

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Authority
July 15, 2025

The New Holland Borough Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: Chairman Robert P. Johnson, Vice-Chairman Michael H. Kurtz, Treasurer Jack E. Schnader and Secretary Allen B. Wessel. Member Ernie M. Orr was absent. Also present were Authority Manager/Recording Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Borough Water Department Supervisor Jesse Kern, Borough Wastewater Department Supervisor Dan Rebuck and water consultant Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering.

Chairman Johnson opened the meeting, asking for action on the Minutes of the prior meeting.

Mike Kurtz made the motion that the Minutes of the Authority's meeting of April 15, 2025 be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Allen Wessel and passed.

Water consultant Bologna then provided a status report on the water line, service lines and partial street replacement project on Locust Street. He distributed three photos of Locust Street prior to the beginning of construction and three recent photos showing it near completion. He feels it is 99 percent completed. They are currently replacing some small sections of curb and sidewalk where their finished grade was wrong. Most of the landscaping is completed. Due to the widening of the east section of roadway in order to meet the new grades, some more lengthy driveway restoration work had to be done. The only item remaining after this week is the additional sidewalk and curb that needed replacement and was authorized by the Manager to be ready for the Borough to overlay the western half of the street next year.

At this time, there should be three contract Change Orders for Council to act on with closeout. The first will be for a formal extension of time basically due to the unusually fragrant and intense spring rains. The first direct construction related Change Order relates to the discovery of the soft subbase clay locations. These had to be compacted and filled with stone prior to repaving. To also address this concern, a Geo-mat covering was placed beneath the asphalt to better provide a longer wearing street surface. The third Change Order relates to the discovery during the project that when the valves were shut off for the water main on South Custer Avenue to allow the new Locust Street line connection, one valve, the

southern one, would not shut completely. It was an old valve. The contractor was requested to replace this valve since their equipment was on-site. He feels that the contractor, MDX, was very communicative and responsive to the residents' concerns during the project.

Manager Fulcher reported that the All Saints Church at the corner of Diller and West Main Street, which has a parking lot on its south side not far from Locust Street; and Burkholder Builders which is the new owner of the lot on the north side, west half of Locust, both allowed residents to park on their property during street closure times. There were other sites a little further away that were available if needed but they were not needed. Those two owners will be sent Thank you letters.

Wastewater Supervisor Rebeck reported that engineering firm Buchart-Horn has begun the Study authorized last October to review the possible change from the current chlorine based treatment system to an ultra-violet system. He is not sure when it will be completed. The cost is \$30,000. He also noted that the recent extremely intense rainstorms did cause some overflow issues but not nearly as bad as some other areas across the county and state. The Spruce Street Pump Station also had a brief overflow alarm during the storm of July 2.

Manager Fulcher noted for information purposes that at this time the recognized major projects on the improvement needs list remain the repainting of the water storage tank on Diller Avenue; the replacement of the old six inch line sections between the eastern water tank near the high school, south to Main Street, then south from Main Street to the Borough line, which is already an eight inch line. The remaining short section from outside the PennDOT right of way at North Whisper Lane, north to the first hydrant is a smaller project which they will try to get done. Not to build in the near future but to obtain an acceptable site for a new future well is also a constant goal for the future.

Member Schnader inquired if there is an inspection requirement by PA DEP related to water tanks; and what is the current estimated cost of the work for the Diller tank.

Consultant Bologna stated that there is no inspection requirement for water tanks by DEP. Their current estimated cost for the Diller tank is approximately \$1.2 million or more. This tank is larger as well as at an area whereby the contractor would have to cover the work area. This project would involve going through DEP review and approvals.

Jack Schnader then made the motion that the bills be paid as presented. This was seconded by Allen Wessel and passed. The bills were:

New Holland Borough	\$389,432.34
Reimb. Boro for MDX AFP #2 and #3	ck#1619
Becker Engineering	\$214.50
Attend Authority Meeting	ck#1620
New Holland Borough	\$250,000
Reimb. Boro for MDX AFP#4	ck#1621
LCTCB Real Estate	\$847.03
2025/2026 School R/E Taxes	ck#1622

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 a.m.

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Date Approved