

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
September 3, 2024

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. All members were present: President Patrick K. Morgan, Vice-President Michael H. Kurtz, Bryant J. Glick, William Clisham, Harry M. Klinger, D. Michael Ireland and John S. Taylor. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Mayor M. Timothy Bender and Police Chief William Leighty. Others in attendance included residents Bill Kassinger, Ken Wright and Lino Vescovich, and representative of CNH Industrial America, LLC, attorney Peter Wertz of McNeese Wallace.

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

Bryant Glick made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of August 6, 2024, be approved noting one correction, on the last page, the action was seconded by him, not member Clisham.

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

Police Chief Leighty then reviewed his monthly summary Report. There was a total of 282 incidents, of which seven were arrests: three felonies, three misdemeanors and one DUI. There were 8 accidents, of which 6 were reportable; and 14 citations and 5 warnings. There were four juvenile contacts. There were 44 medical call assists. The usual participation list with community organization events as well as numerous training events attended is included. The Borough's Police Night Out was held as scheduled on Tuesday, August 6. Fortunately, the heavy showers held off until towards the end of the event. It seemed to be well attended and enjoyed. On September 11, the Coffee with a Cop activity will be at the New Holland Coffee Company from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Also participating this year will be the New Holland Ambulance Association, Garden Spot Fire Rescue and representatives from the ELANCO Library.

Member Glick stated he wants to recognize Police Department Administrative Assistants Gehr and Jones for their efforts in organizing the Police Night Out. It was also nice to see Lieutenant Bitner and officers McCorkle and Halstead participating with the event.

President Morgan stated he recently observed an officer doing traffic observation while driving in Earl Township. He feels this is a good thing for the public to see.

Finance Chairman Clisham then made the motion that Council approve payment of the second half tax contribution to the ELANCO Library, in the amount of \$9,000. This was seconded by Mike Ireland and passed.

Mayor Bender reported the monies received through the Police Department in the past month as: \$725.50 from the District Justice's office; \$45 from Accident reports; \$20 from parking fines; and \$100 from fingerprinting. He noted he also thought National Night Out was a success. Many other municipalities postponed theirs due to the uncertain weather. We were fortunate and the good planning and organization helped make it a success.

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

Peter Wertz, representing CNH Industrial, of 600 West Main Street, New Holland presented a Petition to Amend the New Holland Borough Zoning Ordinance and Map. For this type of action, the first step is to present it to the municipality's governing body to formally recognize and accept it. It is then referred to the Borough's and County's Planning Commissions for review and comment to Council. As outlined in the Petition presented, it involves the request to change 3.67 acres of land owned by CNH under the 600 West Main Street address, from its current R-1 designation to a C-2 designation. This parcel is located along the east side of CNH's main entrance Delp Road. The property to its immediate east is obtaining 30 feet of additional yard on its west (side) and south (back) yards from CNH. Mr. Wertz showed a larger diagram of the area under discussion. The discussion as presented indicates the interest of CNH to utilize the space to construct a Welcome Center.

Member Klinger asked if they had also discussed this with the two other property owners adjoining the CNH parcel in question to the east, which adjoins their back yards.

Mr. Wentz stated he was not involved with that part of the activities, but they will have that answer for the Planning Commission and Council.

Bryant Glick then made the motion that Council accept the Petition to Amend the New Holland Borough Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map and refer it to the

Borough's and County's Planning Commissions review process as presented by CNH Industrial. This was seconded by John Taylor, and passed.

Lee Vescovich, as Borough representative to the ELANCO Library Board, expressed his thanks to Council for its approval of the second half tax contribution to the Library. He noted the Fall schedule of currently planned events through December is now available. There are some special activities for home-schooled children and a number of mental health programs. The annual Book Sale is scheduled for September 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

President Morgan thanked Mr. Vescovich for his information; and noting there is no further business or public comment, the meeting was convened into Executive Session for discussion of police personnel matters.

Upon reconvening into regular session following the Executive Session, there was no public comment; and the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

October 1, 2024
Date Approved