

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: October 27, 2015 7:02 P.M.

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 if anything is happening with TRIAD. President McDonald explained that he would be coming to a future meeting to discuss what they could do for the Borough so that a decision can be made related to their services.

Laine Fountaine, 439 Shearer Street, asked if there was going to be any discussion on the proposed development across from her house (432 Shearer Street). President McDonald said it is not on the agenda and nothing new has been submitted. Member Hart suggested that Ms. Fountaine wait for a meeting where the property is on the agenda so that her comments would be in the record for that property.

Ms. Fountaine asked what could be done about people letting their dogs use her yard to urinate and defecate. It has caused property damage. Ms. Fountaine said people are throwing empty beer bottles and cans onto her property. Chief Levy advised Ms. Fountaine to call the police for both incidents. He said the only way to stop it was to follow people home and then report it to the police.

Pat Graham, 324 S. Fourth Street, said she went to the police twice to complain about two labs who attacked her dog. Chief Levy said they have spoken to the owner and asked if there have been any issues since that day. Ms. Graham responded no but she has changed her route of walking.

Presentation: Tex Mex Connection

Jane Keyes presented a \$2,500.00 check for the Police Department and a \$5,000.00 check for the Borough. Ms. Keyes asked that possibly the money be put towards a community garden or something environmental friendly. She said she appreciates the community's support of the 5K Run.

Member Hart made a motion to accept the donation of \$2,500.00 for the DARE program for the 2015/2016 school year and the second check in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be used for an environmental program. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

President McDonald announced that he was moving item # 8 up. It is the discussion of the Emergency Management Plan.

Approval Minutes: September 22, 2015

Mr. Gifford noted that the minutes (under Public Comment) accurately reflects what Amy Montgomery said at the meeting related to speaking with Mr. Gifford, but she realized she was mistaken and that conversation did not take place.

Member Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of September 22, 2015. Member Hart seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Disbursements: \$178,656.80

Interim Manager Levy reviewed several of the larger expenditures, including North Penn Fire Company for Fire Relief; the North Wales Area Library; Keystone Fire Protection, for the fire alarm system; the Municipal Obligation for Pension; and Gran Turk for street sweeper repairs. Member O'Connell asked if the sweeper is all set. Interim Manager Levy said the sweeper has been out on the streets. Member Hart explained that there have been several larger than expected expenditures for the sweeper. A brief discussion ensued regarding capital equipment expenditures.

Member Scott asked who were Sean Kilkenny and Dr. John Fraunces. Interim Manager Levy said Sean Kilkenny is the solicitor for the Sunlight of the Spirit House and Dr. Fraunces is the psychologist.

Member Hart made a motion and Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee Reports/Zoning Applications

PERSONEL COMMITTEE - President McDonald mentioned that the search for the new manager is going well and that final interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2015.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Member Hart mentioned that our bank has merged with another bank so there will be documents to sign and that Claire had sent the new agreements to Solicitor Gifford for review.

Discussion: Signage for Pedestrian Crossing at the New Train Station Parking Lot

Interim Manager Levy said that Septa is updating the signage in the area and putting in some additional pedestrian crossing signs. Member Sando asked if the light issues were taken care of. President McDonald said that he thought the lights in the front would be installed when the new pedestrian safety items are installed. Member Sando also asked about signs along the islands for no parking. Member Sando mentioned the drainage issues in the back corner. Member Hart said we need to follow up with Septa.

Consideration: Repair to Sidewalks around Borough Hall

Member Hart said that the quotes are very different for different things. She said the initial concern was the driveway depression on Third Street. Member Hart asked about the possibility of Public Works doing the work. Member Sando said since that was put in when the building was redone is there any recourse to have them fix it. Member Hart said that was in 2003. Member Hart asked if it was possible that trucks hit the ramp on their way out. President McDonald wanted to check with Public Works employees to see if they can do the work.

Discussion: Approval of Emergency Management Plan

This discussion was moved to number three. Bill Kaelin, 301 S. Fifth Street, the Emergency Manager for the Borough, discussed the new Emergency Management Plan and that he needs a resolution to adopt it this evening. Mr. Kaelin summarized what an Emergency Management plan is and that our plan has been written according to State and Federal guidelines. The EMP includes lists of who to call for help and who is responsible for different types of events. The EMP has been in existence for years and is modified each year to make sure it is up to date.

Member Scott made a motion to approve the plan and have a resolution written at a later time. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Discussion: New Radio Purchase Program – Review and Advertisement of Ordinance Regarding the Loan

Member Hart said that Solicitor Filice has drafted an advertisement notice for the ordinance. Member Hart reported that this is an interest free loan payable in five payments on January 25 of each year. Member Hart reported that the Fire Company will be paying their share each January for five years. Member O'Connell asked if the advertisement addresses using the money only for radios. Member Hart read the portion of the ordinance indicating that it does.

Member Hart made a motion to approve the ordinance that approves certain capital projects; authorizes a borrowing by the Borough of North Wales, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, from the County of Montgomery, and the issuance of a promissory note, 2015 series in the

maximum principal amount of \$222,709.72 to be paid back over the next five years. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Renewal of Compost Agreement with Barnside Farms Compost Facility

Member Hart reported that the documents were given out at the last meeting for review.

Member Hart made a motion to approve the renewal of the compost agreement with Barnside Farms Compost Facility with the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Discussion: Budget

Member Hart talked about Claire working on reviewing the income and expenses to see we stand. She reviewed some of the items that need to be addressed. Member Hart asked all members to review the documents in their packet for expenditures and income this year. She said we need to inventory what we have and consider what we need. Member Hart spoke about expected increases for next year's budget and Council's need to decide whether to increase tax millage or keep it the same.

Solicitor/Mayor/Council Manager

Solicitor Gifford said for executive session he had one matter for personnel and one matter for possible civil litigation, both of which will not require action by the Borough. He said Council will be doing interviews in executive session tomorrow evening for the Borough Manager position.

Members Redstreak and Cherry thanked Ms. Keyes for her generous donations.

Member Hart said we have a quote from Best Boy Audio. She said another hearing impaired company will be here on Thursday night to give a demonstration and a quote.

Member Scott made a motion to adjourn. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.