

MINUTES  
New Holland Borough Council  
January 2, 2024

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 7:05 p.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: President Patrick K. Morgan, Vice-President Michael H. Kurtz, Bryant J. Glick, William Clisham, Harry M. Klinger, D. Michael Ireland and John M. Taylor. Also present were Manager J. Richard Fulcher, Solicitor Bradford J. Harris, Mayor M. Timothy Bender and Police Chief William Leighty. Others in attendance included Borough water consultant Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering, residents Bill Kassinger, Lino Vescovich, Ricki Herr, Henry Smeltz, Sheila Smeltz, Todd Burkhardt, Ken Wright, Don Getz and Jan Getz.

President Morgan opened the meeting, asking for action on the Minutes of Council's November meeting.

Bryant Glick made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of December 5, 2023 be approved. Member Mike Ireland noted that in the continued meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>, it appears his attendance at the meeting was missed. Bryant Glick then amended the motion so the Minutes of Council's meeting of December 5, 2023 be approved following the attendance correction on the 7<sup>th</sup>. This was seconded by Bill Clisham and passed.

Bill Clisham made the motion that the monthly Financial Report be accepted and the bills paid as prepared. This was seconded by Mike Kurtz and passed.

Police Chief Leighty then briefly reviewed his monthly summary Report. There was a total of 419 incidents. There were seven total arrests, of which four were felonies or misdemeanors, with three non-traffic Summons. There were eight total accidents of which six were non-reportable. There were 10 citations and 15 warnings. There were 10 juvenile contacts, 5 of which were referred to Juvenile Court, 3 to District Court and 2 to the Youth Aid Panel.

Member Klinger inquired if there were any issues related to fireworks on New Year's Eve. It did not seem to be an issue in his area of town.

Chief Leighty responded that he has not had a chance to review all the officer reports yet but he did not hear of any serious issues.

Mike Kurtz then made the motion that proposed Resolution 556, which identifies 5 percent as the police officers required salary contribution into the Police Pension Plan

for 2024, as agreed in the collective bargaining agreement, be approved. This was seconded by Harry Klinger and passed.

Mike Kurtz made the motion that proposed Resolution 557, which approves the participation of its Fire Police in non-emergency events for 2024 be approved. This was seconded by Bryant Glick and passed.

Harry Klinger made the motion that the Board of the Community Memorial Park Association be approved to use Council chambers for its meetings for 2024 and 2025. This was seconded by Bill Clisham and passed.

President Morgan stated it is his privilege this evening to recognize and thank long time Borough employee Don Getz. As a police officer for 25 years and the Borough's first Rental Unit Inspector/Zoning Assistant, he served the Borough for over 41 years. He asked Mr. Getz who was in attendance this evening, to stand. He then presented Mr. Getz with a plaque of appreciation.

Don Getz stated he enjoyed his years with the Borough. There were many types of experiences through that period. It was a pleasure working for the Manager and with the staff over the years.

President Morgan noted there was a second public recognition to mention this evening and that is for the Borough's Wastewater Department Supervisor Tina Myers. Supervisor Myers was recently recognized by the Eastern Pennsylvania Water Pollution Control Operators Association with the Individual Service Award for 2023. She has been active with the Association for years and served in various officer positions. Council congratulates Supervisor Myers for the Award.

There were no Water, Wastewater or Street items presented.

The Mayor reported the money received through the Police Department the past month as available to report by this evening's meeting was \$30 from accident reports. He also expresses his thanks and best wishes to retiring employee Getz; and to Wastewater Department Supervisor Myers for her Award. Both have provided many good years of service to the Borough.

Manager Fulcher stated that in reference to the continuing activities of the Park Association Board mentioned earlier, he reminds everyone of the Board's low-key strong support to the Community Park and also to sponsoring the creation of the Borough's open space Towne Centre Green. The Board's current major project is with the support of the local pickleball group and the Borough. This is the effort to replace

both tennis courts, turning one into a pickleball court at the Park. The Borough is still waiting to hear on a grant to assist the project to do both courts; if not received, work on one is planned. Along with this, it is the organization sponsoring the Butterfly Garden. Council does send them a letter of appreciation each year.

Lino Vescovich reported on behalf of the ELANCO Library, stating that the construction is underway on the Children's section downstairs and should be completed in late spring. Items are still available though it might take a day or two but many others will also be in the main area. Other activities can be found on the Library's website.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was convened into Executive Session for police personnel matters. Those in attendance were President Patrick K. Morgan, Vice-President Michael H. Kurtz, Bryant J. Glick, William Clisham, Harry M. Klinger, D. Michael Ireland and John M. Taylor. Also Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Solicitor Bradford J. Harris and Mayor Tim Bender.

The Executive Session then returned into continued regular session.

Member Harry Klinger made the motion that Council take no action related to the request of officers Wolfe and Halstead concerning additional pay and further that Council's position is that the officers were appropriately placed on the wage scale in accordance with the terms of the collective bargaining agreement; and should the Police Officers' Association desire to open the current contract for negotiation of issues, it should request to do so in writing to Council. This was seconded by Mike Kurtz. President Morgan requested a roll call. The roll was:

Mike Ireland—Yes  
Harry Klinger—Yes  
Bryant Glick—Yes  
Mike Kurtz—Yes

Bill Clisham—Yes  
John Taylor—Yes  
Patrick Morgan—Yes

The motion passed.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

February 6, 2024  
Date Approved