

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: March 24, 2015 7:00 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President McDonald.

ROLL CALL:	Jim Cherry	Present
	Michael McDonald	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	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.

President McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approve Minutes: December 9, 2014; December 16, 2014; January 13, 2015

Member Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of December 9 and December 16, 2014 and January 13, 2015. Member Redstreak seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Disbursements: \$46,476.94

Manager DeMeno gave an overview of the bills to include payment to the auditor; Independence Blue Cross; the engineer; and McMahan and Associates, Safe Routes to School. Member Redstreak asked about the McMahan and Associates invoice. Manager DeMeno responded it is the Safe Routes to School project. Member O'Connell asked about the Boucher and James invoices. Manager DeMeno said they apply to the SEPTA project. Member Hart asked what the Tyco Integrated Security invoice was for and if it is annual. Manager DeMeno said it's for the security alarm in the building and it is an annual charge. Member Tarlecki asked if Rudolph Clarke was for Civil Service. Manager DeMeno responded that he was not sure.

Member Scott made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$46,476.94. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee Reports/Zoning Applications

There was no old business.

Manager DeMeno reported that letters went out for the SEPTA zoning hearing on April 7th.

Member Hart asked about the status of the McKeever property. Manager DeMeno said they have withdrawn their plan and a new plan will be submitted. President McDonald asked if we had documentation that it was withdrawn. Solicitor Gifford said to make sure that we have a letter stating that they are withdrawing their application.

Consideration: Certificate of Appropriateness for 308 W. Walnut Street

Member Hart said she was confused as to what address is correct because one picture says 304 and another has 302. She doesn't remember seeing demolition occurring currently. Member Scott said they are showing the underlying layers.

Member Scott said the disposal of asbestos had been discussed before. Are we satisfied with how it is being disposed of? A discussion ensued about the proper disposal and handling of asbestos. Member Cherry said there are only a few places that take asbestos. Solicitor Gifford said asbestos shingles are only an issue when they are being smashed.

Member Hart made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 308 W. Walnut Street to replace siding. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Certificate of Appropriateness for 136 S. Main Street

President McDonald said this is for repairing the existing front steps.

Member Hart made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 136 S. Main Street. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Certificate of Appropriateness for 210-212 School Street

Member Redstreak asked if they were just putting another layer on top. President McDonald replied yes and HARB approved it as presented.

Member Scott made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 210-212 School Street as presented. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Manager

Solicitor Gifford said he has one matter for executive session and no action will be required.

Mayor D'Angelo said the fire company appreciated the ad on the kiosk for the hoagie sale. They received a lot of comments. They thank you.

Member Hart reminded everyone about the Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday in Weingartner Park. She is not sure of the time.

Member Sando said there was a bill introduced that will look at the impact of the tax exempt issue regarding nonprofits. He just heard about it and has no further information.

Member Cherry said he was able to attend the North Wales Borough Business Alliance meeting last Wednesday. There were about 30 people in attendance. They talked about a lot of issues. There were some positive and negative comments. They talked about possibly looking into a company that works with revitalization. Member Hart said within the last 3-4 weeks we received information from Triad. Member Cherry said he had assured them that with the new manager writing grants, it would open doors for some revitalization. They know it will not be overnight. Member Scott asked what were their main concerns; lack of parking, walkability, lack of shoppers. Member Cherry said some feel there is a lack of parking and if parking requirements were changed, maybe there would be more shared parking. He did not feel anything was urgent. Mayor D'Angelo said they had talk about the feasibility of an Economic Development Corporation. He said some people were for and some against using a planner and asked where the money would come from. Member Tarlecki said an Economic Development Corporation does not mean it has to be a large project. It could be one building or one block at a time.

Member Hart said it would be nice if the businesses would promote themselves by having a community event; where they offer a service. This is not something Council can offer but the businesses need to unite. We all need to work together. Jane Keyes said the problem is if you get your nails done, you have to drive to the next stop. She said at the BBA meeting they received a phone call from the business across the street to move cars out of their lot. If you looked out the window, the Borough lot had empty spots, the bagel shop had empty spots and her lot had empty spots but people parked in the dry cleaners lot. Member Redstreak said we are not going to encourage businesses if vehicles have to be moved around. Member Hart asked how do we promote shared parking among business owners. Jane Keyes said some businesses have concerns about sharing their lots. The building next to her has no parking; therefore, we have an empty building. She is willing to put Tex Mex out there and do whatever she can but the businesses have to come together. She said the turn out for the BBA meeting was great but generally there are only 4 or 5 people there. She thinks leadership has to come from Borough Council. Manager DeMeno said he is willing to attend the BBA meetings to help increase attendance.

Member Hart said we have added additional parking on Main Street by identifying the spaces. She has seen that the businesses on the lower end are utilizing the spaces. If someone needs relief for parking, they can go before the Zoning Hearing Board. President McDonald said there is some shared parking. The funeral home has offered its lot as long as they don't have anything going on. Business owners need to communicate with each other. Member Redstreak asked if there was enough parking at the brewery building. Jane Keyes said she is having the new engineer in town look at parking for 403 E. Walnut Street. She is working on delineating the parking spaces. She asked if the Borough would consider vacating the lower portion of S. Fourth Street, which goes nowhere. Right now she shares parking with the laundromat. Manager DeMeno said we need to find a long term parking solution. Member Hart said for years we had

talked about obtaining the lot situated between Second and Third Street. Maybe it is time to revisit that option.

Member Tarlecki suggested that a committee be formed with a couple of Council members and a few business owners to discuss ideas between Council and the BBA. The general consensus was that it is a good idea. Member Tarlecki suggested that Council start right away and set some parameters of what they want to talk about and later possibly look into funding and other ideas. Member Cherry said let's not discuss this over and over. Let's get started. I am a person of action.

A resident suggested including several residents on the committee. Member Tarlecki said that is a good idea. When they were working on the original Revitalization Plan, there were residents on the committee.

Manager DeMeno said he is working on listing Borough services on the website.

Member Scott made a motion to adjourn. Member Tarlecki seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.