

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: February 23, 2016, 7:01 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by Vice-President Cherry.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	James Cherry	Present
	John Davis	Present
	Michael McDonald	Arrival 8:04 PM
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Daniel O'Connell	Present
	James Sando	Present
	Paula Scott	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Mayor Greg D'Angelo	Present

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

Vice President Cherry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Cherry announced that Public Comment would be held after the swearing in ceremony for new police officers and the presentation of a commendation to Officer Hammerstone.

Swearing in Ceremony: Officer Cory Caraballo and Alexander Sansone

Mayor D'Angelo swore in Officer Caraballo and Officer Sansone

Commendation: Officer Terry Hammerstone

Chief Levy gave a commendation to Officer Hammerstone for his self-initiated and tireless efforts in solving a burglary and getting full compensation for the victim.

Recognition Award: Joseph Rouse Public Works Department

Mr. Rouse was not able to attend to accept his award for a job well done during the recent blizzard.

Public Comment

Michael Fellmeth, President of the North Wales Borough Business Alliance, asked about the status of the Community Development Issue. Vice President Cherry said that the Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) presented at the last meeting and went over some options related to moving forward. The council will talk about the options and make a decision. Mr. Fellmeth asked about the fees, grants, and if the MCPC explained the financial options. Member Scott said that MCPC explained the financial options and they also mentioned that they do have experience in grant writing.

Jane Keyes, 201 E. Walnut Street, asked when W. Walnut will be opened again. Manager Hart said that the street should remain open until Penn DOT comes back for paving in the spring. Ms. Keyes explained that her business is down 12% and she attributes it to the road being closed. Member Sando asked Manager Hart to ask the contractor if it is possible to remove the 'Road Closed' signs once the work is complete and all that is left is paving. Herbert Schlegel, 301 W. Montgomery Avenue, asked about the sidewalks that still need to be repaired. Manager Hart said that the NWWA will repair what they impacted during their work. Vice President Cherry asked what the NWWA will do with the bricks that were pulled up. Perry Francis, 125 W. Walnut St., commented about the NWWA digging up for laterals and maybe that is why the road is closed. Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Ave., asked why the bricks are not being put back. Manager Hart indicated that reinstalling the bricks will not meet ADA requirements.

Donation Presented to North Wales Historic Commission by VFW Post #32

Mr. Cletus Burns and Post Commander Stanley Levinsky presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to the Mr. LeKites, Vice President of the North Wales Historic Commission, to be used for the continuing "Walls of History" project.

Presentation by Best Boy Audio for Audio System Installation in Council Chambers

Glenn Hall, the owner of Best Boy Audio, gave a presentation on his proposal for work to be done in council chambers. Mr. Hall talked about having 6 microphones for council members and a seventh microphone at the podium. All microphones will be able to be taped. There will be 10 speakers in the room. There will be a mixer that will be user friendly. There will be a 6' X 9' video screen on the wall that will be manually raised and lowered. There will be a projector mounted in the ceiling facing the screen. The projector can be used wirelessly. There will be an outlet in the wall near the podium for the HDMI connection and a microphone connection.

Member Amato asked about the speakers, which will be recessed in the ceiling. Member Amato also asked about the location of the screen. Member Amato asked about the problems where calling Mr. Hall would be necessitated. Mr. Hall described the style and set up of the speakers, spoke about the location of the screen, and said that they will come by the next day to address complaints and problems.

Member Sando asked if the microphones have on and off switches, which they do.

Member Davis asked about the connections on the wall to include a connection for older computers. Member Davis also asked about locating the cable in the floor. Member Davis also asked about the location of the screen. Mr. Hall said the location of the screen can be adjusted with no increase in cost for installation.

Member Neiderhiser asked about the effect on people with hearing aids. Mr. Hall said that with ten speakers it should be fine for people with hearing aids and produce minimal, if any feedback. Mr. Hall also said that he works with an audiologist to address issues for his systems that may affect those with hearing difficulties.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Ave., asked about if the wires would be in the wall and if there was a problem with the wires, how would access be made. Mr. Hall said there would be a wall plate. He also asked about the service plan, which is a lifetime plan.

Member Tarlecki asked about feedback and echoing and Mr. Hall said he has tools to make sure the quality of sound is good.

Rosemary Schlegel, 301 W. Montgomery Avenue, asked about the cost of the system and she was told that it will be \$7,612.55.

Member Sando asked about if the room is used in various configurations, would a flat screen television be better so it can be moved around. Mr. Hall said it can be done but it seems that a projector would be a better way to go in terms of visibility and clarity.

Consideration: Ordinance #803 Inter-Municipal Agreement involving Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission and Upper Gwynedd Township

Member Scott made a motion to adopt Ordinance 803, Inter-Municipal Agreement regarding the Nor-Gwyn Pool. Second by Member Neiderhiser. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Ordinance #804 Amendment to Chapter 122 – “Flood Damage Protection”

Member Scott made a motion to adopt Ordinance 804, the Flood Damage Protection Ordinance. Second by Member Neiderhiser. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Approve Minutes: 06/09/2015; 01/04/2016; 01/12/2016; 01/26/2016

Member Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from 6/9/2015. Second by Member Neiderhiser. Vote was 8-0 in favor.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve the minutes from 1/4/2016 with an amendment to change the name O'Donnell to O'Connell. Second by Member Scott. Vote was 8-0 in favor.

Member Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on 1/12/2016. Second by President McDonald. Vote was 9-0 in favor.

Member Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on 1/26/2016. Second by Member Neiderhiser. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee Reports/Zoning Applications

Mel Magee, 511 E. Montgomery Ave, reported she counted seven men in the house and cigarettes on her roof. She also asked about people moving in and out and noise at all times of the night. Andrew Berenson asked if anything can be done if more than 3 people are living there. Solicitor Gifford said that it will be discussed in executive session because of the threats of potential litigation by the property owner.

Manager Hart said there is a zoning application for 201 W. Walnut St., to build a single family dwelling on an undersized lot.

Disbursements: \$50,879.25

Manager Hart reviewed several of the larger payments. Member O'Connell asked about the safe route to school payments and what we got for our money. Manager Hart said she is looking into this program. Member Amato asked why there were so many different PECO bills. Manager Hart said that the street lights are separate, the parks are separate, public works is separate, etc.

Member Tarlecki made a motion to approve the payment of the bills. Second by Member Neiderhiser. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Solicitor/Mayor/Council/Manager

Solicitor Gifford said there are several items for executive session but there will be no action taken.

Manager Hart reminded everyone that the Library Gala will be March 19th, 2016. Manager Hart also said that there will be a large Earth Day Celebration on April 22nd and April 23rd. There will be a "Party for the Planet" at Tex Mex Connection on Friday the 22nd. Money will go towards rain barrels. The Wissahickon Valley Watershed will also provide training on use of the rain barrels. This training has not yet been scheduled so at this point, we are not sure if it will be during the week or on a weekend day. There will be places for recycling and shredding, including Point Service and the Borough building parking lot. Parks and Rec will have a Spring Fling on May 7th at the North Penn Fire Company Social Club, 141 South Main Street.

Andrew Berenson asked if there would be recycling for paint and similar household items. Manager Hart said she is working on arrangements for that but at this point it is unknown. Manager Hart said that the event will be sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Board and the money will come from our recycling funds along with business donations.

Member Sando said that his experience with rain barrels is very good and that several small fish in each rain barrel will take care of the mosquitos.

Maria Sweeney, 330 W. Walnut Street, asked if the information on the Earth Day will be in the Newsletter. Manager Hart said she hopes the Newsletter will be out in time but there is a six week time frame when the Borough staff completes the newsletter and when it is delivered.

Mayor D'Angelo suggested contacting local radio stations for broadcasts to advertise the event. Manager Hart also talked about the e-mail blast from the Borough for advertising the event.

Manager Hart reported that she has obtained quotes for computer assessment and she asked for permission to proceed. Manager Hart said she prefers 'IntegraOne' because of her past experience with them and they have very good references. Member Amato said he liked the woman's background in business analysis and he thought that her price was reasonable. Member Sando said that the 'ebLogix, Inc.', proposal is lacking enough information to make a legitimate decision on using them. Member Amato and Member Davis asked that the report include recommendations on what is needed to move the Borough forward and use IT to benefit total operations.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Second by Member Scott. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager