

MINUTES  
New Holland Borough Council  
January 6, 2026

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 6:04 p.m. in Borough Hall. All members were present: President Patrick K. Morgan, Vice-President D. Michael Ireland, Michael H. Kurtz, John M. Taylor, Anthony W. Bender, Allen B. Wessel and Kenneth C. Wright. Also present were Manager/Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Mayor Bryant J. Glick and Police Chief Eric Higgins. Others in attendance included Borough Wastewater Department Supervisor Dan Rebuck, Jeff Bologna of HRG, Inc. and resident Bill Kassinger.

President Morgan opened the meeting.

Mike Kurtz made the motion that the Minutes of Council meeting of December 2, 2025, be approved as presented. This was seconded by John Taylor and passed.

John Taylor then made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of December 12, 2025 be approved as presented. This was seconded by Mike Kurtz and passed.

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

West Earl Police Chief Higgins noted that with mainly the last two weeks being the initial call signals change over to the West Earl Police Department, he prepared a short Report of activities for December. He will have his more regular report moving forward. If members have questions or comments for him with it they can let him know. It should provide a good snapshot of activities over the period involved. For anything significant or unusual, he will usually email the Council President and Manager. He is to review this process with President Morgan as things move forward.

President Morgan stated he wants to take a minute while the Chief is here to remind everyone that should you have any questions or concerns related to police service, the Borough's liaison people with West Earl Township for this purpose are Council President, or Vice-President in his absence, and the Borough Manager.

Member Ireland asked the Chief how many former New Holland officers chose to go to West Earl.

Chief Higgins stated nine.

President Morgan noted he has heard from many residents as to them already seeing more police vehicles and activity throughout the Borough then they have seen in the past. He thanks the Chief and officers for doing a good job.

Chief Higgins stated there was no special or additional discussion to the officers about the changeover. They are doing their job as expected.

Mike Ireland made the motion that the West Earl Township Police Chief, who oversees the West Earl police services to the Borough be officially designated as the Borough's Right-To-Know Officer for police matter inquiries. This was seconded by John Taylor and passed.

Finance Chair Ireland next made the motion that proposed Resolution #578, which approves the participation of the Fire Police of Garden Spot Fire Rescue to participate in non-emergency events during 2026 be approved. This was seconded by Ken Wright and passed.

Chairman Ireland made the motion that proposed Resolution #579, which recognizes the appointment of the Lancaster County Treasurer's office as Deputy Tax Collector for the collection of the Borough's real estate taxes by the Borough's elected Tax Collector J. Richard Fulcher for the years 2026 through 2029 be approved. This was seconded by Allen Wessel and passed.

Chairman Ireland noted he has one more action item for this evening and made the motion that proposed Resolution #580 which at this time only updates a few of the Borough's fees as well as adds one related to a fee for when a motel owner calls for a reinspection but has still not met the agreed to compliance list be approved. This was seconded by Ken Wright and passed.

Mayor Glick stated he also wants to mention he has received positive comments about the new police coverage and thanked Chief Higgins.

Manager/Secretary Fulcher reminded Council members that in a voice vote unless a No or Abstention is verbally stated, which is to have a justification as to certain situations, all votes are formally recorded as voting in favor.

Member Bender made the motion that resident Charles Kidhardt be appointed to the Borough's Planning Commission to fill a remaining two year term through

12-'27. He noted that as most are aware Mr. Kidhardt has voluntarily served the Borough both on Council as well as other Boards and his willingness to continue to serve is sincerely appreciated. This was seconded by Ken Wright and passed.

Consultant Bologna stated on behalf of HRG, Inc. he expresses his thanks to Council for placing its trust in his firm to work for the Borough.

There being no further public comment, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

February 3, 2026

Date Approved