

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
 300 SCHOOL STREET  
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: May 12, 2015 7:00 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President McDonald.

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

Also in attendance was Gregory Gifford, Borough solicitor and Alex Levy, Chief of Police.

President McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment**

Pat Graham, 324 S. Fourth Street, said last year there was a situation with the tennis courts being reserved. She said yesterday she went by and they were reserved again. Manager DeMeno said it is being used three nights a week and there is no contract. Ms. Graham asked if they paid monthly. Manager DeMeno replied yes they pay and it is a fair amount. He said if there are significant complaints, we can always change it.

### **Consideration: Sponsorship of Nor-Gwyn Baseball Concession Stand**

Manager DeMeno said they are building a new concession stand. He said a representative from Nor-Gwyn had contacted him. He recommends donating \$1,000.00 but that is up to Council. Member Hart said she does not know if elected officials can donate tax money. Manager DeMeno said we have until the end of May to look into it. He said many years ago public works donated labor to help them. Rosemary Schlegel, 301 W. Montgomery Avenue, said she thinks they are not sponsoring as elected officials but as a Borough. She asked if the contribution would be recognized. Manager DeMeno said yes. The Borough would be listed on a plaque. Mrs. Schlegel said she thinks most tax payers would be happy if a donation was made. President McDonald said we will revisit this at the next meeting.

**Consideration: CD Renewal for \$244,300 at 1<sup>st</sup> Internet Bank for 24 Months at 1.16% APY**

Manager DeMeno said he shopped around and the best rate is with an internet bank. They are more convenient than driving all around. President McDonald asked if this is the best rate. Manager DeMeno said it is the best rate for public funds. Mayor D'Angelo asked about the differential between 18 and 24 months. Manager DeMeno said it is significant now but at worst we would break even. He said he thinks that it is unlikely to raise enough to make a difference.

Member Hart made a motion to approve the renewal at First Internet Bank. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Appointment: Lisa Hollister as Civilian Member of Police Pension Committee**

Chief Levy said the police department had an opportunity to talk to Ms. Hollister. It took a while but they did get to meet her.

Member Hart made a motion to appoint Lisa Hollister as a Civilian Member to the Police Pension Committee. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

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

There was no old business.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Member Hart said by the next meeting, the committee should have a spread sheet to look at long term lending to fund capital improvements.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Chief Levy said the DARE graduation was last night and he thanked Jane Keyes and Tex Mex for giving the kids a bag full of goodies.

Manager DeMeno said in June there will be two applications on the docket, 108 S. Main Street and 201 W. Walnut Street, the NWWA is seeking a variance for a parking lot. Member Hart asked who the applicant for 108 S. Main Street was. Manager DeMeno responded Lillian Rudolph. She wants to do an addition. Member Hart asked if it was for relief from setbacks. Manager DeMeno responded yes. Member Hart asked are there two on West Walnut. Manager DeMeno said no, it is 201 the empty lot across from the water authority. There was a brief discussion regarding the proposed NWWA parking lot.

Perry Francis, 125 W. Walnut Street, asked how far back the addition would extend. Member Hart said you would have to look at the application. If you are interested you can request a copy and/or attend the meeting. She asked when the notices go out. Manager DeMeno replied two weeks before.

Pat Graham asked about the status of the McKeever property. Member Hart said they withdrew their application and have not submitted a new application.

Member Scott informed Council that the pharmacy building is for sale. It has retail space, an apartment space and parking in the rear.

**Solicitor/Mayor/Council/Manager**

Solicitor Gifford said tomorrow there will be a meeting with Dan, John Filice and Nate. This is an opportunity for Nate to go over things with Dan. He has a short discussion on a matter with potential litigation for executive session with no action required.

Mayor D'Angelo said he attended the PSAB conference and one of the people at the luncheon table was from Bangor. They are thrilled with Nate. One item from the conference is PSAB is reversing their stand on the tax exempt status issue. They have decided to support the bill. He said this bill was introduced to amend an existing bill. He said it was brought to the Planning Commission's attention that the property at West and Shearer Streets was sold. They will probably want to subdivide it. It is the old Lukens estate.

Member Sando said someone had asked about the possibility of lining parking spaces other than on Main Street. Member Hart said someone had asked her about that also. She said it is hard to justify the size of a parking space because of the different sizes of vehicles. So is it worth the time, money and energy? Herbert Schlegel, 301 W. Montgomery Avenue, asked if there were restrictions on the size of vehicles allowed on the street. Member Hart said no, just as long as they are registered and inspected. President McDonald said we don't necessarily want to stripe all residential streets. Member Hart said SEPTA came up with an average but it would be quite difficult to determine a size. Member Sando asked what size was used on Main Street. Member Hart said she thought it was 13 or 14 feet. Chief Levy said you would have to have an ordinance and signs in place to enforce parking between the lines. President McDonald asked the manager to have public works look at the size of the spaces on Main Street. Member Hart said the striping on Main Street for 30 minute parking and the reflective tape along the cross walks seem to be wearing down. Do we want to do anything since they will be paving Walnut Street? A brief discussion ensued regarding the cross walks at Main and Walnut Streets. The cross walks will be addressed when the state starts paving.

President McDonald thanked the police department for their help on Saturday for the Saint Rose 5K. There was a huge response from the community.

Chief Levy said there is a sexually violent predator living at 214 School Street. Everyone living within 250 feet of 214 School Street will receive a flyer. It is required to send out notices every two years. He has lived there since I was appointed and there have been no incidents. He said the Civil Service Commission is meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Member Hart made a motion to adjourn. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel DeMeno, Borough Manager

