

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: July 25, 2017 7:00 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President McDonald.

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

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

President McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Linda McAdoo, 412 Shearer Street, asked whether the Borough had researched medical marijuana facilities and where the Borough stands on the issue. Solicitor Gifford stated there is currently limited space available to grow it in the Borough, therefore there is little opportunity for growers to produce it in the Borough. She then asked about medical marijuana dispensaries. Council agreed that it is a matter of concern and that it would be considered in the future.

Mrs. McAdoo then asked about the status of the noise ordinance update. She mentioned that the Borough had spoken about it at the previous Council meeting. Manager Hart explained that we are looking to review it in September and would like to introduce a noise ordinance for Council's review shortly thereafter.

Mrs. McAdoo then asked if the Borough will be updating its sign regulations. She referenced the denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness for 134 N. Main Street, because of issues with a proposed sign that was replaced. Manager Hart confirmed that the Borough is considering updating the sign regulations as well as many other updates to the Borough Code. She explained that the Borough's goal is to have this review process and update proposals completed as part of the Borough's comprehensive plan update.

Consideration: Waiver Land Development – North Penn Fire Company Expansion

Manager Hart introduced the topic for discussion. She announced that the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company has been granted approval from H.A.R.B. and also had received a favorable review from the Planning Commission prior to obtaining zoning relief which was required for the proposed addition and renovations of 141 S. Main Street. Member Amato asked if the

Borough could provide a list of waivers, rather than a complete waiver of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (Chapter 184) requirements. Member O'Connell asked about an alternative to the land development review process. He asked about how the Fire Company can improve the situation through storm water management facilities.

Solicitor Gifford noted that the plans will undergo review by the Borough Engineer. He also stated the land development review process would cost the Fire Company and would not be necessary, given the scope of the project. Finally, he added that the process would delay construction by several months, which the Fire Company cannot afford.

Member Amato asked if the Borough could provide a statement on the resolution, explaining why Council is waiving the land development review process. Mayor D'Angelo stated that this will allow the Fire Company to do their job effectively and provide vital protection for the Borough and surrounding community. Manager Hart explained that it is the Borough's responsibility to provide fire protection and without our volunteer company, the Borough would have to pay quite a bit more for proper fire protection.

Member O'Connell asked if the Fire Company was being granted a complete waiver of the review process for any future work the Fire Company may embark upon. Solicitor Gifford stated that the Fire Company was only being granted a waiver in this instance and only for the set of plans received on October 25, 2016.

Member Scott made a motion to approve a waiver of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (Chapter 184) requirements for the "North Penn Volunteer Fire Company Addition and Renovation Plan", dated October 25, 2016. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Certificate of Appropriateness: 132 Shearer Street and 215 Church Street

Member Amato made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness as presented for 132 Shearer Street. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

Member Scott made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness as presented for 215 Church Street. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: 07/11/2017

Member Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of July 11, 2017. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Disbursements: \$42,532.42

Member Scott asked about the phone repair invoice listed on the bill list. Manager Hart explained that the repairs were for realigning phone extensions, due to changes in the administration layout. Member Amato asked about the DCED fees. Manager Hart explained that the fees are collected and then passed through to the State for building permits.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$42,532.42. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

Manager Hart announced two zoning applications are pending, however, no formal applications have been received to date. One is pertaining to a brewery wanting to locate within the Borough, the other is concerning 215 Church Street.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Manager

Mayor D'Angelo reiterated the seriousness of heat related illnesses and encouraged residents to check on their neighbors.

Member Amato asked about the status of the vacancy process procedures. It was explained that it will be incorporated into bylaws that the Borough will consider adopting. Member O'Connell asked about the section relating to full Council attendance being expected for voting on Council vacancies. Solicitor Gifford explained that the "legal authority" are only limited to cases where the Council agrees to make appointments through the bylaw processes.

Manager Hart announced that attendance for the "Movies in the Park" program at Weingartner Park reached record numbers, thanks to online advertisement efforts and social media.

Member Scott made a motion to adjourn. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager