

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: June 13, 2017 7:00 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President McDonald.

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

Tim Weigner, 430 Shearer Street, asked if 432 Shearer Street had been subdivided. Manager Hart confirmed that the lot had been subdivided and the plans were recorded at Montgomery County. Mr. Weigner asked Council if they had seen the elevation renderings and provided them each with copies of the renderings. Discussion ensued regarding the character of the houses. Member Amato questioned whether Council can influence architectural standards. Manager Hart responded that currently the Borough's zoning does not permit restrictions on design; only if the home lies within the HARB District. Council can however, make text amendments to the current code, which Manager Hart stated the comprehensive planning/steering committee has suggested and most likely will be making a recommendation to do so.

Pat Graham, 324 S. 4th Street, asked about the status of 215 Church Street. Manager Hart explained the property currently listed for sale. Ms. Graham suggested the Borough buy the land to extend Weingartner Park.

Consideration: Resignation of Hesketh "Alec" Jacques from Planning Commission

Member Sando asked about the appointment process and how the Borough advertises for Board positions. Manager Hart explained the process of how we currently advertise; posting on the Borough website and Facebook page. Member Amato stated, he is going to make a proposal regarding the selection process for Borough appointed officials and present to Council at a later date. Member Tarlecki asked about resignation by default. Manager Hart explained that Borough Code has regulations regarding appointments. She said the Borough will look into the matter and review at the next Council meeting. Member Sando suggested that each of our Boards make an annual presentation. Manager Hart explained that the Boards are aware of this, but some have

more difficulty than others in preparing their reports. Linda McAdoo, 412 Shearer Street, stated that the Library Board is supposed to be appointing two people. However, only one member is a Borough resident. She suggested we advertise for the position. Manager Hart explained that the Borough is doing its best to advertise open positions. Discussion ensued regarding the status of the Library Board and appointments overall.

Member Amato made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Jacques from the Planning Commission, effective immediately. Vice President Cherry seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Ordinance #806 Animal Ordinance

Member Davis asked if we are going to notify all residents that own chickens about the new ordinance. Manager Hart explained that it has already been properly advertised and the Borough will not notify individual residents. Council asked about the advertisement process. Solicitor Gifford explained the process for codifying ordinances. Manager Hart explained that the Borough has received many compliments for taking an initiative to update the Animal Ordinance. The discussion ended.

Member Sando made a motion to enact Ordinance #809, Animal Ordinance, as advertised. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes, 05/10/2016, 11/01/2016, and 11/22/2016

Member Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of May 10, 2016, November 1, 2016 and November 22, 2016. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

Manager Hart provided an update on the new playground equipment in Hess Park that was donated originally from St. Rose of Lima. She explained that the equipment has been installed and is officially open to the public.

Pat Graham, 324 S. 4th Street, explained that the rain garden in Hess Park is an example of a failed rain garden. Manager Hart explained that the Borough is currently taking steps to resolve the issue of water ponding.

Manager Hart announced that there are two HARB applications on the agenda for the month of June.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Manager

Mayor D'Angelo announced that PennDOT approved the Borough's application to prevent left turns from Prospect Avenue onto Main Street. He also discussed heat wave checkups for older residents and insisted that the Borough should perform these checkups; whereas, if anyone in the Borough is aware of an older resident or a resident needing assistance, they should contact the police for a wellness check. President McDonald encouraged residents to look out for one another to prevent heat related injuries.

Manager Hart reminded everyone of the upcoming 28th Annual Tex Mex 5K Race on June 21st. She also explained that Parks and Recreation has brought back the Movies in the Park program and reminded everyone of the Yoga in the Park program. Finally, she provided an update on the “Station Place” land development proposal for the former McKeever’s Tavern (501 E. Walnut Street). Mayor D’Angelo explained the applicant had brought forth other plans, but did want to go back to the Zoning Hearing Board. Discussion ensued regarding the developer’s opinions and what the Borough’s views are at this time.

Chief Fantry invited residents to Coffee with a Cop, to be held on Saturday, June 17th at the Weis Market parking lot on Valley Forge Road in Towamencin Township.

Member Sando thanked the Chief for helping him with personal matters.

Adjournment

Member Scott made a motion to adjourn. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Attest: _____

Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager