

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
 300 SCHOOL STREET  
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: August 22, 2017 7:02 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President McDonald.

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

Also in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor, Donald Fantry, Chief of Police and Alan Guzzardo, Assistant Borough Manager.

President McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment**

Neil McDevitt, 324 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, thanked members from Council and others for attending a vigil, held in Weingartner Park for victims of racial violence that occurred in Charlottesville, VA on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Joanne Matthews, 421 Shearer Street, announced she had a guest speaker at the Historic Commission meeting, held on August 15<sup>th</sup>. She thanked members of Council and the Mayor for attending the event. She said she hopes there is a large turnout for the "Walls of History" opening on September 19<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm to 7 pm. Member Amato strongly encouraged everyone to attend and commended Joanne Matthews for all her hard work.

### **Consideration: Certificate of Appropriateness: 309 S. Main Street**

Member Amato asked if there is going to be a business at this location. He also asked for proof that a Certificate of Appropriateness was approved. Manager Hart explained that it may be used for a bed and breakfast in the future and the use is permitted, contingent upon all state and local laws pertaining to building permits, etc. She then provided members of Council with a recommendation for approval from the Historical Architectural Review Board.

Member Scott made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness as presented for exterior alterations at 309 S. Main Street. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Disbursements: \$30,009.61**

Member Amato asked how expenses by the Historic Commission are tracked. Manager Hart explained how the expenses are recorded on the expense reports and by separate funds. Member Amato asked if Council must approve these expenditures. Manager Hart replied, yes, Council must approve all expenditures. Joanne Matthews, 421 Shearer Street, explained that the Historic Commission also receives donations that help to pay for their expenses.

Member Scott made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$30,009.61. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of Minutes: 08/08/2017**

Member Tarlecki made a motion to approve the minutes of August 8, 2017. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

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

Manager Hart announced a flyer for the “Walls of History” grand opening will be circulated to other agencies and residents and will also be advertised on the Borough website, Facebook and kiosk. She also thanked Joanne Matthews for all her hard work for preparing the display. Manager Hart then announced Boy Scout Troop 84 is having a “Family Cub Scout Day” on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Scout Center on the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Church Street. She also shared a thank you letter from a daughter of a vet for the Hometown Heroes Banner program which honored her father. Member Davis asked about other possible locations for the banners. Manager Hart explained it is only on Main Street and Walnut Street. Joanne Matthews, 421 Shearer Street, encouraged people to support the Boy Scouts.

Manager Hart then announced the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Community Service event on September 30<sup>th</sup>. She also announced the Montgomery County Borough’s Association Dinner on September 28<sup>th</sup> at Normandy Farms.

**Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Manager**

Solicitor Gifford explained that there are several items for executive session including one personnel matter, two matters related to the collective bargaining agreement, two legal matters and one real estate matter. Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked for an update on the “Spirit of the Sunlight” case. Solicitor Gifford explained it is still in the Court System. Mr. Berenson then asked which Court the case was being reviewed in. Solicitor Gifford answered, Federal Court.

Mayor D’Angelo said he was disappointed there was low attendance for the guest speaker at the Historic Commission meeting held on August 15<sup>th</sup>. He strongly encouraged people to attend the Grand Opening ceremony of the “Walls of History” event on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Member Davis said he was also disappointed about the attendance and that he learned a lot of interesting information from attending the event.

President McDonald also thanked Joanne Matthews for her hard work. He also encouraged people to help for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Day of Service on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Rosemary Schlegel, 301 W. Montgomery Avenue, explained how important this event is and how it helped a friend of hers within the community.

Manager Hart informed Council the Borough filed an insurance claim for a tree that fell at the Tennis Courts, located behind the North Wales Elementary School. She explained the Borough is still getting estimates for the tree, fence and sign damages. She announced the Fall newsletter will be published shortly.

Chief Fantry reminded drivers to be cautious because of children going back to school. He also announced on September 19<sup>th</sup>, that Tex Mex Connection will be donating a portion of the proceeds to the Police Department. He encouraged residents to attend.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

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

Christine A. Hart  
Borough Manager