

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
 300 SCHOOL STREET  
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: October 13, 2015 7:02 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by Vice President Hart.

ROLL CALL:	Jim Cherry	Present
	Michael McDonald	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Daniel O'Connell	Absent
	Ed Redstreak	Absent
	Christine Hart	Present
	Paula Scott	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Absent
	Jim Sando	Absent
	Mayor Greg D'Angelo	Present

Also in attendance was John Filice, Borough solicitor and Chief Levy.

President McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment**

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked if Council gave money to Community Day and what happened to the money. Member Hart said we hold a separate account for those funds. The vendors got their money back but the Borough did not actually spend any money. Some of the bigger sponsors did not want a refund and told the Borough to use the funds to pay for the expenses incurred. Mike Fellmeth, President of the North Wales Business Alliance, said the Borough did not actually put money in the account but instead used personnel to help send notices, put things on the website, collect money and applications, etc. Mr. Fellmeth thanked everyone who helped plan and work on Community Day. Member Hart asked why there was no rain date. Mr. Fellmeth said that the vendors can't attend a rain date because they are booked for other events.

Mr. Fellmeth said the interim manager and staff are great. He asked about the status of Triad and stated Council has the power to move forward. President McDonald said there is no new information to pass along on that. Member Hart said it was discussed and that Council would look into how to fit it into the 2016 budget. President McDonald said maybe we could ask Mr. Zumpino to attend the first meeting in November. Mr. Fellmeth asked if it had to wait until 2016. Member Hart said he did not give an hourly rate, it was tell me what you want done and I will give you a quote. Member Hart said we need to develop a scope of what we want and where we want to be and then see if we have the funding to bring it to fruition. Mr. Fellmeth said Mr. Zumpino said it would be a nominal fee to get started.

Sal Amato, 201 S. Tenth Street, asked if the Borough could use the representative from Triad to put together an RFP to get a starting point and an itemized list. Then we could move forward in putting a plan together. Member Hart asked what the RFP would be for since we have a comprehensive plan.

Judy Miller, 312 E. Montgomery Avenue, asked what Triad is. President McDonald replied it is an organization that gets grants for municipalities. Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked isn't that part of the Borough manager's job. Member Hart responded yes.

### **Discussion: Renewal of Compost Agreement with Barnside Farms Compost Facility**

Member Hart explained that we receive money from recycling. We must have a central composting center. The solicitor must review and Council must vote by October 31, 2015. Council will review the documents and vote at the next meeting.

### **Discussion: Budget Timeline**

President McDonald said there is a document in the packet that lists the dates for the budget time line. Member Hart suggested that all members look at the dates. She said Mrs. Liebel will put together our financial positions for all line items and start the budget process.

### **Old Business/Committee Reports/Zoning Applications**

President McDonald said we received a preliminary report from a hearing impaired vendor. He indicated that we would need microphones and a main system, with an approximate cost of \$12,000.00. Member Hart said there are only two vendors in the area that install ADA Compliant Hearing Loops.

Joanne Matthews, 421 Shearer Street, wanted to know if most municipalities have microphones. Member Hart said most have a sound system but not the hearing loop system.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked if similar sized municipalities have microphones and this hearing impaired system. President McDonald said they deal mostly with libraries and large conference rooms and not small municipalities. Member Hart said there are not many municipalities our size to compare with. We used to have a sound system but it is old.

Member Cherry asked about the status of illuminating the flag pole. Member Hart said the flag is lit but one of the lights is not working. A brief discussion ensued about the lights in the parking lot.

President McDonald reported that the amount of the radio loan has been reduced for the fire company because of a bulk purchase discount; instead of \$195,648.92, it will be \$182,140.24. The price will remain the same for the police department.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** - President McDonald said the committee is still interviewing candidates for the manager's position and they hope to have a resolution by the end of the month.

Mel Magee, 511 E. Montgomery Avenue, thanked everyone for attending the zoning hearing for 509 E. Montgomery Avenue.

**Solicitor/Mayor/Council/Manager**

Solicitor Filice said there will be an executive session tonight to discuss a couple of items of potential litigation with no action taken.

Mayor D'Angelo talked about the Mayor's Corner on the Borough's Web Site.

Member Cherry reported that there will be a "Movie in the Park" on October 30<sup>th</sup> at dusk. They will be giving out candy and popcorn to the kids. Come in costume.

Interim Manager Levy reported that North Wales Water Authority will be making Swartley Street a two way street between Elm and Walnut during construction in the area to facilitate travel in the area by residents and customers of the water authority. He reported that we received two quotes for repairing the sidewalk around Borough Hall. We are looking to get one more estimate. Also, Susquehanna Bank was bought by BB&T and they will be issuing new bank account numbers. He said we are in the consortium to bid for rock salt. The contract has been awarded to Oceanport LLC, and the cost is \$66.10 per ton.

He reported there are no zoning applications; the application for 509 E. Montgomery Avenue was denied by the Zoning Hearing Board; Crest Commons LLC requested an escrow release for the houses on E. Prospect Avenue. The engineer will review and advise Council on what action to take regarding the escrow release. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Member Scott made a motion to adjourn. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Alex H. Levy  
Interim Borough Manager