

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: March 22, 2016, 7:17 PM, EST

Council attended an executive session prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. Solicitor Filice announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss a legal matter and no action was taken.

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	Absent
	James Sando	Absent
	Paula Scott	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Absent
	Mayor Greg D'Angelo	Present

Also in attendance were John Filice, Borough Solicitor and Chief Alex Levy.

President McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Jane Keyes, 201 W. Walnut Street, expressed concerns about rental properties within the Borough and if the Borough requires them to register Megan's Law offenders. Chief Levy explained that Megan's Law registered people are regulated by the Pennsylvania State Police. People who are required to register where they live as a result of a crimes code violation that makes them a Megan's Law violator, must notify the State Police. Chief Levy also said that people who are convicted of crimes that require them to register as a Megan's law violator have the same housing rights as everyone else unless there is a stipulation in their probation or parole restricting where they can live. Therefore, a landlord in North Wales Borough may have a tenant who is a Meagan's law violator.

Member Scott said thinks it is important to know your neighbors and act accordingly.

Member Cherry said that his family checks the Megan's law web site periodically to make sure they are aware of who is in their neighborhood.

Consideration: Montgomery County Planning Commission

Margaret Dobbs and Marley Bice, Community Planners with the Montgomery County Planning Commission, came to the meeting to answer questions about the proposed contract.

Member Amato asked if section D page 2 of the contract is correct. It states that either party can terminate the contract with 60 days written notice. Solicitor Filice said that is correct. Manager Hart said that it is to our benefit because of our size and the possibility of having financial issues in the future that are unpredicted.

Member Amato mentioned paragraph 2, which speaks about duly authorized representative and Member Amato asked who they are. Manager Hart said that Borough Code defines duly authorized people, which include council president, vice-president, and possibly the manger, if council elects to appoint and/or instruct the manager to act in that capacity. Member Amato asked about flat fees. Ms. Dobbs said that the payment schedule covers the work that is planned. There are pre-determined rates for extra work that is not covered in the contract. Manager Hart said that the contract rate covers certain things but if council wants more, there are suggested rates for the extras. Manager Hart said the contract price should be sufficient to complete the tasks that council wants.

Member Davis asked if there are enough meetings for the MCPC to meet with council. Manager Hart said that there will be different functions and meetings where the MCPC will be in attendance. Mayor D'Angelo said that the meeting schedule is flexible and should be sufficient.

Member Amato asked about \$36,000 going out with \$6,000 going out each year and he wanted to know if we have sufficient finances to cover that. Manager Hart said that the budget for 2016 has money in the budget to cover the cost of the MCPC.

Ms. Dobbs presented a final copy of the contract to President McDonald. Ms. Dobbs said there is a minor typographical change of a date on the final copy of the contract. Member Scott made a motion to sign the contract with a start date of June 1, 2016. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Resignation of Brian Passerini from Parks & Recreation Board

Manager Hart said that she met with Mr. Passerini and he has moved out of the Borough. Member Scott made a motion to accept the resignation of Brian Passerini. Member Cherry seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no. President McDonald expressed thanks and appreciation to Mr. Passerini for his years of dedicated service to the Borough.

Consideration: Appointment of Daniel Natale to Parks and Recreation Board

Member Scott made a motion to appoint Daniel Natale to the Parks and Recreation Board to complete the term of Brian Passerini, expiring 12/31/2016. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approve Disbursements \$39,434.78

Manager Hart reviewed several of the expenses, explaining what the payments are for. Member Scott made a motion to approve the disbursements in the amount of \$39,434.78. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approve Minutes: 03/08/2016

Member Cherry made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 8, 2016. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Certificate(s) Appropriateness: 307 School St; 115 S Main St; 119 N 3rd St

Member Scott made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness, subject to zoning relief, for 306 School St. to install a fence as presented to HARB. Manager Hart said that the HARB approval is for materials but since the fencing may be more than currently exists, the applicant must go through the proper zoning processes prior to erecting the fence. Member Cherry seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Member Scott made a motion to approve the certificate of appropriateness for the sign requested for 115 S. Main St. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Member Scott made a motion to approve the certificate of appropriateness for 119 N. Third St. to rebuild the front porch, columns, railing, flooring, balustrade, and fascia, according to the specifications listed on the application. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

Tim Weigner of 430 Shearer Street asked about the status of the job on Walnut Street. Manager Hart said that there have been no recent discussions with PENDOT and the NWWA. Manager Hart said that she anticipates having a meeting sometime in April.

Mel Magee of 511 E. Montgomery Avenue, said that she has heard cursing and also experienced second hand smoke in her back yard from the residents of 509 E. Montgomery Avenue.

Solicitor/Mayor/Council/Manager

Manager Hart reported that there are two zoning applications scheduled to be heard on April 5; 208-210 South Fifth Street and 201 W. Walnut Street.

Solicitor Filice said that council met at executive session on a legal matter before the meeting with no action taken. Solicitor Filice said that the council will have an executive session after the meeting dealing with personnel, with no action expected to be taken.

Mayor D'Angelo said that Manager Hart did a nice presentation to the North Wales Borough Business Alliance meeting.

Member Scott mentioned that a crosswalk is needed at Center and W. Walnut Street and she supports this crosswalk.

President McDonald asked for increased police patrols at pedestrian crossings. President McDonald also spoke about the Library gala and recognized the Library for their recent National award, congratulating them for their accomplishments.

Jane Keyes said that the award the Library received is very prestigious and impressive and our Library was mentioned in the same sentence as the Carnegie Mellon Library.

Member Cherry said that he attended the BBA meeting and he felt it was a very productive meeting.

Manager Hart said that the newsletter should be out in the second week of April. Manager Hart also mentioned that on April 22, the Borough will be hosting the ‘Party for the Planet’ which is sponsored by Tex Mex Connection. The proceeds from this event will be used to purchase rain barrels. Training will be held on May 7 and May 11 for using the rain barrels. Earth Day Celebrations will take place on April 23, which will include many activities around the Tex Mex Connection related to recycling, including a shredding event for Borough residents. The event is to promote walkability and the environment.

Manager Hart said that on April 19, the North Wales Historic Commission will be hosting Member Cherry who will be displaying and talking about World War I items.

The Parks and Recreation Board will be hosting their spring fundraiser, a beef and beer, on Saturday, May 7th, at the North Penn Fire Company, 141 S. Main Street.

Member Scott made a motion to adjourn. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager