

MINUTES  
New Holland Borough Council  
March 5, 2024

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: President Patrick K. Morgan, Vice-President Michael H. Kurtz, Bryant J. Glick, William Clisham, D. Michael Ireland and John M. Taylor. Member Harry M. Klinger was absent. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Solicitor Bradford J. Harris, Mayor M. Timothy Bender and reporter Carole C. Deck. Others in attendance included Borough Water consultant Jeff Bologa of Becker Engineering, Marge Thomas, President of the Lancaster Pilot's Club and Deb Brubaker of the Pilot's Club, residents Bill Kassinger, Ryan Long, Ken Wright, Lee Vescovich who also represents the ELANCO Library Board and Jerrene Zimmerman of Earl Township.

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

Bryant Glick made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of February 6, 2024, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Mike Ireland 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.

Chief Leighty then gave his monthly Report summary. There was a total of 287 total incidents. There were six arrests, one of which was a felony or misdemeanor; five of which were non-traffic summaries. Of nine accidents, four were reportable. There were 17 citations and 19 warnings. There were eight juvenile contacts, four of which went to Juvenile court, three to the Youth Aid Panel and one to District Court. There were 24 medical assist calls. Additional information about participation with community organizations and various training activities are also included as usual in the Report.

Marge Thomas and Deb Brubaker of the Pilot's Club of Lancaster then addressed Council. Ms. Brubaker explained that a major on-going project of the Club is known as Project Lifesaver which provides location bracelets to those persons, parents or guardians who are dealing with a family member concern as to possibly wondering off or getting lost. This could be for monitoring of an elderly person, special needs family members or even for a concern with children. The bracelets

are somewhat like a watch. Interested persons come to the Police Department on certain dates to receive a new one or replace batteries. She then read a note of Recognition and Appreciation to Police Chief Leighty for his and the Department's participation and support of the program. She next presented the Chief with plaque which stated: "Presented to the New Holland Police Department; In Appreciation of Your Extraordinary Dedication and Service to the Pilot Club of Lancaster, Inc. and Project Lifesaver of Lancaster County 2024. Bringing Your Loved Ones Home."

She then answered numerous questions concerning the program.

Finance Chairman Clisham then made the motion that the first half budgeted donation for 2024 to the ELANCO Library, in the amount of \$9,000 be approved for payment. This was seconded by Byrant Glick and passed.

Water Chairman Ireland stated he has no action items but is pleased to be able to report with more information on that the grant application submitted by the Borough for partial financial support of a major neighborhood improvement for Locust Street was awarded. The grant is in the amount of \$746,508, towards an estimated cost of \$1.3 million. The local share involves water monies set aside by the Authority and street funds which were budgeted for by the Borough. The project is to include total replacement of the Borough's water main from South Custer Avenue west to Diller Avenue including all service laterals to the curb box. In addition to the water work, a major street improvement is to also take place. The eastern portion of the street which currently is only about 29 feet, 9 inches wide, is to be widened about 2.5 feet on the south side, within the Borough's existing right of way. The reason for the south side being used is that that utility poles are on the north side of the street. There is to be no cost to the property owners for the project work, however if a property's private service line is identified as lead, the owner will have to replace it. The project will be through the Borough but closely communicated with the Authority.

In response to a question, water consultant Bologna stated that preliminary surveying is underway and he anticipates bids will be ready to go out in four or five months.

Streets Chairman Glick then made the motion that the low bid award of \$93,961.25 of New Enterprise Lime and Stone, be accepted for the 2024 street overlay work. This was seconded by Bill Clisham and passed.

Chairman Glick made the motion that Resolution #558, which is to support the Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement, to extend the former inter-governmental maintenance Agreement for a wood chipper for 10 years be approved. The group is made up of the Borough, Earl Township, East Earl Township and Terre Hill Borough. The chipper was originally purchased by the group 10 years ago. The Resolution approves the Agreement. This was seconded by Mike Kurtz and passed.

Chairman Glick made the motion that Council approve the request of Garden Spot Fire Rescue for the use and closure of East Main Street, from Brimmer Avenue, east to Kinzer Avenue, on Saturday, June 29, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. for its Car Show. This was seconded by John Taylor and passed.

Chairman Glick next made the motion that the request of the New Holland Summer Arts Council for the use and closure of East Jackson Street between South Kinzer Avenue and Park Avenue on Monday, September 2 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. for its annual Fiddlers' Picnic. This was seconded by Mike Ireland and passed.

Chairman Glick then made the motion that the request of the New Holland Business Association for the use and closure of Main Street between Railroad Avenue, west to Custer Avenue and North Roberts Avenue from Main, north to Towne Centre Lane, from 12 noon to 7 p.m.; and South Roberts Avenue from Main, south to Franklin Street from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, November 30, 2024 for its annual Christmas on Main be approved. This was seconded by Mike Ireland and passed.

Chairman Glick next stated he wanted to state his kudos to Streets Supervisor Jeremiah Petersheim, his Department staff and others who may have assisted with the good job they have been doing with snow removal this season.

Mayor Bender reported the monies received through the Police Department the past month as: \$797.19 from the District Justice's office; \$45 from Accident Reports; and \$25 from Fingerprinting.

Manager Fulcher reported that the new apartment complex water connection for 74 Diller Avenue and related shut off/Boil Water Notices, originally scheduled for today did not take place because of a problem with a shut off valve. This is to be addressed in the next week or so.

Lee Vescovich spoke briefly on behalf of the ELANCO Library. He thanked Council for approval of the first half budgeted donation to the Library. He noted there is a special Bingo to be held on behalf of the Library at the America Legion in town on March 10, beginning at 2 p.m. The remodeling work in the downstairs Children's Library is going well and on schedule. Other events and activities can be found on the Library's website.

Jerrene Zimmerman of Earl Township stated she understands the Borough received part of a grant for some pickleball courts. She is happy to hear that and is curious what the schedule is for the project.

Manager Fulcher replied that he anticipates another few months in preparation for the work. This project rehabilitates both existing tennis courts; one of which will be for pickleball only. The Board of Community Memorial Park Association as well as a local pickleball group have raised funds toward the project. Once it begins, the area will be closed off for an extensive period because after the new pavement is applied it has to sit for a few months before the line painting is put on.

There being no further business or public comment the meeting was convened into Executive Session for police personnel matters at 7:30 p.m. Those in attendance at the Executive Session were Council members Patrick K. Morgan, Michael H. Kurtz, Bryant J. Glick, William Clisham, D. Michael Ireland and John M. Taylor; Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Solicitor Bradford J. Harris and Mayor M. Timothy Bender.

Following completion of the Executive Session, the regular meeting was reconvened.

There being no discussion or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

April 2, 2024  
Date Signed