

MINUTES  
New Holland Borough Authority  
January 23, 2024

The New Holland Borough Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in Borough Hall. All members were present: Robert P. Johnson, Lino J. Vescovich, Ernie M. Orr, Michael H. Kurtz and Allen B. Wessel. Also present were: Authority Manager/Recording Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Wastewater Department Supervisor Tina Myers, Assistant Supervisor Dan Rebeck and water consultant Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering.

Robert Johnson called the meeting to order, requesting Recording Secretary to call for the election of Chairman for 2024.

Mike Kurtz made the motion that the slate of officers for Chairman, Robert Johnson, Vice-Chairman Mike Kurtz, Secretary Allen Wessel, Treasurer Lee Vescovich and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Ernie Orr; be elected as officers for 2024. This was seconded by Lee Vescovich and passed.

Mike Kurtz made the motion that the regular meeting dates and times for the Authority for 2024 be set for: April 23, July 16 and October 15, all at 8:30 a.m. this was seconded by Allen Wessel and passed.

Lee Vescovich made the motion that Good & Harris be the Authority Solicitor for 2024; and that Becker Engineering be its water consultant with Buchart-Horn as its wastewater consultant for 2024. This was seconded by Allen Wessel and passed.

Lee Vescovich made the motion that the Minutes of the Authority's last meeting, October 17, 2023, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Ernie Orr and passed.

Wastewater Supervisor Myers introduced Assistant Supervisor Dan Rebeck, who has been designated by the Manager as the in-coming Department Supervisor when she completes her career with the Borough at the end of April.

In reporting on updates on the new Mixed Liquor Return Pumps project, it has been operating as intended since mid-December. There is an issue with one of the new pumps the provider has to address. Some additional valves are still planned to be installed with some heat wiring also. The very expensive interim pump rentals have been able to be discontinued.

On another item she reported they are addressing with our engineers and PA DEP requirements is that in the renewed NPDES Permit for the plant, DEP has reduced the allowed maximum chlorine residual in the final effluent from .5 to .07 mg. per litre/parts per million. At this time, the plant cannot meet that new requirement. Under DEP's process, a plant could do background studies related to this element for discussion at a later date if needed for additional discussion. She had these studies done so they will come into play in the discussion with DEP. She is waiting to hear if DEP will modify this to a number that can be met under the final Permit. She believes the solution will ultimately be the installing of an Ultra-Violet system and deleting the current chlorine gas system. The discussions with DEP and how a plan is established to deal with this will determine the timeframe.

The members then thanked Supervisor Myers for her 35 years of service; and wished her well with her upcoming retirement.

Water consultant Bologna reported that the further east relocation of water lines from the Weaver Avenue dead end, east to an extension into Ranck Road to get new lines under Penn DOT's right of way has been completed. The connection extension from Main, north to North Whisper is scheduled for next week.

In continuing, he noted he believes all are now aware, the Borough did receive the grant from the state in the amount of \$746,508 towards the cost of the water line replacement and a portion of the street improvement work on Locust Street. They had the initial survey work started yesterday. The project will be coordinated with the Borough and its plans to widen the south side of the eastern half of the street to make the street a few feet wider in that section. The east side currently measures 29'10" of pavement, the west side, 36'.

Manager Fulcher reported that Council allowed for the street improvement financial support in its 2024 budget if the grant was received. The widening of the eastern portion of the street appears to need to be utilized from the south side as the utility poles would all have to be relocated on the north side. It will all be done within the Borough's existing right of way; with costs covered by the project.

There being no further business or public discussion, the meeting was adjourned was at 8:49 a.m.

April 23, 2024  
Date Approved