

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
July 2, 2024

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at 7 p.m. in New Holland Borough Hall. All members were present: President Patrick K. Morgan, Vice-President Michael H. Kurtz, Bryant J. Glick, William Clisham, John S. Taylor and via phone, Harry M. Klinger and D. Michael Ireland. Others in attendance were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Mayor M. Timothy Bender, Police Chief William Leighty and reporter Carole Deck. Also present were: Water consultant Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering and residents Rebekah Brown, Jonathan Brown, Bill Kassinger, Sheila Smeltz, Henry Smeltz, Lino Vescovich and Ken Wright.

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 prior meeting of June 4, 2024, be approved as presented. This was seconded by Mike Kurtz and passed.

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

Police Chief Leighty then provided his monthly Report summary. There was a total of 341 Incidents in the Borough during the period. There were 13 total arrests, of which 12 were felonies or misdemeanors. One of these was a DUI. There were 4 reportable accidents and 2 non-reportable and totals of 12 citations and 11 warnings. Of 12 total juvenile contacts, 7 went to Juvenile Court, and 5 went to District Court. There was one main community event participated in by the Department, that was participating with the Garden Spot Fire Rescue's summer cadet day camp.

Member Glick inquired how preparations were for next month's police National Night Out.

Chief Leighty replied that preparations seem to be coming along well.

President Morgan noted the one DUI on the monthly report, saying these are important and it is good to see the enforcement.

In reporting for the Property Committee, Bill Clisham stated on behalf of the Committees and Council, they wish to publicly recognize and thank local business Gerald G. Martin and Sons; Plastic Welding of Ephrata, the Leak Detection service of Aqua Docs of Lititz and the staff of the Borough's Streets, Parks, Maintenance Department as well as the Water Department; all in the emergency response to a major in-system water pipe leak at the pool. This leak caused a pool opening delay of about 14 days. Other separate issues developed with motors and pumps over the next few days which also had to be dealt with.

President Morgan noted that also with the repair process, Pool Manager Leo Ward spent much of his time during the process constantly checking on the work. Long time pool staffer Lisa Weir utilized her own Facebook page to respond to numerous Facebook comments related to the leak situation and delayed opening.

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

Mayor Bender reported the monies received through the Police Department the past month as \$823 from the District Justice's office; \$630 from Accident reports; and \$222.06 from fingerprinting. He stated he appreciated being kept informed of the updates of the pool repair and opening status. He is aware the pool is aging so it is good to see it is still able to be repaired to usable condition again.

Manager Fulcher noted the continued use of the pool is on a year to year basis, though its lifetime expectancy has been well extended. He also noted that as of the last serious lightning storm, three additional main portions of what are called the "Grid Smart" box in the traffic signal control systems were destroyed. The three additional ones out of regular service are Custer/Main, which up until this was already awaiting a new camera, Mentzer-Diller/Main and Hoover/Main. These will be cycling on their own as they await replacements, which are currently projected as eight months. The East Main/Ranck Road signal had been and still is awaiting a Grid Smart unit. He then presented for Council consideration the request of Garden Spot Village to approve a Resolution acknowledging the Village's request for approval of \$75,000,000 in bond financing through the Lancaster Municipal Authority. Earl Township is the main municipality the complex is in, and it has approved a similar Resolution. The Borough has been requested to recognize that some of Garden Spot Village's property is in the Borough. There is no financial involvement or liability related to the bonds being obtained by the Village. The Village's various plans for possible uses of the money raised are noted in the Resolution and include the payoff of some existing bonds, construction of an on-site power source of some type and other alterations,

remodeling and additions to the skilled nursing facilities. The Borough Solicitor has reviewed it. A similar action was taken in 2019.

Mike Kurtz then made the motion that Resolution #559, which recognizes and approves the application of Garden Spot Village to the Lancaster Municipal Authority for various projects of Garden Spot Village for the benefit of the Village in an amount not to exceed \$75,000,000 be approved. This was seconded by Bill Clisham and passed.

Lee Vescovich reporting for the ELANCO Library to Council stated the initial feedback concerning the re-opening of the remodeled Children's Library has been very positive. For those who may desire, special tours can be provided. At this time, around 1,060 children have signed up for the Summer Reading program.

There being no further public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

August 6, 2024
Date Approved