

MINUTES  
New Holland Borough Council  
October 3, 2023

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. All members were present: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Patrick K. Morgon, John A. Styer, Bryan J. Glick, Michael H. Kurtz, Michael N. Martin and Harry M. Klinger. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Police Chief William Leighty and reporter Carole C. Deck. Others in attendance included residents Bill Kassinger, Tom Plank, Andy Herrington and Ken Wright, representatives of GSFR, President Tom Curtis and Ray Harnish, and resident Lino Vescovich, the ELANCO Library's representative to Council.

President Herrington opened the meeting, asking for action on the Minutes of the prior meeting. Harry Klinger made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of September 5, 2023 be approved as presented. This was seconded by Bryant Glick and passed.

Patrick Morgan made the motion that the monthly Financial Report be accepted and the bills paid as prepared. This was seconded by Michael Kurtz and passed. Member Styer abstained to avoid any appearance of conflict with any business he may own.

Police Chief Leighty then presented his monthly Report summary. There was a total of 139 incidents, which resulted in eight arrests; six of which were felonies or misdemeanors. There were two non-traffic summary offences; and no DUI's. There was only one reportable accident of six responded to. There were 19 citations and 9 warnings. Fortunately, there were no juvenile contacts. Additional information on the various training activities through the month are also noted in the Report. The annual Shred-It event is to be held at Community Memorial Park on Saturday, October 21 from 9 a.m. to noon. This will again include the shredding of documents for the public and the collection of older flat screen electronics. Cross Net Ministries will again be holding its food collection drive and the New Holland Kiwanis Club will be holding its annual Chicken Bar B Q.

On behalf of the Mayor, who could not be here this evening, he is presenting the monies received through the Department the past month as: \$273.08 from the District Justice's office; \$30 from accident reports; \$10 in parking fines; and \$644.96 from fingerprinting.

Patrick Morgan made the motion that Heather D. Halstead be hired as a full-time police officer as recommended by the Civil Service Commission, upon successful completion of any remaining pre-hiring test requirements. He noted that following the contract, she will be started at the Step 3 position. This was seconded by Harry Klinger and passed.

Patrick Morgan next made the motion that in response to the recommendation and request by resolution to approve the hiring of the Pennsylvania Chief's Association as a consultant to the Civil Service Commission to proceed with the process needed to identify candidates for a possible permanent Lieutenant position. This was seconded by Bryant Glick and passed.

Patrick Morgan made the motion that the Addendum to the SRO Agreement with the ELANCO School District concerning the incorporation of the Police Department's body camera policies with the District's allowed policies, be approved. This was seconded by Harry Klinger and passed.

Patrick Morgan then made the motion that Council approve the ordering of a 2023 Police Dodge Charger, which is still available at the dealer, New Holland Auto Group, at a cost of \$37,994 under the state's Co-Stars purchase program; and further that payment be made under the 2024 budget. This was seconded by Bryant Glick and passed.

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

Streets Chair Kurtz made the motion that Trick or Treat Night in the Borough be approved for Tuesday, October 31, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; noting this follows the area's regional date and time process. This was seconded by John Styer and passed.

Manager Fulcher reported that the new railroad cross bar with signals across Brimmer Avenue as installed by Norfolk Southern will close when an intense rain seeps into its control box. This literally closes the street at that location until Norfolk Southern is notified and one of its employees responds and resets it. If this occurs during regular working hours, the Borough staff will respond with detour signage. After hours the traffic is stopped and backed up until it makes its own rerouting. Norfolk Southern has not provided any information as to its timeframe to correct this situation.

Resident Lino Vescovich, who serves as the ELANCO Library Board's representative to Council briefly outlined some of the major activities of October.

These include a safety day with Garden Spot Fire Rescue on the 14<sup>th</sup> and pumpkin painting on the 16<sup>th</sup>. He will remind everyone again later but the Library's Autumn Jubilee is to be held November 2. Tickets are available on line.

Resident Tom Plank of 214 Sycamore Lane stated he feels there should be a reminder in the Borough's Newsletter that people should not drive through the low flow spot on Mentzer Avenue during an intense rainstorm as a high amount of water usually collects on the street until it can all drain away. He requests that the residents be reminded they can access the dwellings to the north of West Conestoga by using a detour through Walnut Lane, where it does not accumulate as deeply.

Manager Fulcher stated he will plan to note this in a future Newsletter.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

November 7, 2023

Date Approved