

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Authority
October 17, 2023

The New Holland Borough Authority met on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: Vice-Chairman Michael H. Kurtz, Treasurer Jack E. Schnader, Secretary Lino J. Vescovich and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Ernest M. Orr. Chairman Robert P. Johnson as absent. Also present were Authority Manager/Recording Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Wastewater Department Supervisor Tina Myers, Water Department Supervisor Jesse Kern and water consultant Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering.

Vice Chairman Kurtz opened the meeting, asking for action on the Minutes of the previous meeting of July 11, 2023.

Lino Vescovich made the motion that the Minutes of the Authority's meeting of July 11, 2023 be approved as presented. This was seconded by Ernie Orr and passed.

Wastewater Department Supervisor Myers reported that the project for the replacement of the Mixed Liquor Return Pumps is finally nearing its completion point. She distributed a sheet of recent photographs of the project showing the new pumps in place in the new housing shed. These pumps take the nitrified liquid from the inner channel to the outer channel where the nitrogen is removed. The pumps originally sat on holding frames in the tank but in removing one for possible repair and replacement, it was discovered the holding framework was no longer rigid. The new location for the pumps and the tank removes the need for a crane to remove the pumps to work on or replace them. There is still some exterior connection work to be connected between the sites however the contractor is awaiting the needed parts to complete this phase. The Manager did confirm with the Solicitor that the low cost could be obtained through the state-wide bid program, Co-Stars, as long as state wage rate laws applied. The goal is completion by the end of the year. It will both save a lot of money to no longer have to rent temporary pumps but also assist in better operational controls as the temporary pumps only operate at one speed. The new ones are able to utilize the existing VFD's for their operations. In response to a few questions, she noted that there is no complete set of CAD drawings for the whole plant; and both one of the old pumps which fell into the tank during removal and the railings will remain in the tank until it has some type of work in the interior which would shut it down and be pumped out. These are not interfering with the operations.

Consultant Bologna reported that in reference to the Authority's discussion earlier in the year concerning acceptance of the water system from the developers of the SOCO subdivision, the Borough has received all the items required from the developer. As he understands it today, the Solicitor was confirming he had received the correct descriptions within the system easements.

Authority Manager Fulcher reported that in recently talking with a representative of PennDOT's subcontractor (Allen Myers, LP) for the repaving of Route 23, from Kinzer Avenue east to pass Shady Maple in East Earl Township, they will begin preliminary work October 30th. They plan on incorporating the Authority's two water site work projects in the preliminary timeframe. This was identified by PennDOT as \$127,800, based on the engineering estimate. The amount could be greater depending on the actual contract costs. The paving is to be next spring.

Consultant Bologna reported that the next meeting of the Board of PA DCED's Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) which reviews the water grant request project for Locust Street is to meet November 21st to approve awarded grants. This request is for \$1,119,763, of which \$373,255 is the Authority portion, for the comprehensive water and street improvement project for Locust. We will not officially know one way or the other until then.

In working with the Manager, a grant was also submitted under the county's special projects ARPA money for the repainting of the inside and outside of the Diller Avenue water tank. This was for an estimated project cost of \$1,088,500 of which the Authority's share would be \$250,000. Due to its location, whenever this work may be performed, the tank will have to be completely covered.

Regardless of the results of these applications, the Borough intends to also submit an application under a state program which opens in November. This could be for support of either of the initial grant projects or we may use it to replace the old section of six inch line which runs from the water tank, south to below the Railroad tracks on Ranck.

Lino Vescovich then made the motion that should either or both of the current grant applications be awarded, Becker Engineering be authorized to begin the design for the project as outlined in the grant application. This was seconded by Jack Schnader and passed.

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

Blue Water Construction Services	\$400.00
Wellhead Area Water Supply	Ck#1602

Sauder's Nursery	\$98.25
Wellhead Protection Area	Ck#1603

Blue Ball Rental & Equip., LLC	\$294.00
Wellhead Area Water Supply	Ck#1604

Becker Engineering	\$268.00
Authority Meeting	Ck#1605

LB Water, Inc.	\$111.70
Wellhead Area Water Supply	Ck#1606

Becker Engineering	\$2,206.32
Well #5—Waterline Failure	Ck#1607

Sauder's Nursery	\$65.50
Wellhead Protection Area	Ck#1608

There being no other business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

January 23, 2024
Date Approved