

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: April 12, 2016, 7:00 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President McDonald.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	James Cherry	Present
	John Davis	Present
	Michael McDonald	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Daniel O'Connell	Present
	James Sando	Absent
	Paula Scott	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Mayor Greg D'Angelo	Present

Also in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor and Chief Alex Levy.

President McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Doreen Fox, 428 South Tenth Street, wanted to know what is going to be done with chickens in the Borough. Manager Hart said that a letter was sent to an offender of the ordinance and there is a thirty day window before additional action is taken. Member O'Connell asked if there are other residents with chickens. Manager Hart said there are other residents who may have chickens and she is investigating these locations.

Solicitor Gifford read the Borough Code referencing chickens; Chapter 90; Prohibited Animals.

Ms. Fox also asked about basketball nets in the street and hockey nets in the street and she is concerned for the safety of the children because they do not move for passing cars.

Ms. Fox also asked about water gardens where mosquitoes may nest and carry disease. Member Tarlecki said the County may check for mosquitoes and spray on occasion.

Consideration: Resolution required for Designation of Agent (PEMA DAP-2 Form)

Manager Hart said that the Borough applied for assistance in recovering the costs from cleanup for winter storm Jonas on January 16, 2016. The County has advised municipalities that they

must attend two meetings and also to adopt a formal resolution appointing a representative of the Borough who has the authority to file the appropriate forms.

Member Scott made a motion to appoint Manager Hart to file the appropriate forms (PEMA DAP -1 and/or DAP -2) for financial assistance and reimbursement for winter storm Jonas, which occurred on January 16, 2016. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approve Minutes August 11, 2015 and October 27, 2015

Member Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from August 11, 2015 and October 27, 2015. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Discussion: Beaver Street Road Repairs

Manager Hart said that in the past three weeks the Borough has received many complaints about potholes on Beaver Street near Wawa. Public Works has attempted to fix the street with cold patch with no success. Manager Hart asked council about possibly adding sidewalks along this portion of Beaver Street at the same time the road is repaired or if they would prefer to just fix the road and consider the sidewalks at a later time. Member Amato said he would like to see a full look at the area to include sidewalks but that the road repair should be done as soon as possible. Member Tarlecki asked about the timeline for getting the work done. Manager Hart said that she spoke with Ms. Montgomery, the Borough Engineer, who suggested a comprehensive look at the area for sidewalks.

Member Tarlecki said that repairing the road needs to be done as soon as possible.

Member Cherry suggested that sidewalks be put on the west side of Beaver so they connect with existing sidewalks in Upper Gwynedd and the new sidewalks adjacent to the new SEPTA parking lot.

Member Amato suggested using the Montgomery County Planning Commission to assist with possibly getting grants for additional sidewalks.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked about a bigger study and how that would work related to the timeline of fixing the street. Manager Hart said that the road work will be completed first.

President McDonald suggested connecting sidewalks in the area as a good idea.

Member O'Connell suggested to start the larger study but to do an overlay on the road to fix the potholes now.

Member Davis asked about other roads that may need to be repaired. Manager Hart said that we have a list from several years ago and roads are added as the need arises.

Council Sub-Committee Appointments

President McDonald said that sub-committees meet when needed to assist Borough operations and are normally comprised of council members. President McDonald listed the committees and members for 2016 as listed below:

Employee Relations Committee – President McDonald, Member Scott, Member Sando

Finance Committee – Member Neiderhiser, Member O’Connell, Member Amato

Public Safety Committee – President McDonald, Vice President Cherry, Member Tarlecki, Mayor D’Angelo and Police Chief

Technology Committee – Member Davis, Member Amato, Member Sando

President McDonald said that Manager Hart will also be involved in working with the committees.

Member Amato asked if the committees would be listed on the website. Manager Hart said that she is looking into how to list the committees on the website.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

No old business.

The Parks and Recreation and Shade Tree Committees are working on their report.

Committee and Board reports are posted on the Borough Web Site once they are submitted.

Manager Hart reported that there were zoning hearings for the below listed properties:

201 W. Walnut Street– single family home – zoning relief granted for set-backs being less than thirty feet. Waiting for HARB approval. The owner, David Caracausa, presented plans for the project. There will be no sub-division or land development related to this lot. The Borough will review the building plans.

208 and 210 South Fifth Street – non-conforming, single family home owned by Jane Keyes, being used as a duplex. Zoning relief granted for sub-division. The owner is remodeling both properties and she will submit an application for a sub-division or waiver thereof. The owner will then sell the properties. The homes will then be separate tax parcels with each generating tax revenue.

Solicitor/Mayor/Council/Manager

Solicitor Gifford said there will be an executive session after the meeting to discuss legal issues. No action will be taken.

Member Amato asked about flood plain assessment and who is responsible for what. Member Amato asked about mortgage companies contacting home owners with increasing costs because of flood plain issues. Flood plains and costs are regulated by the Federal Government and there is nothing the Borough can do about the burden on the residents for increasing costs.

Manager Hart added that the Borough has no control over the FEMA study and report so our attempt to help keep residents informed of the flood plain issues is difficult. Manager Hart said that she spoke with representatives of FEMA who were helpful in answering questions and she recommends that each resident check with their mortgage company to help with what they need. There was discussion about mortgage companies, insurance companies, surveying, and what has been done by other people who have been impacted by the new FEMA rules on flood plains.

Chief Levy said that when there is a question about installing sidewalks or not installing sidewalks, the Borough should always lean towards having sidewalks installed.

Manager Hart reported that the playground equipment from St. Rose of Lima has been moved and is being stored in the Public Works area. Special thanks to Perry Francis, Jim Cherry, and our Public Works Department for dismantling the equipment. Manager Hart also said that the Earth Day Extravaganza on April 23rd is moving forward and looks good. The newsletter has details of the events during the celebration and the central location for most of the events will be near Walnut Square. Manager Hart said that two recycle bins for clothing and shoes have been placed in the Borough Hall parking lot on a trial basis. If there are issues related to improper dumping near the bins, the bins will be removed. Manager Hart reported that the Rain Barrel classes have been scheduled for May 11th and May 21st and the registration forms for the classes will be available at the Earth Day Extravaganza as well as the Borough's website.

Manager Hart reported that the Community Day/Octoberfest celebration will be held on October 1, 2016, and the first organizational meeting was held on April 7th, with good attendance. Manager Hart said that there are two new businesses opening soon; the Green Fork Restaurant at Lumber and Main and the North Wales Family Pharmacy located at 107 S Main. Manager Hart reported that the Parks and Recreation fundraiser will be held on May 7th at the North Penn Fire Company and they are looking for donations.

Manager Hart reported that flashing was blown off the building on April 2nd. The flashing has been reinstalled by Public Works. Manager Hart will get estimates for repairs and submit it to insurance if we go over our deductible of \$1,000. Manager Hart reported that the State Dog Warden will be in the Borough sometime over the next several months going door to door checking on licensing of dogs. Manager Hart reported that the 2015 YTD Planning Commission Report is complete.

Manager Hart reported that Station Place development at Fifth and E. Walnut Street has resubmitted their application on April 11th, upon review it was incomplete and she will be in touch with the applicant. Manager Hart also reported that the next council meeting will be held on April 19th instead of April 26th, due to the primary elections.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Attest: _____

Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager