priority expense.

Consultant Bologna noted that given the size of the tank and due to its location, it would need to be covered during the project. He estimates that today that could take approximately \$700,000.

Mike Kurtz next made the motion that the bills be paid as prepared. This was seconded by Jack Schnader and passed. The bills were:

Walabax Construction Contract 1, AFP#21	\$155,044.92 Ck#1582
Garden Spot Electric Contract 2, AFP#6	\$49,733.35 Ck#1583
Garden Spot Mechanical Contract 3, AFP#7	\$44,670.60 Ck#1584
Becker Engineering Wellhead Prot., Meeting, Diller Verizon, GV T-Mobile	\$2,552.75 Ck#1585
Becker Engineering Wellhead Prot., Diller Verizon, GV T-Mobile	\$3,224.25 Ck#1586
Walabax Construction Contract 1, AFP#22—Final	\$10,500.00 Ck#1587
Becker Engineering Wellhead Prot., GV Verizon	\$796.50 Ck#1588

There being no further posted business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

April 18, 2023
Date Approved