

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
August 5, 2025

New Holland Borough met in regular session on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 5 p.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: Vice-President Michael H. Kurtz, Bryant J. Glick, D. Michael Ireland, John M. Taylor and Charles F. Kidhardt. Members absent were President Patrick K. Morgan and Harry M. Klinger. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher and Police Chief/Consultant Mark Benzel. Others in attendance included Borough water consultant Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering, John Chatling and Myron Slaybaugh of Sycamore Springs West, the Borough portion of Garden Spot Village, ELANCO Library representative Joy Dlugosz, Bill Kassinger, Ken Wright and Emerson Glick.

Vice-President Kurtz 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 July 1, 2025 be approved as presented. This was seconded by Mike Ireland and passed.

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

Chief Bentzel then reviewed the monthly summary Report of the Department. Activities for the month included a total of 358 incidents, of which there were six arrests, of which four were felonies/misdemeanors, one a DUI and one a non-traffic summary. There were 13 total accidents, 9 of which were reportable. Fifty citations were issued along with 12 warnings. There were five juvenile contacts, all of which were referred to District court. Various activities the past month included a special DUI enforcement detail funded by the Center for Traffic Safety. On the 19th, an officer led the 13th annual Covered Bridge Ride/American Legion. On July 5, 17 and 22, an Aggressive Driving Enforcement detail was utilized. This was also funded by the Center for Traffic Safety. These resulted in 27 citations and 14 warnings. The monies received for the Borough through the Department for the period were: \$632.99 from the District Justice's office; \$180 from accident reports; \$100 from finger printing; \$10 in parking fines; and \$21 from county court fees.

Mike Ireland made the motion that the proposed Agreement with the ELANCO School District to provide a School Resources Police Officer (SRO) to ELANCO

School District as provided in the Agreement, through December 2025, be approved. He noted that the District has already approved the Agreement. This was seconded by John Taylor and passed.

Water Chairman Kidhardt stated he will defer to project consultant Bologna for an outline of the recommended Change Order #1 elements for the Locust Street project that is being presented for Council approval this evening.

Consultant Bologna explained that Change Order #1 consists of three elements. The first involves an extension of both the substantial completion date as well as the final completion date by eight days. Final completion is now identified as July 23, 2025. The other two components, the first identified as “A” under the Change Order, involved the utilization of the contractor to change out the old valve on South Custer Avenue, on the water main under South Custer, which could not be shut off and found to be leaking. This was at an additional cost of \$6,156.89. The third component is identified as “B” and involved those sections of soft clay found in the street subsurface and the digging out and filling with stone, then compacting those areas, prior to full street completion. This was a cost increase of \$49,513. His firm reviewed these prices as to normal costs and found them very reasonable. He anticipated another closeout Change Order next month related mainly to the fiber matting, sometimes called Petro-mat that was an additional element added to the street repaving. This is placed between the base coat and the final coat of asphalt. It is supposed to assist the asphalt in durability as to movement.

Charles Kidhardt then made the motion that Change Order #1 for the Locust Street project, consisting of the three elements as outlined by consultant Bologna, be approved. This was seconded by John Taylor and passed.

Streets Chairman Glick made the motion that Council approve the request of the New Holland Farmers’ Fair Association to approved Resolution #570 to allow the New Holland Farmers’ Fair Association to hang a banner across Main Street for about a month prior to the Fair. This was seconded by Mike Ireland and passed.

Manager Fulcher reported the Fair Association is finalizing details for the banner. On the Locust Street project matter he noted that the All Saints Church located at the corner of West Main and Diller was a great help to the residents of the areas of street reconstruction on Locust Street, as it allowed residents to utilize a portion of its parking lot when the street was closed due to the reconstruction. Even closer to that section, Burkholder Builders, which owns the currently open western portion of the property on Locust between the private Blossom Lane, west to the vehicle

service garage also allowed the residents to park on their open space. Their support was recognized and thanked by the Borough.

Joy Dlugosz representing Eastern Lancaster County Library stated that the first major item of information is that the Library is holding a new Buy A Brick campaign to assist particularly with the replacement of the five air conditioning units as well as some other major repairs needed. The elevator has been repaired at this time. The Library is a designated cooling center during regular business hours. This information was provided to Cross-Net and the Police Department. This year's Summer Reading Program involved over 1,000 children and 250 adults. There are many programs which are included on the Library's website including things such as an Origami Workshop and a Social Security Questions session being led by local business person Allen Wessel. She also noted that the Library was recognized in July for being number one in getting the materials requested to those requesting, in the best time.

Vice-President Kurtz then thanked Ms. Dlugosz for the report.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

September 2, 2025

Date Approved