

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
300 SCHOOL STREET  
NORTH WALES, PA

MEETING: September 27, 2016 7:00 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER by Vice President Jim Cherry.

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

Also in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough solicitor and Chief Fantry.

Vice President Cherry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Discussion: Animal Ordinance Amendment/Revision**

Manager Hart said she gave Council a copy of the Borough's current Animal Ordinance and samples of ordinances from different municipalities in Pennsylvania. She said some ordinances address domesticated and non-domesticated, some named specific animals and some did not.

Manager Hart reported that Member Amato arrived at 7:02 PM.

Member Sando spoke about the current ordinance and the list of animals that were prohibited and not prohibited. A discussion ensued regarding the sample ordinances that were presented to Council. Manager Hart said she contacted Montgomery County Planning Commission and they do not have a model ordinance. She also contacted Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs and they have a very simple ordinance (sample # 3).

Solicitor Gifford said sample 5 is the only one that deals with chickens and sample 1 deals with feral cats. He said Council needs to look at these and decide what they want included in the ordinance. Member Scott asked what would be our first step. Solicitor Gifford said the first step is to know how you want to handle feral cats and chickens. Once that has been decided, then the next step would be to prepare a new ordinance. Further discussion ensued regarding what needs to be addressed in the ordinance i.e. chickens, feral cats, enforcement.

Tabatha O'Mara, 424 S. Tenth Street, said a chicken lays about 180 eggs a year. She gets about 5 eggs a week and over the summer they stop laying eggs. She said she has two chickens and she thinks an even number of chickens is better than an odd number because they like being in pairs.

Anji Fazio, 111 S. Seventh Street, asked what a feral cat is. Manager Hart gave the definition of a feral cat and a stray cat.

Lesa Liebel, 333 Washington Avenue, reported a stray cat in her neighborhood that is attacking her cat and other cats. She wanted to know what could be done. Member Scott said she could take matters into her own hands and capture the cat and bring it to the SPCA.

#### **Consideration: New Comcast Franchise Agreement**

Solicitor Gifford said this is the final agreement and the changes were made that we had discussed at the last meeting.

Member Tarlecki made a motion to accept the Comcast Franchise Agreement. Member Sando seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no and 1 abstention by Member Davis, who is a Comcast employee.

#### **Consideration: HARB – Certificate(s) of Appropriateness, 117 S. Swartley Street, 119 S. Swartley Street, 130 W. Montgomery Avenue, and 107 S. Main Street**

Manager Hart said 117 and 119 S. Swartley Street is a twin. The contractor submitted one application because he is doing the work on both properties. She said two separate hearings were held. The properties need a roof and it was approved by HARB as presented. She said they are owned by two separate individuals.

Member Scott made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for both 117 S. Swartley Street and 119 S. Swartley Street. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Manager Hart said 118 W. Walnut Street is the right side of a twin. The application is for repairs to the front porch. She said one is to cover over the flagstone that was wet set in the concrete porch, which HARB denied. They are approved to put tongue and groove underneath the front porch roof and replacing a rear column of the porch.

Member Scott made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 118 W. Walnut Street for the wood repair only. Member Tarlecki seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Manager Hart said 130 W. Montgomery Avenue is a single family home. The application is for the replacement of fascia, gutters, downspouts and windows. The owner wanted to replace the front windows with vinyl but withdrew his request when it was denied. HARB approved the remaining items provided that the fascia was replaced with the appropriate wood.

Member Scott made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the various repairs at 130 W. Montgomery Avenue as stated with the exception of window replacement. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Manager Hart said the application for 107 S. Main Street is for vinyl window graphics for the front windows of the pharmacy. HARB did not like the vinyl but they are removable.

Member O'Connell questioned the historical significance of the building and why it needed HARB approval. Manager Hart said first you would look to see if the building is in the Historic District. If it is in the Historic District, it goes to HARB first. If it is approved by HARB then it goes to the building inspector for permit review. She said the first design had symbols that were not permitted in the Historic District.

Member Scott made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 107 S. Main Street as presented. Member Sando seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Disbursements \$53,381.00**

Manager Hart gave an overview of the bills to include Brilliant Graphics and US Postmaster, for the newsletter; 21<sup>st</sup> Century Media, advertising; Garner Brothers Heating, install thermostats on the heaters in the basement; Associate Imaging, copier; Uniform Gear, uniforms for the officers and chief; SWIF, worker's compensation for the fire company; and ATS Tree Service, to remove a tree that was on the property line of a park and a private residence.

Member O'Connell asked about the Building Inspection Underwriters bill. Manager Hart explained that it was for half of the fee that we collect for building permits and rental property inspections.

Member Scott made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$53,381.00. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval Minutes, May 24, 2016**

Member Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of May 24, 2016. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications**

There was no old business.

Manager Hart said there were no committee reports but the Finance Committee will be setting up meetings to discuss the budget. She said she received a zoning application today for 401 E. Walnut Street for a tattoo studio on the second floor.

**Solicitor/Mayor/Council/Manager**

Member Tarlecki said while he was walking his dog, he saw two deer in Weingartner Park. He wanted to remind people to be careful while driving in that area.

Member Scott commented that the newsletter looked good.

Mayor D'Angelo thanked Christine and her staff for the job they did on the newsletter. He said at the BBA meeting concerns were voiced about getting the newsletter out in time for Community Day. He said he reassured them it would be out.

Member Sando said at the first North Wales 2040 meeting there was a lot of discussion on what visual would represent North Wales. He said part of the discussion revolved around the image of the train station. He said currently the train station does not have a cupola on it but it did at one time. He said he was thinking about that and the fact that the borough building also had one. He said we are coming up on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Borough. He thinks this would be a good time to check with SEPTA in the next year or so and look at finding funding to restore the cupola on both the train station and the borough building in time for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Vice President Cherry said he is praying for good weather on Saturday for Community Day. He also mentioned some of the activities for that day.

Manager Hart said the weather forecast is for scattered showers but she is hoping it does not rain on Saturday. She said they are looking for people to man the inflatables for about a half hour.

We met today with the chief and public works to go over logistics. The business community and the volunteers have worked hard.

Manager Hart said she has financials as of the end of August. She said the NWWA has confirmed settlement on 201 W. Walnut Street. Also, Tex Mex celebrated their 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary this month by making donations to various organizations based on Wednesday night dinner receipts. The first week they donated \$500.00 to the North Wales Library; the second week \$350.00 to the North Wales Police Department; and the third week \$470.00 to the North Penn Fire Company. Manager Hart said we should officially accept the donation and Chief Fantry asked that the money be allocated to minor equipment.

Member Scott made a motion to accept the \$350.00 donation. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member Scott made a motion to adjourn. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christine A. Hart  
Borough Manager