

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: October 24, 2017 7:00 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President McDonald.

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

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

President McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, encouraged everyone to vote regardless of their political party.

Consideration: Approval of Advertisement for Ordinance #810, Authorizing North Wales Borough to Enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement and Authorizing Participation in the Delaware Valley Health Trust

Manager Hart provided an overview of the inter-governmental agreement as well as a brief summary of benefits offered by DVHT. Solicitor Gifford also reiterated that DVHT offers competitive pricing and many other municipalities and public entities benefit from joining. Manager Hart stated the agreement is for a three year term. Member Sando asked for background on the governing structure of the trust, in which Manager Hart proceeded to project DVHT's website on the overhead projector. Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked to confirm if the police would be eligible for this program. He asked if there are any downsides to the police joining. Solicitor Gifford explained that he has not seen any issues in his experiences with the program. Mr. Berenson then asked if employees had made any complaints regarding their current benefits. Solicitor Gifford replied that they had not made any complaints. Chief Fantry stated that he was a long-time member of DVHT before becoming Chief of the Borough and he was very pleased with the program and benefits offered. Another benefit about the program are free or low cost training courses and many incentives involving health and wellness. Joanne Matthews, 421 Shearer Street, asked who is eligible for the program. Manager Hart explained that all staff will be eligible for the program. Member O'Connell asked if the Borough could track savings over the three year agreement timeline.

Chief Fantry explained that DVHT employees are very helpful administering all aspects of the program. Member Davis asked about extension options. Manager Hart explained that the Borough will be eligible for the right to renew after the first three year agreement period. Judy Miller, 312 E. Montgomery Avenue, asked if the program allows beneficiaries to seek services at other health care facilities other than the ones offered at the health center. Chief Fantry answered that employees and their families are able to go to other facilities. Neil McDevitt, 324 S. Ninth Street, asked if there is high turnover of DVHT employees and/or their representatives. Manager Hart answered not based on her or Chief Fantry's experience with DVHT.

Member Scott made a motion to approve advertisement of Ordinance #810, authorizing North Wales Borough to enter into an inter-governmental cooperation agreement and authorizing participation in the Delaware Valley Health Trust. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Certificate(s) of Appropriateness: 405 S. Main Street, 116 S. Main Street and 117 Church Street

Joanne Matthews, 421 Shearer Street, asked if the applicant is replacing the entire porch at 405 S. Main Street. Manager Hart explained that they are just replacing the porch railing. Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness as presented for a porch railing to be installed at 405 S. Main Street. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Member Scott made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness as presented for a replacement window and siding at 116 S. Main Street. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Joanne Matthews asked if HARB is approving vinyl materials. Manager Hart confirmed they are. Vice President Cherry asked if cost is a deciding factor for why wood is not being used versus vinyl. Member Scott made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness as presented for replacement windows at 117 Church Street. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: October 2017 Disbursements - \$114,741.44

Member Davis asked if the Borough is paying for the banner hardware for the Hometown Heroes Banner program. Manager Hart replied, yes, the Borough ordered additional brackets so that more banners could be hung. Member Scott asked about the cost of the dog waste bags. Manager Hart stated the bags are ordered about once a year and the cost is one cent per bag, much less than years previous due to a new supplier. Member Scott asked about an invoice for Kellner's Lawn Service. Manager Hart explained it was for a leaf vacuum machine to help Public Works with street and park cleaning. Manager Hart explained it cuts labor time, makes it easier and mulches up the leaves.

Member Scott made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$114,741.44. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: 10/10/2017

Member Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of October 10, 2017. Vice-President Cherry seconded the motion.

Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

Pat Graham, 324 S. Fourth Street, explained that some of the tree signs installed by the Boy Scouts have been torn off. She is requesting the Borough reproduce them and hang them higher on the trees.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Manager

Mayor D'Angelo awarded honorary North Wales Borough citizenships to Korean immigrants in conjunction with the American-Korean Peace project.

Member Davis thanked the Public Works Department for picking up debris from the 9th Street Park Cleanup event which was held on Saturday, October 21, 2017.

President McDonald asked the Chief of Police how residents should respond when approached by pan-handlers; several residents have made mention to that have been approached by pan-handlers at local establishments within the last week or so. Chief Fantry instructed residents to call 9-1-1 and report the action(s) when they are occurring.

Member Davis asked Chief Fantry about a car that is illegally parked at the corner of Swartley Street and Walnut Street. Chief Fantry explained he would look into the issue.

Chief Fantry reminded everyone that the Police Department is collecting unwanted and/or expired medications on Saturday, October 28, 2017. Member Sando asked how the Police Department disposes of the drugs. Chief Fantry explained that everything is stored, weighed and then taken to the DEA to be disposed of and is done twice a year.

Manager Hart provided an overview of the Limited Procedures Engagement of the North Wales Borough Police Pension Plan. She requested that Council consider PMRS or other agencies that can handle the plan in the future without excessive administrative costs. Manager Hart explained that the pension plan is well funded.

Manager Hart announced that the Historic Commission is hosting a WWII information event at their next monthly meeting on November 21, 2017. Joanne Matthews encouraged everyone to attend the event.

Manager Hart announced that the Borough is hosting a Fall Classical Concert event on November 19, 2017, at St. Luke's Church located at 125 N. Main Street.

Member Sando asked if the Borough notifies the Home and School Association of Borough events so they can include it in their newsletters. Manager Hart explained she could look into doing that.

Manager Hart announced the resignation of North Wales Water Authority Board member, Herbert Kavash. She announced that Ed Neiderhiser is interested in the position. Member Sando thanked Mr. Kavash for his many years of service. Herbert served as treasurer and was known as Herb “to the penny” Kavash.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked there is an executive session.

Solicitor Gifford confirmed that there is a personnel matter involving the collective bargaining agreement.

Member Scott made a motion to adjourn. Vice-President Cherry seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager