

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PA

MEETING: August 23, 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	Present
	Paula Scott	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Mayor Gregory D'Angelo	Present

Also in attendance was Gregory Gifford, Borough solicitor.

Manager Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Loretta Weigner, 430 Shearer Street, thanked Manager Hart for contacting SEPTA. Their parking lot looks gorgeous. She said now if we can get the land developer to cleanup and the neighbor across the street to remove her eight foot weeds, things would be fine. Manager Hart replied that she is working on both of those issues.

Consideration: Enact Ordinance – IGA for Alternative TMDL Plan – Wissahickon

Manager Hart said we have had a few meetings where we discussed joining the TMDL Plan. The 14 municipalities and 4 wastewater plants that belong to the Wissahickon Valley Water Shed decided to take the grant of \$1 million to come up with an alternative plan for what is already being mandated. We have already signed the agreement and there are a few municipalities that have not signed. A discussion ensued regarding the municipalities who did not opt to participate in the alternative plan. Manager Hart said they would have to meet the standards.

Member Tarlecki made a motion to approve the IGA for Alternative TMDL Plan ordinance. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Acceptance of Donation for D.A.R.E.

Manager Hart said we received a check for \$2,500.00 from Tex Mex Connection, which was awarded to the police department. She said the police department would like Council to accept the donation and allocate it to the D.A.R.E. program. She said the money did not have a specific designation other than it was for the police department to use where it was needed.

President McDonald thanked Jane Keyes for the donation and all that they do at Tex Mex. Member Amato asked about the D.A.R.E. program. Manager Hart said it is a nationwide program that Officer Hammerstone does in the elementary school.

Member Scott made a motion to accept the donation. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Disbursements \$99,282.86

Manager Hart said two of the disbursements are tax turn overs of \$20,000.00 to the fire company and the library; the police car that was purchased; the \$18,601.80 to Gorecon is a reissue, they called looking for payment and evidently the first check that we issued got lost in the mail; Nationwide Employee Benefits; new uniforms for the chief and officers; summer intern; Victory Fire Protection, relocation of the pump; Valley Power, case of street lights; and McMahan & Associates, Safe Routes to School.

Member Davis asked if the street lights were LED. Manager Hart said she is working with Lower Gwynedd Public Works Department to see if conversion is possible. She said there is one that the ballast is no longer available and she is looking at conversion kits for the street lights as they break. She said the caveat is whether our public works can do the conversion. Manager Hart said a public works employee in Lower Gwynedd is an expert on installing the kits and once they are able they are going to work with our public works and use the light on W. Montgomery Avenue as a test. She said once we are through the test cycle and it is something that we like, she will consider budgeting for them in the future. She said it is something that we will do as they break.

Member Scott made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$99,282.86. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Certificate(s) of Appropriateness: 316 S. Main Street and 215 Church Street

Manager Hart said 316 S. Main Street is repairing/replacing some of the soffit and a new roof. She said HARB recommended all the materials to meet the standards if they are not able to replicate the existing.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 316 S. Main Street. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Manager Hart said 215 Church Street is the Waldron house built around 1803. It is believed that it is the oldest home in the Borough. The developer originally applied for a demo permit to demolish the entire building. We have had four HARB meetings and this is what has been decided. The applicant is asking to remove the side porch and HARB has granted the request contingent upon it being replaced with a front porch. She said nothing has been approved and the applicant will have to go through planning and zoning. The developer is proposing a three lot subdivision. Manager Hart said HARB told the developer that he cannot remove anything until there are actual plans. A discussion ensued regarding the three lot subdivision and what impact it would have on Weingartner Park. Manager Hart said the County Planning Commission recommended keeping a buffer between the park regardless of what subdivision is granted or not granted.

Member Sando asked if HARB was okay with the design of the proposed porches as being historically accurate. Manager Hart said we are not there yet but once there is a plan those drawings will have to go before HARB. A brief discussion ensued regarding the current porch and the proposed porches. Manager Hart said after the fourth hearing it was decided it was more important to find a compromise to have the building salvaged and retained.

Member Scott made a motion to approve removing the existing porch facing Second Street as long as they build a similar porch facing Church Street. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

OLD BUSINESS – Manager Hart said we have a proposal for Facebook. She said Mr. Natale suggested Throwback Thursday and we have been able to promote events, programs and fundraisers. The contract calls for 3-5 posts per week and monitoring of the account. Mr. Natale said the idea of the Facebook page is to communicate and get people involved. Manager Hart said she considers Mr. Natale her communications officer. A discussion ensued regarding the postings on Facebook.

Member Tarlecki asked what fund we will use to pay for this. Manager Hart responded the Recycling Fund.

Member Cherry made a motion to approve a one year contract for social media. Member Tarlecki seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

ZONING APPLICATIONS – Manager Hart said the only zoning applications are 113 S. Third Street, Kross Keyes Management, and 333 Shearer Street, both of which we have discussed and voted on.

Solicitor/Mayor/Council/Manager

Solicitor Gifford said he has two matters; he reviewed the 90 day extension for Station Place which ends November 30, 2016 and Council did not reconvene after the last meeting's executive session and no action was taken.

Mayor D'Angelo said Chief Fantry is getting acclimated to the community. He reported that Officer Sansone was leaving for a full time position.

Member Sando said awhile back we heard about an issue with mosquitos in one of our parks and county was going to deal with it. He said he has seen more mosquitos this year than in previous years. Manager Hart said she received a call from the county today and Hess Park and a park outside of the Borough tested positive for West Nile. They will be spraying before the Upper Gwynedd carnival. She said the mosquitos are county wide and she will put the county press release on Facebook and the Borough website. She said they ask residents to stay inside when they spray.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked if they were spraying the entire Borough. Manager Hart responded only the wooded area.

Member Amato said maybe at a future meeting we could get an update on the status of the cat ordinances. He asked if a plan could be formulated to enhance some of the items that were noted when they toured the Borough facilities. Manager Hart said the animal ordinances will be on our next workshop meeting. She said she thinks the two items were security and technology and now is the time if he is willing to summarize what he feels is more critical.

Member Cherry said the residents around Eighth Street are pleased with the new police chief and the increased police activity. He said he had given the police and public works some suggestions regarding the weeds in Hess Park. He said that Hess Park was designed as a natural park and the natural plants have died and weeds have taken over. He would like to see a banner go across Main Street to promote events. Manager Hart said we have done it and it has failed. She said Main Street is a wind tunnel.

Member Tarlecki said Upper Gwynedd has a digital billboard. He said maybe investigate the cost of a digital billboard on Main Street. Manager Hart said that maybe an upcoming topic for the Steering Committee.

Manager Hart said Steve Giampaolo from McMahon engineers reminded her that their contract needs to be extended for the Safe Routes to School project. Former Interim Manager Alex Levy had signed an extension which is about to expire. She is going to do a project extension until December 31, 2017 as long as granting the request has no negative impact on the project or involve a change of funding.

Manager Hart said she received a letter from Representative Harper acknowledging receipt of our letter supporting opposition of House Bill No. 340 and she agrees that it will limit the ability to have open conversation among board members.

Tim and Maryann Gehman, 314 Highland Avenue, had questions about the Safe Routes to School project and funding. Manager Hart summarized the project and the procedure for the funding.

Member Scott made a motion to adjourn. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Attest: _____

Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager