

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: May 10, 2016 7:03 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	Absent
	Paula Scott	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	James Sando	Present
	Mayor Greg D'Angelo	Present

Also in attendance was Gregory Gifford, Borough solicitor.

President McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Pat Graham, 324 S. Fourth Street, commented on how nice of a job the Public Works Department has done keeping the weeds cleared along the Fourth Street side of Weingartner Park. Manager Hart thanked Jane Keyes and several other business owners for their participation in Earth Day. Jane Keyes, 201 East Walnut Street, announced that the Party for the Planet raised \$1,014.00, which Tex Mex will use for recycling and/or green initiatives within the Borough. Ms. Keyes also mentioned a desire to bring back the cardboard and paper recycling dumpster. Manager Hart indicated she would research the cost of bringing it back.

Tribute to North Wales Lions Club/Accept Donation from Lions Club to N.W.H.C.

Walter and Bonnie Weber, David and Mary Schiele, Robert George and Joan Schiele, members of the newly dissolved North Wales Lions Club were present to receive recognition and tribute for their accomplishments and support since 1945 in the Borough of North Wales, as well as within our surrounding community. Manager Hart read a prepared statement summarizing their accomplishments, that of which has been entered into this record (see attached). The members in attendance then presented the North Wales Historic Commission with a check for \$500.00 and several items, such as Lions Club memorabilia, pins, and the actual cement cast Lion that the Club had been using for years. Council and members of the public applauded the members present and thanked them for their invaluable service to the community. President McDonald reiterated that the Lions club will be sadly missed and that their list of accomplishments will

not be forgotten. The Lions Club have played numerous important roles in making this town a wonderful place to reside.

Consideration: Accept Resignation of Police Chief Alex Levy

Mayor D'Angelo regretfully informed Council that Alex Levy was resigning from the position of Police Chief. The Mayor presented Alex Levy, who was present along with his wife, Brenda, a Citation (made part of this record). Council members and members of the public thanked Alex for his service to the Borough and wished him good luck.

Member Scott made a motion to accept the resignation of Alex Levy tendered on April 30, 2016. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Discussion: Chapter 90-12 Prohibited Animals

Tabitha O'Mara, 424 South Tenth Street, notified Council that she had received a notice from Manager Hart regarding chickens in her backyard. Ms. O'Mara asked Council to consider allowing chickens within the Borough. She stated that her family benefits from not only collecting fresh eggs, but her children learn responsibility and having chickens promotes sustainability. Council members discussed several items relating to the Borough's current Ordinance which does not permit chickens. Council ultimately decided more research and details were needed to render a decision of whether to amend the current ordinance. Council instructed Manager Hart to issue a thirty (30) day extension regarding the Zoning violation that was mailed to Ms. O'Mara.

Consideration: Certificate(s) of Appropriateness: 107 S. Main St and 201 W. Walnut St

Manager Hart briefly provided an overview of new signage being proposed for the North Wales Family Pharmacy located at 107 S. Main Street. Manager Hart thanked the owner, Nazar Ughryn, for complying with the HARB District rules involving new signage. Manager Hart also provided an overview and summary of HARB hearings and recommendations regarding the front and side facing facades of 201 W. Walnut, which is a new home being built on the corner of Pennsylvania and West Walnut. Land owner, David Caracausa complied with HARB's recommendations. HARB recommended approval of both applications for Certificates of Appropriateness.

Member Sando made a motion to approve 107 S. Main Street and 201 W. Walnut Street for Certificate(s) of Appropriateness as recommended by HARB. Motion seconded by Vice President Cherry. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: 11/20/2015 and 03/08/2016

Member Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of November 10, 2015 and March 8, 2016. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Advertisement TMDL Strategic Plan

Manager Hart explained that the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Strategic Plan must be advertised to allow for a public review and input period of thirty days. The advertisement will be published once approved and the public input period will expire June 13, 2016. Council was provided a copy of the Borough's TMDL Strategic Plan prepared by Boucher and James' Engineering Firm.

Member Tarlecki made a motion to authorize advertisement of the TMDL Strategic Plan. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

OLD BUSINESS – Manager Hart provided Council with an overview and summary report prepared by Councilman Amato regarding the Audio System. Council instructed Manager Hart to proceed with having the audio-visual equipment installed.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS – Employee Relations Committee reported that it will continue to meet to prepare for the process of hiring a new Chief of Police.

ZONING APPLICATIONS – Manager Hart announced 108 Royal Avenue has applied for zoning relief and will be scheduled in June. The property will be posted and the necessary notices will be prepared and mailed to the required stake holders.

Solicitor/Mayor/Council/Manager

Solicitor Gifford announced that Council had an executive session regarding a personnel matter prior to this evening's meeting. Mayor D'Angelo once again thanked Alex Levy for his service to the Borough. Mayor D'Angelo stated that he has confidence in this Council and Employee Relations Committee to find a great replacement for former Chief Levy.

All members of Council reiterated their remarks regarding Alex Levy's departure. All members wished Alex good luck in his future endeavors.

Manager Hart thanked the business owners again who participated in Earth Day and partnered with the Borough. She mentioned that the first rain barrel class held on May 7th was very successful and the residents who attended all received a free rain barrel.

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

Prepared Statement read by Manager Hart:

The North Wales Lions built the original NOR-GWYN pool in the late 1950's – which was adjacent to Pennbrook Middle School on North Wales Road.

The North Wales Lions Club operated that pool until the pool we have today replaced it, located at Parkside Place in Upper Gwynedd Township near the township building complex.

They built the current NOR-GWYN pool in 1976 - The North Wales Lions Club continued to help operate the Pool in conjunction with Upper Gwynedd Township and the Borough of North Wales. They started the Lions Club Fun Fair over the 4th of July weekend, as an alternative to travelling. The Fun Fair lasted more than twenty years from the 1950' s until the 1970's.

They collected door-to-door in North Wales for the March-of-Dimes from the 1950's thru the 1970' s. They also hung Christmas lights on Main Street and on Walnut Street from the late 1940's into the 1960's. They continued to light the Christmas tree at Main and Montgomery with North Wales Borough and the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company until the tree was removed.

They donated scholarship money to the following:

- North Penn High School
- Lansdale Catholic H.S.
- North Wales Elementary
- Saint Rose of Lima Elementary School

The Lions Club held the Easter Egg Hunt for pre-kindergarten through third grade annually since 1971 until they dissolved in 2016.

They operated “Dial Santa” for the local grade school children which was in operation for over 35 years. Typically, Santa received phone calls from 125 children. The Lions worked with the school nurses, the Lions paid for eye examinations and eye glasses for North Wales Borough adolescents whose families could not afford it on their own. They had started a new program that provided eye screening of Kindergarten children at Saint Rose of Lima Elementary School. The eye screening used a specially developed camera that could detect problems with the eye that a simple eye chart exam did not pick up.

Lions also donated to the:

- Leader Dog School (seeing eye dogs for the blind)
- Beacon Lodge (A recreation camp for the blind in central PA)
- Delaware Valley Eye Bank
- Montgomery County Association for the Blind
- North Wales Memorial Free Library
- Ladies Auxiliary of the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company
- North Wales Cub Scouts
- North Wales Historic Commission

The North Wales Lions Club met September thru June, the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month for over 71 years.

The Lions Club of North Wales received its Charter on June 13, 1945. Charter members are as follows:

Charter Members

J. Harry Bailey
Gordon K. Biddle
Edward R. Boorse
Francis X. Brasch
John F. Brasch
Robert F. Brunner
George D. Davis
A.A. Doppel
Walter DuBois
Norman Faulkner
W. H. Fenstermacher
J. Burton Finley
Ross R. Funk
Robert H. Griner
Samuel Guyer
Milton R. Hart
Ray C. Harwick
Squire Johnson
James Judge
Paul K. Knierim
John F. Kratz
Walter Krauser
Oscar S. Kriebel
Gilbert L. Longwell
A. Walter Lukens Jr.
Rowland J. Maslin
Frank Monastero
Alfred M. Rader
John Rorer
Harry E. Willis

Honorary Members

Milton R. Hart
Horace S. Madtes

CITATION

WHEREAS, Alex H. Levy was appointed Chief of Police on November 12, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Alex H. Levy has served as Chief of Police with professionalism, selfless dedication, distinction and aplomb; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Chief Levy the profiles of both the North Wales Police Department and the Borough of North Wales have been significantly raised; and

WHEREAS, the professionalism of the North Wales Police Department has been enhanced by Chief Levy's advocacy for education and his mentoring; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the efforts of Chief Levy, the working relationship between Borough Council and the Police Department has been restored to one of mutual respect and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, in November, 2014 and again in July, 2015, Chief Levy served as Interim Borough Manager; each tenure being for a period of four months, and

WHEREAS, Chief Levy continued to serve as Chief of Police; while serving as Interim Borough Manager; maintaining high levels of service to the residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Chief Levy has always been ready and willing to assist the Borough Manager with whatever was needed; and

WHEREAS, Chief Levy has tendered his resignation effective April 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council has sadly accepted said resignation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Borough Council and the Mayor, on behalf of the citizens of North Wales Borough, express their deepest appreciation to Chief Alex H. Levy for his dedicated service; and

FURTHERMORE, Borough Council and the Mayor, on behalf of the citizens of North Wales Borough, wish Chief Alex H. Levy continued success and safety as he continues his career in Law Enforcement.

SO RESOLVED this 10th day of May, 2016.

Michael J. McDonald
Council President

Gregory J. D'Angelo
Mayor

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager