

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: September 26, 2017 7:01 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President McDonald.

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

Also in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor and Alan Guzzardo, Assistant Borough Manager.

President McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Loretta Weigner, 430 Shearer Street, expressed concern with trash trucks operating prior to six o'clock in the morning. She stated that Whitetail Disposal and Advanced Disposal make multiple trips through the alleyway behind her house on any given day. She also asked for a status update on the addition and renovation project scheduled to be completed at 402 E. Walnut Street. Assistant Manager Guzzardo explained that he had spoken with the contractor and is waiting for the contractor to file for building permits. Assistant Manager Guzzardo then informed Mrs. Weigner that he contacted Advanced Disposal about not picking up trash before 6 a.m. as required by Borough Code. Manager Hart informed Mrs. Weigner that the Borough is exploring the possibility of adopting a single trash hauler.

Lesa Liebel, 333 Washington Avenue, asked for a status update on the "Safe Routes to School" program. Manager Hart stated the Borough needs one more signature from a property owner for the project to move forward. She asked the Borough to consider single-sided parking on Washington Avenue. Vice-President Cherry stated he was working on Washington Avenue and that it was difficult to travel on Washington Avenue with his truck and equipment. Manager Hart and Chief Fantry agreed to look at Washington Avenue to see if single-sided parking would be feasible.

Consideration: Approval of Advertisement for Act 167, Wissahickon Creek Watershed Stormwater Ordinance

Borough Engineer, Amy Montgomery, provided an overview of the Ordinance. Manager Hart asked how the Ordinance will affect residents. Ms. Montgomery explained the size of the project will determine the financial impact on the resident. Larger projects would have larger financial

impact on residents. Member Amato asked if the Ordinance would conflict with the current Ordinance. Ms. Montgomery stated it would replace Chapter 180, Stormwater Management of the Borough Code. Member Davis asked if someone would be required to incorporate Best Management Practices (BMP) for areas that are already impervious. Member Sando asked if developments under construction would meet the standard of this Ordinance if it had been adopted prior to the subdivision and land development process. Ms. Montgomery stated that additional waivers may have been required to be granted by Council if this Ordinance had been in effect. Member Tarlecki expressed concern with the financial impact of the Ordinance on residents. Assistant Manager Guzzardo reiterated that only large projects would have a financial impact on residents. He explained that the Ordinance requirements are lenient, therefore, they do not place an extraordinary burden on residents.

Member O'Connell made a motion to approve advertisement of the Wissahickon Creek Watershed Stormwater Ordinance. Member Amato seconded the motion.
Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: On-Street Handicap Parking Spot – 128 S. 4th Street

Manager Hart explained that Chief Fantry has not had time to review the logistics of N. Fourth Street and the surrounding area to make a recommendation for placement of the spot being requested. President McDonald tabled the item for further review.

Consideration: Approval of Advertisement for Repeal of Chapter 166, Real Estate Registry

Manager Hart provided an overview of the Ordinance. She stated municipalities are no longer required to have this process.

Member O'Connell made a motion to approve advertisement to repeal Chapter 166, Real Estate Registry. Member Sando seconded the motion.
Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Advertisement for Amendment of Chapter 92, Apartment Registration

Manager Hart provided an overview of the current Ordinance and timeframe of the rental program. Manager Hart explained the program could be more easily administered if the rental timeframe matched the calendar year schedule. Member O'Connell requested the Ordinance to be more strictly enforced. Manager Hart explained the Borough is more effectively enforcing the Ordinance and making this amendment will help. Member Sando asked if there are any other changes that should be made to the Ordinance. Judy Miller, 312 E. Montgomery Avenue, asked if the Ordinance applies to all rental properties. Manager Hart stated yes, it does.

Member Tarlecki made a motion to approve advertisement of an amendment to Chapter 92, Apartment Registration. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion.
Motion passed 7 yes, 1 no. Member Davis dissented.

Consideration: 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation for Employees' Pensions

Member Sando made a motion to approve the 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligations for Employee's Pensions. Member Tarlecki seconded the motion.
Motion passed 8 yes 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: 05/09/2017, 05/22/2017 and 09/12/2017

Member Amato made a motion to approve the minutes of May 9, 2017, May 22, 2017 and September 12, 2017. Vice-President Cherry seconded the motion.
Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Disbursements: \$59,183.26

Member Sando asked about the repairs to the 2016 Ford Explorer. Manager Hart stated the repairs were for an accident and the Borough was reimbursed \$1,700 for the accident. Member Davis asked about two Verizon listings. Manager Hart explained one was for the land lines and one is for the wireless. Member Davis asked about the electric bill for 125 N. Main Street, formerly St. Luke's United Church, purchased by the Borough. Manager Hart stated the total for the bill was \$99.04.

Member Sando made a motion to approve disbursements in the amount of \$59,183.26. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion.
Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

Member Sando asked for a status update on the "Station Place" subdivision and land development application for 501 E. Walnut Street, formerly McKeever's Tavern. Manager Hart stated the Borough has not yet received revised plans.

President McDonald stated the Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission is going to be redoing the pool decking at the Nor-Gwynn Pool. President McDonald requested the Borough Engineer to review the pool decking renovations to ensure they are done properly. Council members agreed to have the Borough Engineer review the pool decking.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Manager

Solicitor Gifford stated he contacted the Solicitor representing the plaintiff regarding a lawsuit filed against the Borough, regarding the TGI Fridays restaurant in Montgomery Township. The lawyer representing the defendant confirmed that he had mistakenly listed the Borough on the lawsuit and the necessary paperwork would be filed removing the Borough from the suit. Solicitor Gifford explained that there is one item for executive session regarding a personnel matter, requiring no action.

Mayor D'Angelo announced that the "Walls of History" event had taken place on September 18th. He commended the North Wales Historic Commission and Borough staff for the wonderful job. The event was well attended and enjoyed by over 100 visitors. Mayor D'Angelo then stated he was approached by a resident regarding parking on Beaver Street along the Borough property,

located at 300 School Street. Manager Hart and Chief Fantry agreed to evaluate the current parking Ordinance(s) and determine if parking in this area is feasible.

Member Tarlecki asked Chief Fantry about abandoned cars parked on Church Street, specifically asking what the rules are. Chief Fantry explained the police look at inspection stickers and other factors to determine if a car has been abandoned. Lesa Liebel, 330 Washington Avenue, asked about a trailer that is parked at the intersection of Center Street and Washington Avenue. Chief Fantry stated he would follow up on both issues.

Member Tarlecki announced that a street light on Summit, near Fourth is not working. Manager Hart replied, Public Works will look into it this week.

Member Davis stated that parking near the North Wales Library is an issue. Chief Fantry stated he would follow up on the matter to see if there are illegally parked cars.

Manager Hart announced the Borough has hired a new part-time worker in the Public Works Department. Manager Hart then explained the Borough will consider painting curbs near intersections to warn people not to park close to intersections, as it is illegal to do so. Chief Fantry and Manager Hart will meet to determine problem areas that need to be painted for increased safety.

Member Sando thanked Jane Keyes for hosting a fundraiser event at Tex-Mex Connection for the Police Department.

Member Neiderhiser thanked Joanne Matthews and the Historic Commission for all their hard work in establishing the "Walls of History" museum. She also thanked President McDonald for encouraging people to speak into the microphones.

Member Amato mentioned that back in March, Chief Fantry, Vice-President Cherry and himself began working on a program to allow people with drug problems to come to the Police Department for help, with the promise that those individuals would not be charged. He stated the Borough has not forgotten the issue and is continuing to work on solutions. He also mentioned the Borough is considering setting up neighborhood watch groups to help improve safety. Member Amato then announced that he and Vice-President Cherry are considering creating a Veteran's Group. He suggested the Boy Scouts may be able to help with this initiative to help veterans.

Mayor D'Angelo briefly provided an update relating to a Borough sponsored drug program that is being worked on. Chief Fantry explained the success of the program depends on networking efforts and ensuring people are taken care of right away. Member Amato explained the Committee is trying to establish proper connections for ensuring the program is successful.

Vice-President Cherry encouraged people to call the police to report any suspicious activity that they may see in or around the Borough. He then suggested he would like to have an informal meeting place for the Veteran's Group. Judy Miller, 312 E. Montgomery Avenue, suggested the Borough property at 125 N. Main Street be a meeting place. Member Tarlecki suggested the upstairs room of Borough Hall as a meeting place. Lesa Liebel, 330 Washington Avenue, suggested the Scout Center as a meeting place.

Chief Fantry announced a drug take back event taking place on Saturday, October 28, 2017 starting at 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Manager Hart announced that the 4th Annual Day of Community Service will be held on Saturday, September 30th. She also announced that the Borough Fall Newsletter has been mailed out to residents. She stated the Borough has partnered with Creative Edge Center for the Arts to offer classes for children ages 5-8 from October to November. She then announced that the "Soldier's Christmas" event and Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Sunday, Dec. 3rd. Finally, she encouraged everyone to attend North Wales Community Day on Saturday, October 7th.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Vice-President Cherry seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager