

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: June 9, 2015 7:02 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by Vice President Hart.

ROLL CALL:	Jim Cherry	Present
	Michael McDonald	Absent
	Sally Neiderhiser	Absent
	Daniel O'Connell	Present
	Ed Redstreak	Present
	Christine Hart	Present
	Paula Scott	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Jim Sando	Present
	Mayor Greg D'Angelo	Present

Also in attendance was Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor and Chief Levy.

Vice President Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Frank Krider, 602 Spruce Street, asked if anything had been done about the drainage problem on his street. Manager DeMeno said he sent a certified letter to the property owner and he has 30 days to respond. Mr. Krider said he applied for a Shade Tree permit and never received a reply. Member Cherry responded that the manger should notify him.

Carol-Lynn Brown, 317 E. Montgomery Avenue, said there is a street light out at Fourth and Montgomery. Manager DeMeno said he knew about it and he said generally we wait until several need repair before getting an electrician out to do repairs. Vice President Hart said there is a notification link on our website which goes directly to the manager. He then can give it to Public Works to fix.

Presentation: Adam Boehr, DocStar

Leighton Forbes, a DocStar representative, gave a brief presentation regarding DocStar. They are a company who converts paper into electronic images. They work with the state, counties, boroughs and townships. They provide the software so going forward the Borough can scan to make things electronic to go on the website.

Vice President Hart said we have a lot of historical documents, blueprints and infrastructure plans that are large. Do you do them also? Mr. Forbes said they do them also that is the most

important place to start. He said the largest issue right now is that the municipalities cannot store all the paper they have.

Member Tarlecki asked what the charge is. Mr. Forbes said it is a monthly fee for 60 months and the price has to be locked in so that you can budget for it. He also explained how the state subsidy works.

Member Sando asked what the disaster recovery plan is. Mr. Forbes said they have two 911 data centers; one is in upstate New York and the other in Wichita, Kansas. He said when the system is set up; it automatically backs up between 2 and 3 in the morning.

Member Redstreak asked the solicitor if there was any liability if we lose a hard copy. Solicitor Gifford said as long as we can provide an electronic copy we are okay. He said the reason the state is moving towards this is because there is no wiggle room if there is a calamity. This is insurance on the paper contents.

Vice President Hart asked if the fee was based on usage or a flat monthly fee. Mr. Forbes said it is a flat fee, which you pay for 60 months. She asked if it was user friendly and if the files are searchable. Mr. Forbes replied yes. Solicitor Gifford said some municipalities charge a fee to research historic documents. This would help recoup some of the cost.

Member Sando asked if we do not extend the contract, do we still have offsite storage. Mr. Forbes said after five years you own the software, server and images but you would have to pay for offsite storage.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked who is responsible for separating public and non-public information. Mr. Forbes responded the Borough. Solicitor Gifford said almost everything is public information.

Herb Schlegel, 301 W. Montgomery Avenue, asked how many times the documents are scanned. Mr. Forbes said it would be every day. They would make a schedule with the staff. The Borough would have to agree on a starting point.

Police Recognition: Dave Accavetti and Myron Bobo

Chief Levy said he had two Certificates of Appreciation. The first one he read was for Mr. Bobo, who stopped an altercation between a man and a woman.

Chief Levy said the second one was for Mr. Acciavatti, who could not attend tonight. Chief Levy said Mr. Acciavatti was driving on Shearer Street when he heard a woman calling for help. He stopped and found two residents who had both fallen in their back yard and could not get up. His response enabled the victims to get immediate emergency medical help.

Chief Levy thanked both individuals for helping their fellow citizens.

Certificate of Appropriateness: 211 S. Main St.

Vice President Hart said they are replacing an existing roof to match an existing roof on St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Joanne Matthews, 421 Shearer Street, said there was some question regarding the replacement of the roof. It is not a compatible substitute. A discussion ensued regarding the roofing material being used and how the existing roof got approved. Vice President Hart asked how asphalt is compatible to slate. She said there are several new items on the market that look like slate. She said obviously the board considers asphalt shingles compatible to slate.

Member Sando made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 211 S. Main Street. Member Redstreak seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Members O'Connell, Cherry, Redstreak, Sando, Scott and Tarlecki voted yes. Vice President Hart voted no. Motion passed 6 yes, 1 no.

Certificate of Appropriateness: 136 W. Walnut St.

Vice President Hart said previously we conditionally approved this and they have met the conditions. Therefore, we can forgo a vote. She said it is to put a metal roof on a porch.

Old Business/Committee Reports/Zoning Applications

OLD BUSINESS – Member Scott said there is a young man who has inquired about the Junior Council Member Program. Alex Groce, 301 S. Main Street, gave a brief summary of how he got interested in politics. Member Scott said it is a great program and a way to get the Borough youth involved with politics. She said they have to be a high school junior or senior, submit a letter of interest and it has to be advertised that the Borough is offering this program. Vice President Hart mentioned that it is for Borough residents; they would attend meetings but not participate in executive session or vote. Member O'Connell said we had participated in this program before. Vice President Hart asked the manager to look into whether we have a resolution and bylaws. We can get this into action if we have a resolution and bylaws.

There were no committee reports.

Manager DeMeno said there are no new zoning applications except the continuation of 309 S. Main Street. Member Sando asked what the zoning request for that property was. Manager DeMeno said the Zoning Hearing Board needed more information. Vice President Hart explained that three applications were received a few meetings ago; two on Main Street and one from the water authority. At the following meeting the water authority withdrew their application. Vice President Hart said a resident had asked why we are not making recommendations. We are going to move zoning applications to a separate item on the agenda so they can be discussed. Council will submit documentation to the Zoning Hearing Board regarding their opinion, whether they approve, disapprove or stay neutral. Solicitor Gifford said they can be discussed generally in public. A discussion ensued regarding zoning applications. Andrew Berenson said he thinks Council can discuss it because it is a matter of public record.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Manager

Solicitor Gifford said he had two matters for executive session one with potential litigation and the other personnel with no action required.

Member Tarlecki asked if it is possible to get 501 E. Walnut Street to cut their grass.

Member Cherry said several residents have contacted him in the last few weeks. One was about a raccoon in the old pharmacy and the other regarding the parks and the young adults in parks doing things they are not supposed to be doing. He said maybe public works could clear the brush to improve sight into the parks. He said Park and Recreation will address this at their next meeting.

Member Redstreak said he has been in three of the parks this past week and they look great other than the dead tree in Weingartner Park.

Member Sando asked for an update on the halfway house. Manager DeMeno said they are currently renting to the allowed number of people. He said they need zoning relief and they have not applied for any. Manager DeMeno said they are allowed to have three unrelated adults in one unit. Vice President Hart said what happens if someone calls and says they have six people living there. Solicitor Gifford said he has sent them written notice of what is allowed. If they do not comply, they would receive a violation notice. Manager DeMeno said they have the proper permits for plumbing and electrical.

Member Cherry said the previous manager informed them of the permits that were applied for. Vice President Hart said Manager DeMeno is working on the managers' report to include Business U&O's and permits.

Joanne Matthews asked for clarification on the halfway house. She said if it was not approved as a halfway house, are they just renting. Manager DeMeno said they are just renting. Vice President Hart said it should not be marketed as a shelter or halfway house because that comes under a different zoning category. A discussion ensued regarding what can and cannot be done regarding the number of people renting.

Manager DeMeno said he upgraded the anti-virus on the computers for under \$300.00 for all the computers. He reported that the tree and road repair quotes are coming in and he has taken care of the properties with tall grass. He said a representative from the Montgomery County Planning Commission will give a public presentation on the usefulness of a Transit Oriented District.

Andrew Berenson asked what the status of the sidewalk project on Washington Avenue is. Manager DeMeno said they have started on the appraisals of all homes where they need easements. It is a slow process.

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