

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Authority
October 21, 2025

The New Holland Borough Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, October 21, 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 Assistant Recording Secretary Paula S. Walsh, Borough Water Department Supervisor Jesse Kern, Borough Wastewater Department Supervisor Dan Rebuck and water consultant Jeff Bologna of HRG, Inc.

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 July 15, 2025 be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Allen Wessel and passed.

Water consultant Bologna explained that Becker Engineering was sold to HRG, Inc. He has worked with the Borough for a total of 26 years, first with ARRO Consulting then with Becker Engineering and would like to continue to work with the Authority as an employee of HRG.

Mr. Bologna explained Resolution #572-A is for a grant application for the painting of the west end water tank. An ARPA grant in the amount of \$500,000 was also previously applied for. The Authority should hear if we were chosen for funding in November 2026. Both grants can be used for the same project. The second grant is to the Commonwealth Financing Authority in the amount of \$1 million. No in-kind match is needed for this grant. He explained that the west tank is more difficult to paint due to its location and isolation requirements than the previously painted east tank. If all the funding is awarded, the tank would be able to be stripped both inside and outside and once painted have a 30 year life span. The preliminary cost estimate for the project is \$1.2 to \$1.4 million and it could possibly be completed in 2026.

Member Wessel asked if we are still able to do the project if we do not receive the grant. Consultant Bologna said that it can be completed, but due to the condition of the tank and location, it is not advisable to change the scope of work.

Member Schnader asked why the underside/bottom of the tank has more rust than the other areas. Consultant Bologna stated he is not positive but he assumes that the water spends more time in that area causing the deterioration.

Member Wessel made the motion to approve Resolution #572-A which authorizes the grant application and signees. Member Kurtz seconded the motion, which passed.

Consultant Bologna stated that the Locust Street project is complete. Member Wessel mentioned that the housing development has started. Once developer Leon Burkholder's project is complete, the overlay of the western half of Locust Street will be completed by the Borough.

Wastewater Supervisor Dan Rebeck submitted the NPDES permit to DEP. The target time from DEP is July 2026; however, they could take a couple years to provide the new permit.

Water Supervisor Jesse Kern stated that everything is running well in the Department. He noted that the company where he got the hydrants, Kennedy, will no longer support their hydrants. We currently have 40 Kennedy hydrants. Unless something breaks, he will need to use parts from other hydrants because he will not be able to get new parts.

Member Wessell asked if the Borough has any spares. Supervisor Kern explained that we just had two hydrants that were hit by cars and one that had a broken flange. These three were replaced by new hydrants, @\$4,300 each, with the old ones kept for parts. He also mentioned that a DEP waiver for the asbestos piping in Locust Street has been applied for since it was removed during the project.

There were no bills presented.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

January 20, 2026
Date Approved