

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council Workshop
October 30, 2023

New Holland Borough Council met in regular Workshop meeting of October 30, 2023 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: President Donald J. Herrington, Vice-President Patrick K. Morgan, John A. Styer, Bryant J. Glick and Michael H. Kurtz. Members absent were: Harry M. Klinger and Michael N. Martin. Also present was Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher and resident Andy Herrington.

President Herrington opened the meeting asking Manager Fulcher to review the proposed 2024 budget.

Manager Fulcher then reviewed a summary outline of the proposed 2024 Borough budget. The major known expenditure items were identified. He noted that after four years of the millage rate being maintained at 3.25 mills, it is recommended that it be increased to 3.75 mills, a one-half a mill increase, to properly meet projected expenses and still allow for the unknown. He noted that any reimbursing grant funds are not credited for under expenses as they may not arrive as initially planned. The utility service charges are to remain the same for wastewater and the community trash and recycling programs. The water charge begins the third year of its three year, 15 percent increase in 2024. An increase in the community trash program is projected for 2025. The Fire Company has requested an increase of \$7,792 for the Inter-Municipal Committee in the annual operational support categories. This is paid under the group inter-municipal formula also. It has also asked for the annual Lease-Purchase cost for the three new Engines purchased a few years ago to continue from the group. The Borough's cost of this is \$52,054, of the \$157,739 total. The ELANCO Library is planned to receive \$18,000, and the United Veterans Council \$500 towards its Memorial Day activities.

Member Glick inquired how often the Inter-Municipal funding formula is updated.

Manager Fulcher replied it was originally set up for every five years but as others became part of the discussion that was not consistent. At one time, someone suggested every three years but that was also not acted on. He has already discussed with the other municipalities preparing for it in 2025, using 2023 county total assessed value numbers.

Member Kurtz suggested that Professional Services under the Police budget be considered for a possible \$5,000 increase. He also requested if the staff would provide some worksheet coding explanation on a number of expenditure items he is not clear on.

Manager Fulcher next provided a brief summary of some upcoming Board appointments over the next few months.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

November 7, 2023

Date Approved