

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Authority
April 23, 2024

The New Holland Borough Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: Chairman Robert P. Johnson, Vice-Chairman Michael W. Kurtz, Treasurer Lino J. Vescovich and Secretary Allen B. Wessel. Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Ernie M. Orr was absent. Also present were: Authority Manager/Recording Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, water consultant Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering, Water Department Supervisor Jesse Kern and Wastewater Department Supervisor Dan Rebuck.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order, asking for action on the Minutes of the last meeting.

Mike Kurtz made the motion that the Minutes of the Authority's meeting of January 23, 2024, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Lino Vescovich and passed.

Wastewater Department Supervisor Rebuck stated he had one capital discussion update for the members. That is that preliminary discussions are underway with the engineer as to ultimately changing the plant's chlorination treatment process to an ultra-violet system.

Water consultant Bologna reported that PennDOT's subcontractor for the repaving of Route 23, from Kinzer Avenue in the Borough, east to past Shady Maple, has completed the pipe replacement project for the Authority under PennDOT's right-of way. This involved two areas, the more extensive site from the Weaver Avenue dead end, east to and somewhat past Ranck Road. The second, smaller area was to add a future loop connection point to the North Whisper line; which is already connected to the Borough's east/west 16-inch service connection that runs from the Grandview water tank, west to North Kinzer Avenue. This was more involved because the water, sewer and gas lines are located very close to each other under this area of East Main Street. The water extension line therefore had to be lowered about three feet at the connection point then brought back to service elevation onto North Whisper.

Concerning the Locust Street water line replacement project, he informed the members that the initial comprehensive survey work has been completed. His firm will begin the engineering next. This one will be through the Borough due to the

grant process. The Borough is also planning to spend funds to significantly improve the eastern section of the street from Custer Avenue, west to about Blossom Lane. Currently, the street is 36 feet wide at the west half but only about 29.75 feet wide on the east half. The east half is planned to be widened by about two and one-half feet as well as replacing the curb and sidewalk on both sides in that area. There will also be a coordinated plan of development in the west end, north side where the church is in the process of selling approximately 11 acres of open land; which according to the buyer is planned for six duplexes. These will all need coordinated pre-construction utility hook-ups, possibly including the gas company. In response to a member's inquiry, he stated he feels much of the work will be done beginning March '25.

Manager Fulcher noted that pre-planning for sidewalk and curbing changes and potential impacts is underway. Any involved trees to be removed will be conducted with a number of initial construction steps anticipated to begin after the New Holland Fair in October.

Chairman Johnson noted that it appears the national issue of the "forever" (PFSA) compounds in much of the country's water supply is going to be an extensive and expensive element to deal with.

Consultant Bologna noted that this will be a big concern and these elements are being found and measured in parts per billion. The EPA then usually utilizes the lowest detectable amount as a process treatment point.

Mike Kurtz then made the motion that the bills be paid as prepared. Lino Vescovich seconded the motion, noting that it appears for some reason a non-Authority bill is included in the bill folder, but not included with the payment of bills. It was reported this was a non-Authority statement, inadvertently included in the Authority's folder. The motion then passed. The bills were:

William G. Koch & Assoc. 2021 Financial Audit	\$4,200 Ck#1609
Lancaster County Treasurer Spring Taxes for 287 Phillip Rd. and Wertztown Rd.	\$231.81 Ck#1610
Becker Engineering Attend January Authority Meeting	\$207.00 Ck#1611

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

July 18, 2024
Date Approved