

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: November 10, 2015 7:04 PM

CALL TO ORDER made by President McDonald.

ROLL CALL:	James Cherry	Present
	Michael McDonald	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Daniel H. O'Connell, Sr.	Present
	Ed Redstreak	Present
	Christine Hart	Present
	Paula Scott	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Absent
	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

Jane Keyes asked why they have all of Walnut Street from Morris Road to Route 63 closed off. It is affecting her business. Interim Manager Levy responded because they have to use state roads for the detour. Member Sando asked if it was possible to add something to those signs. A brief discussion ensued regarding the detour of Walnut Street and possibly adding signs that say "Open to all Businesses in North Wales Borough." Interim Manager Levy said he will contact NWWA to see about adding to the signs.

Presentation by Triad Associates

Michael Zumpino, from Triad Associates, spoke about moving forward on the ideas and discussions that started in 2012. Mr. Zumpino passed out a document with a list of eleven items that he titled "Proposed Scope of Services." The list is attached to these minutes.

President McDonald asked about fees for grant acquisitions. Mr. Zumpino said an example of a local grant (West Point Pike - \$300,000.00) had a 1.5% fee structure. Mr. Zumpino said they try to find appropriate grants that fit the community and they are not afraid to say no if they think the grant is not a good fit.

Member Scott asked about the cost for the service. Mr. Zumpino recommended a conservative figure of \$25,000.00 in the budget for 2016 and go from there. Member Scott asked what would the taxpayers get for this investment. Mr. Zumpino said they will get a focused effort involving

community and business partnerships that will have effective results; for example, parking, signage, use of underutilized space and properties, and general responses to surveys and feedback.

Member Hart asked what would we get, would action be taken or just a plan of action that needs to be implemented. Mr. Zumpino said there would be monthly meetings with a quarterly review of milestones help to keep things on track. Mr. Zumpino said he has a full staff of people to help move this forward but he and Steve Case would be the lead.

Member Cherry asked who would be on the committee. President McDonald said they had talked about having six representatives. Mr. Zumpino would have his people, business owners and Council would have some representation, and three residents, one from each ward. Member Cherry said he would like to see more or equal resident representation. Member Hart asked if the president of the BBA would represent the businesses. Mr. Zumpino said there would be a basic standing committee with subcommittees to work on the projects.

Member Sando said he felt that six people are not enough for the committee. He asked how that gives you proper representation, if you have three residents, a Council member and a representative from the business community. Member Sando also asked about samples of similar language for setting up the standing committee. Mr. Zumpino said he could provide some examples.

Mayor D'Angelo said the Planning Commission talked about the street scape on W. Walnut Street. He said this is an investment and the work is needed to move forward in many areas. Member Hart said we had discussed extending the period lighting and maybe this would be a good start.

Mike Fellmeth, President of the BBA, said this process allows for interaction with many different people and businesses to get input.

Rosemary Schlegel, 301 W. Montgomery Avenue, said she was concerned that the tax dollars set aside for this service would be used and results may be years away. She asked about the time frame for the grants. Mr. Zumpino said if you want to work on revitalization, it will take several years.

Sal Amato, 201 S. Tenth Street, said what bothers him most is there are no defined costs and deliverables. He said somewhere in this process there has to be a defined cost and a defined deliverable. Member Hart said we already have the W. Walnut Street plan so maybe we could give this to Triad. Mr. Zumpino said he agreed that we need to see some outcome.

Member O'Connell said having Triad involved is a good way to move forward.

Joanne Matthews, 421 Shearer Street, said she would like to see the Borough move forward with Triad to help us move forward.

President McDonald asked Mr. Sokol to put something in the paper asking people in the Borough to contact the Borough office so we can establish an e-mail blast list.

Richard Buttacavoli, 117 S. Tenth Street, asked about the cost of a survey and he also asked about the flow chart of the process, duties, etc. of the committee. Mr. Zumpino said Triad would do the survey and compile the results.

Discussion: 2016 Budget:

Member Hart mentioned that the budget is still a work in progress because of staffing issues related to gathering the data. She said currently with about 90% of the expenses YTD, we are a little over one million dollars and we budgeted 1.7 million. We need to talk about health care costs, salary increases, capital requests, and move forward to have a proposed budget at the next meeting. This will allow us to pass our millage at the next meeting. We are still waiting for revenue numbers. President McDonald said we may be able to find the \$25,000 seed money for Triad this year.

Member Cherry asked about several line items from the budget report that was prepared by Mrs. Liebel. Member Hart said she would review the line items to make sure that they are accurate. Member Cherry asked if there is money budgeted for other committees like Parks and Recreation. He saw a fund for the Historic Commission but not the other committees. Member Hart said they are listed in the fund not separately. The Historic Commission does its own fundraising so it is listed as an individual fund.

Member Sando asked about additional revenue numbers. Member Hart said it is a work in progress. Member Sando asked about specific categories and how we decide where to put the money. Member Hart said if the money is designated for a specific purpose and Council choses to keep track of the donation, it could be placed in a subcategory.

Old Business/Committee Reports/Zoning Applications

There was no old business.

There were no Committee reports or zoning applications.

Solicitor/Mayor/Council/Manager

Mayor D'Angelo asked everyone to remember those who sacrificed their life for our Country as tomorrow is Veterans Day. Mayor D'Angelo also mentioned that the Borough Newsletter is out.

Member Redstreak congratulated the newly elected and re-elected Council members.

Member Cherry wished the Marine Corp a Happy Birthday and President McDonald also thanked the veterans.

Solicitor Gifford reported that Council had an executive session this evening regarding the Borough Manager position. He said Council did not take action at this meeting but may take action at the next meeting after a short executive session to make an announcement about the Borough Manager position.

Member Scott made a motion to adjourn. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.