

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Council
March 3, 2026

New Holland Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 6 p.m. in Borough Hall. All members were present: President Patrick K. Morgan, Vice-President D. Michael Ireland via phone, 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 water consultant Jeff Bologna of HRG, Assoc., Susan Burke of the Eastern Lancaster County Library, residents Bill Kassinger, Dennis Summers, Doris Summers, Dave King of Garden Spot Fire Rescue and Patrick Diebler of the ELANCO Library Board.

President Morgan opened the meeting asking for action on the Minutes of Council's last meeting.

Ken Wright made the motion that the Minutes of Council's meeting of February 3, 2026, be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Allen Wessel 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 then briefly reviewed his monthly summary Report. There were 388 calls for some type of service received from within the Borough during the period. There were 132 Traffic Enforcement Stops, of these, 62 resulted in citations. There were six non-reportable vehicle accidents; as well as six reportable. He noted the first two pages outline some of the main community activities of the Department as well as providing information on a number of new officers and how they have been doing so far. The Department has partnered with Project Lifesaver, one in which the Borough's former Department also participated. This is the program that assists families with persons who for various reasons are prone to wandering due to some condition. It involves providing a wearable radio transmitter to help officers to quickly locate a missing person. On March 20th, they are going to hold Coffee with a Cop at the nearby shopping center in Earl Township.

Finance Chair Ireland made the motion that Council approve the first half of the 2026 budgeted donation to the ELANCO Library, in the amount of \$10,000. This was seconded by Mike Kurtz and passed.

There were no property, personnel, water or wastewater action items.

Streets Chair Wright noted that the initially planned report on street bid opening results were extended until next month. He then made the motion that the request of the New Holland Summer Arts Council for the use and closure if necessary of East Jackson Street between South Kinzer and Park Avenue for its annual Fiddler's Picnic on Monday, September 7, 2026, for possible closure, between 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. This was seconded by John Taylor and passed.

Chairman Wright next made the motion that the request of the Farmer's Fair Association to approve various streets use for its Fair and Parade, which one, for the Fair, from Tuesday, September 29, 1 p.m. to Sunday, October 4, 2026, 8 a.m. utilizing Main Street from Railroad to Custer, South Roberts and North Roberts from Main, north to Broad Street; and for its annual parade, to be held on Wednesday, September 30, and use the streets of Jackson from Ranck Road, west to South Custer, South Custer north to Broad Street, Broad east to North Railroad, then north to Main, finishing on Main at Kinzer, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. This was seconded by Allen Wessel and passed.

Mayor Glick stated he is happy to report that New Holland's Palermo's Pizza and Restaurant recently won the 2026 Lancaster County Pizza Playoff. He was able to attend a congratulatory event.

Manager Fulcher stated he just had an early status report in that the main structure of the pool seems to have made it through the winter so far with no major damage.

President Morgan noted he wants to thank and recognize pool and on-site park Manager Leo Ward for his recent report of activities from 2025. He also stated that should anyone in the audience desire, there are additional copies of the monthly Library Report of Activities available here this evening. The Library is still looking for a Director.

Line officer Dave King of Garden Spot Fire Rescue provided and reviewed the informational packet as prepared by GSFR related to a fundraising campaign for its planned new fire station in East Earl Township. The cost is currently around \$5 million; so far about \$3 million has been raised. The fundraising campaign continues.

President Morgan thanked him for the update.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

April 7, 2026
Date Approved