

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PA

MEETING: August 9, 2016 7:00 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by Vice President Cherry.

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

Also in attendance was Gregory Gifford, Borough solicitor, and Chief Fantry.

Manager Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Cherry welcomed Chief Fantry to his first Council meeting. He said we are glad to have him.

Public Comment

Joanne Matthews, 421 Shearer Street, thanked Vice President Cherry for his World War I presentation at the History Commission meeting. She said it was an outstanding program.

John Macinnes, 326 Pennsylvania Avenue, said he is interested in being on the Steering Committee. He would like to be an alternate. Manager Hart said they have chosen the members and they do not have alternates. She said the meeting is open to the public and she encouraged him to attend the meetings.

Glenn Wampole, 225 Washington Avenue, said he did not have any problems with parking on Washington Avenue by the bridge until the library moved in. Now cars are parking on the street and it is difficult for him to get his car in and out of his driveway. Member Tarlecki asked if he has noticed whether the parking lot is full. Mr. Wampole responded sometimes the parking lot is half empty. The discussion continued regarding parking and the width of the street in front of Mr. Wampole's house. Mr. Wampole cited other items in the Borough Code that are outdated and need to be addressed.

Randy Gehringer, 231 Swartley Street, said there is someone in a motorized wheel chair that crosses over the Pennsylvania Avenue bridge goes down to the alley to cross and travels up Swartley to get to the library. He said there are no handicapped ramps by the bridge to get onto the sidewalk. Also, the ramps by the library are usually blocked and should be marked.

Presentation: Overview Newly Installed Sound System, BestBoy Audio, Glenn Hall

Manager Hart said tonight is the trial run with the audio system that was installed. We need to add a rack and another wire for the projector. A discussion ensued regarding the microphones, their placement and use. It was reported that a receiver was not working and will be replaced. Manager Hart said she feels that the final payment can be released.

Discussion: Update Regarding Safe Route to School Project (Sidewalks)

Manager Hart said the 17 properties highlighted are the ones that need construction easements and 2 are take overs. She said she is working closely with McMahon & Associates. She reported that some of the property owners have already signed off on the construction easements and ground breaking should start in February 2017.

Mr. Gehringer asked if the sidewalk was going up Swartley Street. Manager Hart responded yes and she has a meeting with the library to go over some issues. She said they are not doing curbing and there will be a 2 foot strip of grass between the curb and sidewalk.

Loretta Weigner, 430 Shearer Street, asked if West Street was included in the project. Manager Hart said it does not appear to go that far. A discussion ensued regarding the project, property owner's rights, and what determines the need for sidewalks. Manager Hart said the need for sidewalks is determined by the proximity to school and how many walkers are in that area.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

OLD BUSINESS – Manager Hart said that the Steering Committee has been forged and an email was sent today inviting everyone to the kickoff meeting on August 24th. Montgomery County Planning Commission will be there and all the members have been invited. She announced that the 2016 police car is being delivered in the next week or so.

PLANNING COMMISSION - Manager Hart said the Planning Commission met on August 3rd and the two projects are pending zoning and they are scheduled for the September zoning meeting. The first is Kross Keyes Property Management which involves 113 S. Third Street, 311 E. Walnut Street and 401 E. Walnut Street. The Planning Commission voted 5 – 0 in favor of the plan and recommended that the North Wales Zoning Board approve a special exception application for the properties. Manager Hart gave a brief description of the parcels. The application is to demolish the existing storage units to gain additional parking for tenants in Artisans Alley and in the evening serve as additional parking for Tex Mex.

Manager Hart said the other hearing is for Anthony Geleff, 333 Shearer Street, for side yard setbacks to install a ramp for access to the rear of the home for his handicapped child.

Member Tarlecki said Ms. Keyes has done extensive planning and she is going to be very thorough in what she is planning for the parking lot. He said one thing the manager did not

mention was that she plans on doing landscaping as well in that area. Member Tarlecki asked Ms. Keyes if directional signs would be erected. Ms. Keyes replied yes.

Member Tarlecki made a motion to send a letter to the Zoning Hearing Board expressing Borough Council's support for the zoning application for 333 Shearer Street. Member Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Solicitor/Mayor/Council/Manager

Mayor D'Angelo said the swearing in was well attended by the local police agencies.

Member Davis thanked Manager Hart for organizing the swearing in ceremony for Chief Fantry.

Vice President Cherry agreed that Manager Hart did a great job. He said it was nice to see former Chief Alex Levy there and some of our former officers.

Chief Fantry said everyone made him feel at home and he appreciated it.

Solicitor Gifford said he has two matters for executive session, one regarding a previous employee and the other is regarding a piece of real estate. He does not anticipate action on either issue but there could be action on the personnel matter.

Manager Hart said there was no action taken after the July 26th executive session. She reported that the Penn Suburban Chamber of Commerce has nominated North Wales Area Library as Non-Profit of the Year. There is an award ceremony in the fall and it is a local prestigious honor. She said the Steering Committee is meeting on August 24th.

Manager Hart said Facebook has been revived. We have a volunteer Dan Natale doing the posts and he has been wonderful. We will try to do 3-5 posts per week and throw back Thursday has been instituted. Throwback Thursday is an old picture from our archives and people try to guess where it is. We are trying to get verified so that our links work. Manager Hart said we have employment opportunities in the Borough; part time public works, part time police officers and school crossing guards.

Member Tarlecki made a motion to adjourn. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Attest: _____

Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager