

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PA

MEETING: July 26, 2016 7:00 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President McDonald.

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

Also in attendance was Gregory Gifford, Borough solicitor and Officer Hammerstone.

President McDonald led the Pledge of Alliance.

Public Comment

Loretta Weigner, 430 Shearer Street, said she has two things that she noticed. One is the garden by the railroad tracks and the old News Agency. The flower beds look like there are more weeds than shrubbery. The other is the property at 432 Shearer Street. It has been two months since it was mowed and it is looking shabby.

Manager Hart replied that the grounds by the tracks are maintained by SEPTA and she will contact them and 432 Shearer Street is on the agenda for this evening and she will take care of that as well.

Tim Weigner, 430 Shearer Street, asked if anyone had gotten any information about the military banners that Jim Cherry talked about a few meetings back.

Manager Hart said she met with the business alliance a few months ago and talked about it. Since then Lansdale changed to another agency and they are not tied to Penn Suburban Chamber. She said we talked about a collaborative effort with the business alliance and the Borough logo and possibly tying in the North Wales 2040 logo. She said she has reached out to the Chamber but there are some things that need to be worked out.

Member Scott voiced her concerns that Member Neiderhiser was having troubles hearing. Member Neiderhiser said she was not having trouble.

Discussion: MCPC Update - North Wales 2040 – Steering Committee

Manager Hart said our contract with MCPC states that they will attend one Borough meeting a month. Since we do not have our committee in place, they have agreed to come to two meetings in August, the Planning Commission meeting and the Steering Committee kickoff meeting. She said the Steering Committee list has been narrowed down to a Council member from Ward 1, 2, 3; the mayor; myself; Bill Kaelin, fire company representative and the Emergency Management Coordinator; Donald Fantry, the Police Chief; one resident from each Ward (Linda McAdoo, Ward 1; Tim Clark, Ward 2; Beth Ann Sinotte, Ward 3). Manager Hart said we had discussed alternates and the Planning Commission is a given; Jane Keyes, Tex Mex; Nazar Ughryn, North Wales Family Pharmacy Owner; Ray Tschoepe and Amy Smith, HARB; NWWA representative; Martha Lottes, Parks and Recreation; and MCPC representatives. We had discussed having representation from the Library, houses of worship, SEPTA, The Partnership TMA (can't commit to a 2-year commitment), Gwynedd Mercy, North Penn School District (no answer yet). We have received letters of interest from Donna Mengel and Richard Buttacavoli. Manager Hart said we need to decide where we are going and we need to have a kick-off meeting.

Member Scott asked how many members are we supposed to have. Manager Hart responded 10 to 15 members is recommended, currently we have 17. Member Scott asked about alternates and their role on the Steering Committee. Manager Hart said we have an Alternate for Ward 1; none for Wards 2 & 3 but we could use Ms. Mengel (Ward 2) and Mr. Buttacavoli (Ward 3) as alternates. She said an alternate has the option to attend all meetings or fill-in when needed. A discussion ensued regarding the role and responsibilities of the members and alternates on the Steering Committee. Member Davis said it is up to the committee to decide on its mode of operation. Manager Hart said the Steering Committee is advisory and everything must come before Council. She said everything has to be drafted, proposed, and presented to Council for approval. Their responsibility is to gather information, make plans and make the presentation in public forum. This is a cooperative effort to get the best and most information. Their job is taking surveys and disseminating the information.

Member Scott made a motion to approve the formation of a Steering Committee as stated with the addition of alternates as discussed. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion.

Donna Mengel, 427 S. Main Street, said she does not want to be an alternate. A discussion ensued regarding the alternate position and the deadline for letters of interest. Manager Hart suggested that Ms. Mengel be a liaison along with the ministerial component. There are entities that cannot commit to every month, but they have a significant part in the community.

Member Scott amended her motion to approve the formation of a Steering Committee to have 18 members as presented. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Disbursements \$35,317.33

Manager Hart gave an overview of the bills to include: Cardmember Services, credit card; police pension; Voyager, gas card; PSAB, unemployment; Independence Blue Cross; PECO; and Waste Management.

Member Amato asked what are Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System and Allan Myers, repairs. Manager Hart said Allan Myers was to adjust the manhole cover when they paved Walnut Street. The PA Municipal Retirement System is for non-uniform pension.

Member Davis asked if we are satisfied with the equipment from Bestboy Audio. Manager Hart said we are testing it this evening. She said she did not get all the instructions but Glen is returning tomorrow. Member Davis asked what Glasgow is. Manager Hart replied it is for cold patch.

Member Scott made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$35,317.33. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Certificate(s) of Appropriateness – 125 S. Main and 402 E. Walnut

Manager Hart said the Creative Edge Center for the Arts applied for a sign at 125 S. Main Street. She said since they are just starting, they are applying for one sign only and they are compliant with their use. Member Amato asked about the criteria that HARB uses for assessing signage. Manager Hart said they do not have strict guidelines but it must be compliant with our code.

Member Scott made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 125 S. Main Street. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Manager Hart said at 402 E. Walnut Street Mr. Knechel wants to demolish the portion of the building closest to Fourth Street and the two car garage. Manager Hart gave a brief history of the property. She said HARB felt that the portion being demolished is a noncontributing part of the original house although it was a cigar store at one time. She reported that a deck and a 125 year old silver maple tree were taken down. HARB approved demolition of the garage and the portion of the building closest to Fourth Street

Member Scott made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 402 E. Walnut Street. Member Neiderheiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

OLD BUSINESS – Manager Hart said she will be meeting with the Chief probably the first week in August to do a job description to post for an administrative assistant for the Borough.

ZONING APPLICATIONS – Manager Hart said we have two applications pending. One is 432 Shearer Street on August 2nd and the other in September is for additional parking along side of Artisans Alley behind Third Street, which will go before the Planning Commission for review on August 3rd.

Solicitor/Mayor/Council/Manager

Solicitor Gifford said he has two matters for executive session. One is to review the discussion from the last executive session regarding the retirement/resigning of a recent Borough employee. The other is related to the purchase of a piece of real estate in the Borough. He said both could result in action afterwards and Council could reconvene after the executive session.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked if Council reconvenes and no one is here, will the outcome be announced at the next Council meeting. Solicitor Gifford responded yes.

Officer Hammerstone reported that Officer Sansone's last day will be August 24th, he is going to Falls Township and Officer Caraballo will probably be gone by the end of September.

Mayor D'Angelo said he is looking forward to the swearing in of our new police chief on Monday evening at St. Rose's Parish Center.

Member Neiderhiser commented that she is happy with the equipment that was installed.

President McDonald said he wanted to reiterate about the swearing in of the new police chief on August 1st at St. Rose's Parish Center at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Berenson asked if the Borough will thank Officer Hammerstone for his service as temporary chief. President McDonald said we certainly will and everyone applauded.

Manager Hart spoke about an article regarding proposed changes to the Sunshine Law. She has drafted a letter to Representative Kate Harper. She gave an overview of a few proposed changes to the Sunshine law i.e. recording the executive session, giving specific details regarding the matter being discussed, and the potential for liability.

Member Davis said he knows that Tyrece has left. Do we have someone to help Joe in public works? Manager Hart said we have at least three open positions: at least one part time officer,

possibly two; a part time laborer; and crossing guards for the coming school year. All three employment opportunities are listed on the website.

Member Scott made a motion to adjourn. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Attest: _____

Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager