

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: May 23, 2017 7:00 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President McDonald.

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

Also in attendance were John Filice, Borough Solicitor, Donald Fantry, Chief of Police and Alan Guzzardo, Assistant Borough Manager.

Vice President Cherry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Presentation: Swearing-In of Part-Time Police Officer

Chief Fantry announced the hiring of Robert Seville as a part-time police officer. He provided background information on Officer Seville's career and announced the names of his family members present for the ceremony. He then thanked everyone for coming to the ceremony. Mayor D'Angelo congratulated Officer Seville and welcomed him to North Wales Borough. He then made a point that the role of police officers is not just to catch criminals, but also to be proactive to prevent crimes before they happen. He encouraged officers to have a close relationship with residents and visitors of the Borough. Officer Seville was then sworn in by Mayor D'Angelo.

Consideration: Advertisement of New Animal Ordinance

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve the advertisement of the new animal ordinance. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Certificate of Appropriateness, 104 S. Main St and 113 S. Third St

Manager Hart provided background information related to Superstar Massage, located at 104 S. Main Street and its current illuminated window signs. The Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) recommended that a Certificate of Appropriateness be issued at their monthly meeting on May 17th. Council deliberated the zoning regulations for these types of signs.

Member Tarlecki asked if the signs proposed are the updated signs from the previous signs they had displayed. The applicant appeared before HARB two times before receiving a recommendation for approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness. Manager Hart explained why HARB made their recommendation. Member Sando expressed his frustration with the applicant for putting up the signs without approval. Member Neiderhiser expressed her distaste with the design of the signs. Member O'Connell questioned if Council has ever reviewed applications for these types of signs before. Manager Hart confirmed that Council had reviewed an application for signs installed for North Wales Family Pharmacy at 107 S. Main Street.

Rosemary Schlegel, 301 W. Montgomery Avenue, stated she is worried Council is being too restrictive. She encouraged Council to be less restrictive and be more supportive of new businesses.

Vice President Cherry made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness as presented for business signs installed at 104 S. Main Street. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion denied 0 yes, 8 no.

Manager Hart provided an overview of the application for 113 S. 3rd Street. Member O'Connell asked when drainage issues will be addressed. Manager Hart explained it will be addressed as part of the land development process. Member Davis asked if Manager Hart knew when the applicant planned to complete the parking lot improvements after demolition. Manager Hart answered she did not.

Member Scott made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness as presented for demolition work to be completed at 113 S. 3rd Street. Member Sando seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Considerations: Disbursements - \$100,338.24

Manager Hart provided an overview of the bills. She announced that an amendment in the amount of \$1,950 was made to the original total amount to account for rain barrels purchased for residents who have taken free rain barrel classes offered by the Borough.

Member Scott asked about a bill for Keystone Fire Protection. Manager Hart explained the bill was for an annual test of the Borough's alarm system.

Member Sando asked about a bill for C & C Technologies. Chief Fantry explained it was for a more efficient radio system installed in the police vehicles and at the Police Station.

Member Sando asked about a bill for Recreation Services. Manager Hart explained the bill was for new playground equipment installed at Hess Park.

Member Scott made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$100,338.24. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes, February 28, 2017, March 28, 2017

Member Tarlecki made a motion to approve the minutes of February 28, and March 28, 2017. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

Manager Hart provided an update on the Hometown Heroes Banner program with the updated changes proposed at the previous Council meeting. Member Neiderhiser asked if longtime residents who were not born in the Borough were eligible. Manager Hart answered they are. Member Sando asked what happens after the banner has been hanging for two years. Manager Hart explained the banner will be taken down. She then stated that person may reapply to have the banner up, but they will have to wait until there is another available spot.

Manager Hart announced that all lighting fixtures in the Public Works facility have been upgraded to LED lighting, paid by funds acquired through the sale of a 2002 John Deere Tractor for \$7,000. Manager Hart stated she is getting bids to remediate the rain garden issue at Hess Park. She then explained to Council that office reconfigurations have been completed for the Borough Administration office. She also announced that free rain barrel classes took place on May 17th and May 20th, with another potential class being offered in the future.

Vice President Cherry asked if Manager Hart has followed up with the Boards and Commissions for updates. Manager Hart stated she has reached out to the Board and Commissions. The Parks and Recreation Board is working on a mission statement to help guide their efforts. Manager Hart explained this would be developed as part of the Comprehensive Plan update.

Member Scott announced Nor-Gwyn Pool is scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend. Member Scott announced that nine umbrellas have been added to help shade pool visitors. Member Sando asked if the Nor-Gwyn Pool video would be uploaded on the Borough website. Manager Hart stated that there is already a link provided on the Borough's site for pool information, she will add the video. Manager Hart explained that a series of website updates have been made, especially related to trash and recycling, current news and events and the Mayor's Corner. She encouraged Council and the public to log on and review the changes.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Manager

Solicitor Filice announced there would be a brief executive session to discuss a matter of litigation that would not require action at this time.

Mayor D'Angelo provided an overview of the PSABS conference that took place the week of May 7th. He announced that State Representative Kate Harper is working on a Bill that will amend Pennsylvania's Right-to-Know Law. He encouraged municipalities to work cooperatively with each other to solve issues. He announced he received his Certified Borough Official Certification (CBO). Council members congratulated Mayor D'Angelo.

Vice President Cherry explained the seriousness of the Emerald Ash Borer and Spotted Lantern Fly outbreaks on trees in the Borough. Member Amato asked if the Borough could consider a plan to help save trees. Vice President Cherry announced there is a planting program offered by Parks and Recreation and Shade Tree Commission. He also stated that an inventory of ash trees was completed and the heaviest concentration is in Hess Park. Member Sando encouraged Council to be proactive with ash trees that can be saved. He suggested that information be uploaded to the website to increase awareness. Vice President Cherry suggested that Shade Tree Commission create an up-to-date inventory of ash trees, on both public and private lands.

Vice President Cherry then discussed the results of the North Wales Borough Business Alliance (BBA) meeting, specifically a discussion related to the welcome packets that are provided to new residents. He specifically mentioned there is a local business page that can be improved to provide more information related to local businesses. Manager Hart explained that Borough Community Planner, Margaret Dobbs attended the BBA meeting to gather feedback for the Comprehensive Plan update.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Attest: _____

Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager