

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
June 4, 2024

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 4, 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, Harry M. Klinger and D. Michael Ireland. Member John M. Taylor was absent. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Solicitor Bradford J. Harris, Mayor M. Timothy Bender, Police Chief William Leighty and Lieutenant Bitner, and reporter Carole Deck. Others in attendance included residents Bill Kassinger, Sandra Shumaker, Lee Vescovich and Ken Weber.

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

Bryant Glick made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of May 7, 2024 be approved as presented. 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 Harry Klinger and passed.

Police Chief Leighty then reviewed his monthly summary Report of Department activities. There were 18 total arrests of which 12 were felonies or misdemeanors, 2 of which were DUI summaries and 4 non-traffic summaries. There were nine accidents of which five were reportable. There were 18 citations and 14 warnings. There were 12 youth contacts, 5 of which went to Juvenile court, 6 to District Court and 1 to the Youth Aid panel. They responded to 33 medical assists. The monthly listing of activities and training is also included along with copies of some thank you notes.

Bill Clisham made the motion that the one-year School Resources Officer Agreement as well as the video camera use Addendum extension proposed for the school year, July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, between the Borough and the ELANCO School District, at a projected cost to the District of \$91,656 be approved. This was seconded by Bryant Glick and passed.

Member Klinger stated he congratulates Lieutenant Bitner on his recent appointment by Council.

Property Chairman Klinger reported he was with the Manager this morning and had a first-hand look at the work at what is believed to be the site of a major pool leak on the water return pipe. The work planned for repair steps tomorrow will determine the extent of the continued closed pool period. Everything has to be repaired, the sinkhole filled, water added and chemicals added until the conditions allow it to be legally allowed to open. He also observed the tennis/pickleball project, and it seems to be moving along well although the east side lights need to be raised to meet the new surface elevation at their base.

There were no Water, Wastewater or Street action items presented.

Mayor Bender reported the monies received through the Police Department the past month as: \$994.23 from the District Justice's office; \$45 from accident reports; and \$850.66 from fingerprinting.

Member Glick asked the Chief if there had been any serious concerns or issues at the basketball court at Community Memorial Park so far this year.

Chief Leighty replied not to date. The sign installed by the Borough has seemed to help as a reminder as to possible consequences for such behavior. Otherwise, they monitor it and stop or respond as needed.

The members next reviewed a Final Plan lot add-on in the Willows South involving lots owned by developer Gerry Horst.

Mr. Horst commented to Council that he is the current owner of lots 15, 13 and 12. He is getting ready to sell lot 15 to a person who also intends to buy lot 13, which will remain a separate deed. The add-ons involve what is identified as Parcel A from lot 12 (26 North Whisper Lane), consisting of 1,324 square feet and Parcel B, consisting of 3,285 square feet from lot 13 (22 North Whisper Lane); both of which are to be added to lot 15. Both also still meet the Borough's individual lot requirements. There is a shared driveway between lots 13 and 14 which has a permanent mutual maintenance agreement recorded.

President Morgan noted Chairman of the Borough's Planning Commission Bill Kassinger is here this evening; asking him if he had any comments.

Mr. Kassinger stated the Commission has reviewed this request and found it within the Borough's zoning and stormwater requirements and recommends approval.

Harry Klinger made the motion that the Final Plan Lot Add-ons of Horst and Son, Inc. for two simple lot Add-ons from lots 12 and 13 of North Whisper Lane to lot 15, as based on a Plan dated April 16, 2024 and prepared by Robert Gabriel and Associates, #21143-20, be approved. This was seconded by Mike Kurtz and passed.

Lee Vescovich, Library representative to the Borough, reported that the official opening of the renovated Children's Library section was a successful event. The Sunday Lancaster Newspaper had a very nice article about it in the paper. The Children's Summer Reading Program has 212 children entered so far for this summer. As always, the Activities calendar is on-line for up-to-date information on what's going on; many things are for adults.

Member Glick stated that his children had attended the Kick-Off day which had a presentation about insects. They talked excitedly about it at home.

President Morgan noted long-time Wastewater Department Supervisor Myers has utilized her earned time and ended her 35 years of employment with the Borough on May 31st. We thank her again and wish her well.

There being no further business or public comment, Council convened into Executive Session for police personnel matters. Those in attendance included all Council members present, Mayor Bender, Solicitor Harris, Manager Fulcher, Chief Leighty and Lieutenant Bitner.

The regular meeting was reconvened following the Executive Session. There being no other business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

July 2, 2024

Date Approved