

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
300 SCHOOL STREET  
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: March 28, 2017 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	Absent
	Daniel O'Connell	Present
	Paula Scott	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Jim Sando	Present
	Mayor Greg D'Angelo	Present

Also in attendance was Gregory Gifford, Borough solicitor, Chief Fantry, and Alan Guzzardo, Assistant Manager.

President McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Manager Hart introduced Alan Guzzardo as the Assistant Manager. She said because the last meeting was cancelled due to a snow storm, he was not appointed. She said he has two years experience with Upper Dublin Township and has a degree in Community and Regional Planning.

Manager Hart said the mayor has a presentation for the library and Jayne Blackledge is here to accept it. Mayor D'Angelo read the proclamation being presented to the North Wales Area Library for National Library Week.

### **Public Comment**

Joanne Matthews, 421 Shearer Street, said she went to the Thursday night meeting and one of the comments was that people thought there should be a walking tour. She said we do have one for sale and she asked if there was access to it and if it was being advertised. Manager Hart said the spring newsletter is done but she would put it in the fall newsletter and post it on Facebook.

### **Consideration: Appointment of Assistant Borough Manager**

Alan Guzzardo thanked Council for appointing him and he said he was honored to be here. He said he sees a lot of things that need improvement and he hopes to make things more efficient and to be here a long time.

Member Tarlecki made a motion to appoint Alan Guzzardo as Assistant Manager. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Presentation: Proclamation supporting National Library Week**

This was presented at the beginning of the meeting.

**Consideration: Amendment to Civil Service Rules and Regulations**

Chief Fantry said Civil Service is asking for a waiver of the required 60 college credits for new applicants. He said by waiving this he will be able to get into a bigger pool of candidates. Chief Fantry read the amendment.

Member Scott made a motion to amend the Civil Service Rules and Regulations requiring the 60 college credits. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of Minutes, December 6, 2016 and February 14, 2017**

Member Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of December 6, 2016 and February 14, 2017. Member Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Disbursements \$47,918.29**

Manager Hart gave an overview of the bills to include the following: Dell, for computers purchased with a \$4,000.00 grant from Comcast; Dan Natale, Facebook; Mr. Hagy, monthly payment that will continue until June; Traditional Signs, door hangers for the Community Input; Keystone Fire Protection, batteries; Treasure of Montgomery County, \$5.00 the remaining amount due for a license.

Member Tarlecki asked about the payments to Limerick Township and Kurtz Construction. Manager Hart said Limerick Township was for office furniture, file cabinets and other office items and Kurtz Construction is a deposit on the roof work that needs to be done at 125 N. Main Street.

Member O'Connell asked if we were close to starting the Safe Routes to School project. Manager Hart said there are five home owners who have not signed the agreement for the Safe Routes to School project. She said two of them are in Upper Gwynedd Township with whom we have scheduled a meeting and the others are Borough residents whom she will contact again.

Member Scott made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$47,918.29. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications**

There was no old business.

There were no board reports.

Manager Hart said there were no zoning applications. She said the Buildings and Grounds Committee will be meeting at public works on Monday to discuss some of the improvements that need to be done.

### **Solicitor/Mayor/Council/Manager**

Solicitor Gifford said he has two matters for executive session, one about real estate and the other a potential litigation matter, that they need to be updated on, and there will be no action taken on either matter.

Mayor D'Angelo said he has four short items. He said for a while he and Members Amato & Cherry have been meeting to discuss a potential program and information would be forthcoming. He said a House bill in Harrisburg to create an Officer Down Advisory system, which would be operated similar to the Amber Alert system, was passed unanimously. He thanked Christine and her staff, the 2040 Steering Committee, and the Montgomery County Planning Commission for hosting a great community workshop. He said finally when he issued his snow emergency he asked people to look out for the fire hydrants and the other thing was to check on elderly neighbors and shut-ins. He said we should check on the elderly and shut-ins even in the summer. He is looking at a program and should have more information at the next meeting. He thinks we need to be more proactive.

Member Tarlecki said he was pleased with the community forum on Thursday night and the enthusiasm that was in the room, the positive suggestions that were made and the constructive feedback was well taken. He is optimistic for the future.

Member Davis said the community forum was a great meeting. He thanked public works, Christine and everyone else who helped in clearing the snow.

Member Amato said there was a lot of positive feedback from the community forum. He said as previously mentioned by the mayor they spoke about numerous things and drug addiction was a topic of concern. He then proceeded to quote statistics and other information on drug addiction. They want to come up with ideas on how to help drug users.

Member Cherry spoke about being neighborly and checking on your neighbor no matter what their age. He said as far as a drug program you can see a need for it in the neighborhood.

Herb Schlegel, 301 W. Montgomery Avenue, said regarding being a good neighbor he is fortunate in that he has two good neighbors, who helped him when it snowed.

President McDonald said it is obvious that Council cares about this town and we should look out for each other. He said one advantage to living in a small town is that you get to know your neighbors.

Herb Schlegel said there should be a list of people willing to help others. Manager Hart said the chief is trying to get a list together, whether it is voluntary or paid. Ms. Matthews suggested contacting the Boy Scouts, since it is one of a few organizations in the Borough.

Manager Hart said the newsletter should be arriving in the next week or so. She proceeded to provide information about the second annual Earth Day events; Party for the Planet, sponsored by Tex Mex; handbag bingo, a fundraiser for the North Wales Area Library; installment of the playground equipment in Hess Park; and the community forum meeting which had over 80 residents attend. She also thanked the fire company for their help during the snow storm.

Joanne Matthews said she hopes the community realizes how much Jane Keyes does for the Borough. She said she is a great business woman. Manager Hart thanked the business owners for their donations for the community forum meeting. She said they had a lot of food and drinks donated.

Member Scott made a motion to adjourn. Member Sando seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Christine A. Hart  
Borough Manager