

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
 300 SCHOOL STREET  
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: January 9, 2018 7:00 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Sando.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	James Cherry	Present
	Ronald Little, Jr.	Present
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Daniel O'Connell	Present
	Eion O'Neill	Present
	Paula Scott	Present
	James Sando	Present
	Mayor Gregory D'Angelo	Present

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

President Sando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Consideration: Appointment of Borough Engineer**

Manager Hart stated Boucher and James, Inc. is the current Borough Engineer. She stated the rates for that firm will stay the same as 2017. Manager Hart recommended that Council consider the reappointment of Boucher and James, Inc. as the Borough Engineer.

Member Scott made a motion to appoint Boucher and James, Inc. as the Borough's engineer. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

### **Discussion: Appointment of Council Member Sub-Committees**

President Sando asked Manager Hart to provide an overview of each sub-committee. Member Amato asked which committee is in charge of management of the St. Luke's Church property at 125 S. Main Street. Manager Hart stated it is the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Member Little asked what the terms are for sub-committees. President Sando stated sub-committees are appointed on an annual basis.

Manager Hart provided an overview of each committee. Member Amato asked if the committees have regular meeting schedules or if they meet on an as needed basis. Manager Hart explained the committees can meet as needed or on a regular basis. President Sando asked that Council members think about which sub-committees they want to serve on and notify him by the next Council meeting on January 23, 2018. Member Neiderhiser asked if the technology committee

manages the sound system. President Sando stated they do. She then suggested that the committee test the sound system prior to meetings to ensure everything is working properly.

### **Discussion: Appointment of Boards and Commissions**

Manager Hart announced current openings on the Boards and Commissions.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, stated that any person(s) appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board should be reminded that they are unable to serve on any other Borough Boards or Commissions. Manager Hart thanked Mr. Berenson for the reminder.

Vice-President Cherry asked if individuals seeking re-appointment to Boards and Commissions are considered first over new individuals seeking to be appointed. President Sando stated they are not and Council can choose any candidate they wish to fill that opening. Member Amato requested that the Borough try to better advertise Boards and Commissions opportunities. President Sando asked if the North Wales Library has a bulletin board to post vacancies. Manager Hart stated it does and that in the futures she will contact the Library to inquire about the Borough posting vacancies there. Member Amato asked how the Library Board members are appointed. Manager Hart explained the appointment requirements are in the Library's bylaws and the Borough is responsible for appointing two individuals to serve on their Board. Member O'Neill asked how the Historical Architectural Review Board is functioning with two vacancies. Manager Hart explained the Board must have a quorum, which it does, therefore, it can function without those two members.

Collette D'Angelo, 923 E. Prospect Avenue, asked if there are any surveys or feedback to ensure the Boards and Commissions are functioning properly. President Sando stated Council is requiring the Boards and Commissions to provide regular reports of their activity. She then asked why there are so many vacancies. President Sando stated there is a lack of participation and perhaps knowledge of the Borough's Boards and Commissions. He stated the Borough is trying to increase participation and will continue to improve efforts. Member Amato warned Council to not make the requirements so strict that they discourage residents from serving. Manager Hart explained that all of the Boards and Commissions are defined according to Borough Code.

Member O'Neill suggested the Boards and Commissions opportunities should be posted on the homepage of the Borough website and asked where they are currently. Assistant Manager Guzzardo stated they are listed under the "Opportunities" page on the Borough website.

Member McClure suggested the Borough use the newsletter as a means for disseminating information about the Borough's Boards and Commissions.

### **Consideration: Approval of Minutes: January 2, 2018**

Member Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of January 2, 2018. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

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

None.

**Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Manager**

Member Scott thanked Public Works for their hard work to keep the Borough's sidewalks and streets clear of snow during recent winter storms. Member Amato asked Council to review and provide feedback on the "Council Rules and Procedures" document.

Manager Hart reviewed a letter from Governor Wolf's office, stating they received a letter of support from Borough Council for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant for the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company.

Manager Hart then announced the Borough received a \$150.00 donation from the Military Living History Association for the Parks and Recreation Department. She requested Council to formally accept the donation which represented half of the proceeds from Soldier's Christmas.

Member Scott made a motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$150.00 from the Military Living History Association for the Parks and Recreation Department, to be deposited into the Recycling Fund. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member Scott made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christine A. Hart  
Borough Manager