

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: June 14, 2016 7:00 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President McDonald.

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

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

President McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President McDonald called for a Moment of Silence for the people who were injured and who lost their lives in Orlando.

Public Comment

Rich Buttacavoli, 117 S. Tenth Street, asked Council to consider passing a non-discrimination ordinance in the Borough. He said Ambler Borough recently passed one. He read an excerpt from it.

Richard Geere, 211 W. Montgomery Avenue, stated that the roads in the Borough are really bad. Manager Hart said the roads were put on the back burner because of the transitions we have had. We are aware of the condition of the roads. Mr. Geere also commented about the parking situation. He said there are a lot of rental properties in the Borough why don't they park in the alleys. He suggested that the Borough and the residents work together to get some of these cars off the road.

Consideration: Waiver of SALDO: 208-210 S. Fifth Street

Manager Hart said 208-210 S. Fifth Street applied for a zoning variance to divide the property into two parcels. The Planning Commission endorsed it and the Zoning Board gave its approval. They are asking for waivers from Council for Section 184-35 H, which specifies the process for Land Development, be waived because everything exists.

Member Tarlecki made a motion to waive the SALDO requirements for 208-210 S. Fifth Street. Member Sando seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Minutes 11/24/2015 and 04/12/2016

Member Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from November 24, 2015 and April 12, 2016. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Discussion: MCPC Update – North Wales 2040 – Steering Committee

Manager Hart said Montgomery County Planning Commission and North Wales Borough signed a three year contract. She said the contract was signed on June 1 and gave a brief description of the purpose of the Comprehensive Plan. She said she posted a 2040 tab on the website for people to view the kick off plan. She said the 1st step is to develop a steering committee. It would be comprised of numerous agencies and/or partners of the community, i.e. North Wales Water Authority, North Penn School District. It is recommended that no more than 10-12 people be on the committee. She said the county will design a brand for us.

Member Sando asked what the time line for establishing the steering committee is. Manager Hart said since we have the planners once a month, she is hoping that between this meeting and the next she could gage the size of the committee; theoretically, 3-4 weeks.

Member Cherry asked if the list is included in the packet. Manager Hart responded yes. It gives suggestions on whom to include. Member Davis said we had modified the list to include the North Wales Water Authority.

Member Tarlecki said one point was to consider how we fit in with Upper Gwynedd Township since they surround us. Member Tarlecki gave some of the ideas that were suggested at the Planning Committee meeting when they met with MCPC.

Manager Hart said we should consider some of the suggested members to act as liaisons. She read the list of suggested members for the committee. Manager Hart said she will invite people to apply for the committee so that Council can vote on the members from the community.

Discussion: IGA for the Development of a Plan for an Alternative TMDL

Manager Hart said TMDL stands for Total Maximum Daily Load. She explained the purpose is to apply for a grant. She is presenting a preliminary Intermunicipal Agreement dated May 11, 2016. She said this is something that we cannot afford on our own. With this plan, our financial responsibility would be \$12,500.00 over 2 years (\$6,250.00 per year). Manager Hart said if we need further information, the watershed and/or the Montgomery County Planning Commission is willing to come. We can back out but we still need to meet the requirements. Solicitor Gifford said it makes good sense for us to go this way because it would cost more if we did it ourselves.

Member Scott said she understands that we have to get this done but do we feel we have been misled. A discussion ensued regarding acceptance of the Intermunicipal Agreement. Member

Sando said the money is not for the consulting work but the legal work. He said given the fact that we have to do this anyway it would be foolish not to agree. He suggested getting an estimate from our engineer regarding the cost of doing this on our own. Further discussion ensued regarding cost and the participation of all municipalities. Manager Hart said she would invite Drew Shaw from Montgomery County and the watershed to return.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

Manager Hart said the Borough issued a news release on June 13th that Upper Gwynedd Township was communicating with Allan Myers as far as the overlay project on Walnut Street/North Wales Road. Work will begin the week of June 13th or June 20th. It will be about 1 ½ weeks of milling and 1 ½ weeks of paving activity. Obviously, they will not be in the Borough all three weeks. This extends from Morris Road to Route 63. They will be doing jack hammering during the day and work will be done between 6 PM and 6 AM. She contacted Allan Myers about the Tex Mex 5K race. They will plan accordingly. She said notice was given to everyone on Walnut Street.

Manager Hart reported that 108 Royal Avenue received zoning approval for an addition on the front and a garage. She said on August 2nd, Mr. Caracausa will present his plan for 432 Shearer Street. He had previously proposed two single family homes facing West Street, which was neither approved nor denied. In the interim, he has proposed a twin facing Shearer Street and twins are not permitted in that zoning district. It will be on the July Planning Commission agenda.

Member Scott asked why there are twins on the block when twins are not permitted. Manager Hart said they may have been built before zoning or zoning was changed after they were built. Solicitor Gifford said over the years zoning has gone through several changes and the powers that be decided that area was appropriate for single family homes. That is why we have the Zoning Hearing Board.

Pat Graham, 324 S. Fourth Street, said someone has been cutting trees down at 215 Church Street. She asked if it was a historic home. Manager Hart said it is a historic home. It has been before HARB twice and demolition has been denied. It is on the HARB agenda this month or next and the owner is asking for demolition again. Solicitor Gifford gave a brief history on the house saying it is one of the original homes in the Borough.

Solicitor/Mayor/Council/Manager

Solicitor Gifford said he has a couple of items for executive session with no action required.

Mayor D'Angelo said he received a letter from the Montgomery County Health Department requesting a contribution of \$500.00 to defray the cost of spraying for the Black Fly. He will give the request to the manager.

He reported that he attended the PSAB conference in Hershey and he gave a brief overview of topics that were discussed. They included Senate Bill 411 regarding Right to Know requests;

adoption of the state budget in a timely fashion; and storm water management. He said in seeing other Boroughs in the state it makes you realize how lucky we are with police protection. We have a great police department and the support of neighboring departments. Some of the rural areas have state police protection and sometimes they say they cannot help or they will be there in an hour. Then the Borough requesting help has to contact a municipality that has a police department and they get charged. The question arose if the state police should be charged when they don't show up since the municipality is being charged.

Mayor D'Angelo said another topic of discussion was body cameras because once inside a building body cameras cannot be used.

Member Neiderhiser asked for an update on the sound system. Manager Hart said we sent a check and the equipment was ordered. Once the equipment is received it will be installed.

Member Cherry said he did an assessment of the trees in the parks looking for ash bore infestations and we have no infestations. He said the older trees in Hess Park need maintenance. He said anyone who has been to Lansdale probably saw the flags honoring veterans. He wants to get together with the manager and the agency promoting them to bring that to North Wales. We can also highlight businesses in the same manner and possibly do this as a fundraiser. He is looking for volunteers to trim trees in the Borough.

President McDonald said he hoping to find the right candidate for Chief of Police by the end of the month.

Manager Hart said the North Wales Community Project Alliance is looking for volunteers or sponsorship for the 4th July parade. Lineup starts at 10:30 AM at Action Karate. Hatfield Borough is building a new complex and they host the Bike Share Program. It is a county wide program where the bikes are free and you can ride around town and return them when you are done. The TMA is looking for new partners. She thinks it would be good to have one here since we have a recycling drop for used clothing.

Manager Hart said a mobile unit promoting the Montgomery County "911 One Call Does It All" campaign will be in the pharmacy parking lot. They want to assure that calls are recorded so that they have the correct information and the caller gets directed to the proper agency.

In response to a resident's inquiry, Manager Hart said the nuisance home has been put on notice. She said she knows two Council members have visited the neighbors and she is working in her range of identifying a nuisance. We cannot solve the problem immediately. It took 3-4 years to create the problem and it cannot be solved in 3-4 weeks.

Tina McNamara, 426 Pennsylvania Avenue, said she contacted the Game Commission and they said if you do not feed them they will go away. A discussion ensued regarding the cat issue on Fairview Avenue. Manager Hart said we realize it is a neighborhood problem. It is a problem everywhere. There are agencies out there but they are self-help. We cannot go on anyone's property without permission. Once someone starts feeding a cat that cat belongs to them. A new discussion ensued about the issue being put on the agenda. Manager Hart said typically someone

asks for an item to be placed on the agenda or something that requires action gets put on. If something is not on the agenda, do not feel it cannot be discussed.

Tim Clarke, 502 E. Prospect Avenue, asked if the purpose of the minutes was to serve as a record of the meeting whether it is an item on the agenda or not the agenda. Manager Hart responded that is correct.

Mayor D'Angelo announced that the manager, Christine A. Hart, received her CBO. She is now a Certified Borough Official.

Member Scott made a motion to adjourn. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager