

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
300 SCHOOL STREET  
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: August 8, 2017 7:00 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President McDonald.

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

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

Vice President James Cherry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment**

Lisa Liebel, 333 Washington Avenue, stated she was in contact with the North Penn School District about obtaining a bus for the children on Washington Avenue, due to the long delay relating to the "Safe Routes to School" program. She expressed concern that the work has not started yet and it has been nearly ten years since the program was started. She said that because of the delay, children are forced to walk in the road, rather than on a sidewalk on Washington Avenue. Solicitor Gifford explained that the School District will only provide bussing for students who live within a mile of schools if they live on a road that is heavily traveled or if a major highway is between the home and school. Manager Hart explained she is focusing on the owners that have failed to sign the temporary easement agreements, which are required for the project to commence. She also explained that if everything goes according to plan, the project could start in the Spring of 2018.

Member Davis asked if the Borough could send a letter to the School District in support of a bus route to that area. Manager Hart stated that she could reach out to the District. She then explained that the road has not been scheduled for paving; the work should coincide with the "Safe Routes to School" program. Member Amato asked if the Borough could do something to improve safety such as stationing a crossing guard at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Center Street. Manager Hart explained that the School District subsidizes crossing guards and the positions must be approved.

### **Comment Period: Pollutant Reduction Plan – Wissahickon Creek**

Manager Hart provided an overview of the Plan. She encouraged the public to review the Plan and submit comments to the Borough in writing. She explained that all comments will be

considered by the Engineer and significant comments will be incorporated into the Plan. The public was given the opportunity to express any comments verbally, none were recorded.

### **Consideration: Approval of Municipal Records Manual – Retention Guide**

Manager Hart explained the Borough has not yet adopted the 2008 Municipal Records Manual, the current records retention manual through a formal resolution. Currently, the Borough has only adopted the 1993 version.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked if this applies to electronic records. Manager Hart explained that yes, the Manual applies to both electronic and paper records.

Member Tarlecki made a motion to adopt the 2008 Municipal Records Manual, as amended from time to time. Member Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

### **Consideration: Approval of Minutes: 07/25/2017**

Member Tarlecki made a motion to approve the minutes of July 25, 2017. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

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

Manager Hart provided information on two pending zoning applications, which were reviewed at the previous Planning Commission meeting on August 2, 2017. She noted that the Planning Commission wrote letters in favor of both proposals.

Member Amato asked what zoning relief the brewery would need. Manager Hart explained they would need relief from the use and parking requirements. Joanne Matthews, 421 Shearer Street, asked if the application was reviewed by Council yet. Manager Hart stated it has not yet been reviewed by Council, it is only in the preliminary stage of the process.

### **Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Manager**

Solicitor Gifford explained that Council has an executive session to discuss personnel matters and a potential litigation matter.

Manager Hart read a prepared statement on behalf of Mayor D'Angelo. Mayor D'Angelo attended the ground-breaking ceremony for the Korean War Memorial Korean-American Alliance Peace Park at Montgomery Township. Mayor D'Angelo noted in his letter that the Republic of Korea sent three members of the National Assembly (the equivalent of our Congress) to attend the ceremony. They were: The Honorable Congressman Jin Bok Lee, Chairman, National Policy Committee; The Honorable Congressman Kwan Young Kim, Secretary, National Policy Committee; The Honorable Congressman Hae Cheol Jeon, Secretary, National Policy Committee. As a good will gesture he issued citations making these Republic of Korea congressmen honorary citizens of North Wales Borough.

Member Amato explained that he received a complaint about the ongoing construction at 432-434 Shearer Street. He expressed concern about the current construction fence, which he feels is unsafe and does not adequately deter children from entering the site. Manager Hart explained the Borough has received numerous complaints. The Engineer has been out to the site several times

and there were no issues found. She then explained that the silt fence is intact and is more than adequate as required by Code. She noted the site is clearly marked with a large “no trespassing” sign. Manager Hart explained that Council would have to include provisions in the Developer’s Agreement to include stricter provisions for construction fencing and other such items of which the resident(s) are complaining about, as currently, the site meets or exceeds the construction standards spelled out in the Code. Joanne Matthews, 421 Shearer Street, commented that the builder is experienced and knows how to properly manage their construction sites.

Chief Fantry made an announcement that the Borough needs crossing guards and encouraged people to apply. Interested candidates should contact Chief Fantry.

Manager Hart reviewed a couple of events happening in the area. She also shared a photo of the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Borough “Bike Share” program that occurred this morning and thanked the residents that attended, as well as the TMA Partnership Staff. She announced that the movie “Zootopia” is playing next Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. in Weingartner Park.

Member Amato made a motion to adjourn. Member Tarlecki seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

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

Christine A. Hart  
Borough Manager