

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Authority
July 11, 2023

The New Holland Borough Authority met on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: Vice-Chairman Michael H. Kurtz, Secretary Lino J. Vescovich and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Ernest P. Orr. Members absent were: Chairman Robert P. Johnson and Treasurer Jack E. Schnader. Others in attendance included Recording Secretary/Manager J. Richard Fulcher, Borough Water Department Supervisor Jesse Kern and water consultant Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering.

Vice-Chairman Kurtz opened the meeting, asking for action on the prior Minutes.

Lino Vescovich made the motion that the Minutes of the Authority's meeting of April 18, 2023 be approved as presented. This was seconded by Ernie Orr and passed.

Ernie Orr made the motion that the Minutes of the Authority's Special Meeting of June 8, 2023, be approved as presented. This was seconded by Lino Vescovich and passed.

Consultant Bologna reported on the remaining warranty issues with the new well, Well 5 (Groff Park). These include some settlement pertaining to the propane tank, a sensor with the chlorine process and the continuous shortening of the heat trace wire related to the Air Stripper treatment equipment. This wire is unable to maintain proper operations if it is affected by moisture. The contractor will have to inspect and remove the insulation and correct the situation.

Manager Fulcher noted the Borough has not yet heard on the Authority's grant request to replace the water line along with some other improvements on Locust Street. We have also not received official word from PennDOT as to the start schedule for the repaving of Route 23 from Kinzer, east to past Shady Maple. This involves the possible inclusion of the Authority's replacement of old piping within PennDOT's right of way at North Whisper and Ranck Avenue.

Consultant Bologna reported that based on some recent updated information, he believes the answer to the grant request for Locust Street will be received sometime in September. On the repaving project at this time, PennDOT is expected to go out to bid on August 18th. His firm prepared the pipe relocation and

connection portions of the work on behalf of the Authority according to PennDOT requirements. They were able to use PennDOT's prepaving survey information saving a significant amount of cost.

Member Vescovich stated he had a question related to the operation pumping replacement equipment for the Mixed Liquor process and the high bids that were requested by the Borough for the remaining work involved with this project.

Manager Fulcher replied that this work was for the final materials, labor and electrical work involved with the final steps for replacement pumps and the newly designed pumping process. The pumps will be outside in a shed instead of submerged in the Clarifier. The two bids received were more than three times the projected estimates, at approximately \$342,000 and \$374,000. However, due to the addition of some elements by the engineers, it also could have affected costs to a degree. In any event as requested, the bids were not reasonable; even with renting the temporary pumps at approximately \$5,000 a month. This remaining portion of work is being analyzed for items the Borough may be able to do on its own, before the need for new bids is determined.

Ernie Orr then made the motion that the bills be paid as prepared. This was seconded by Lino Vescovich and passed. The bills were:

Becker Engineering	\$636.50
Wellhead Protection	Ck#1594
LP Water Service, Inc.	\$304.33
Water Line for Butterfly Garden	Ck#1595
Earl Twp.	\$708.75
Reimb. for ELA Group, stormwater for Wellhead Prot.	Ck#1596
Becker Engineering	\$1,105.50
Wellhead Protection and Groff Park Well	Ck#597
Earl Twp.	\$123.75
Reimb. for ELA Group, stormwater for Wellhead Prot.	Ck#1598
Becker Engineering	\$1,004.50
Wellhead Protection	Ck#1599

LCTCB Real Estate Tax Group	\$806.94
Fall Taxes for Wertztown Rd. & 287 Phillip Rd.	Ck#1600
Garden Spot Electric	\$33,667.68
Contract 2, AFP #7—Final	Ck#1601

Manager Fulcher noted that depending on the response from the state concerning the possible Locust Street project and/or PennDOT's response after its bid opening and review, the Authority may require a Special meeting to respond to each situation.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

October 17, 2023
Date Approved