

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
 300 SCHOOL STREET  
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: November 28, 2017 7:02 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	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	James Sando	Present
	Mayor Gregory D'Angelo	Present

Also in attendance were John Filice, Borough Solicitor, Terry Hammerstone, Officer in Charge and Alan Guzzardo, Assistant Borough Manager.

President McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment**

Linda McAdoo, 412 Shearer Street, asked Council when they would be adopting a noise ordinance. Manager Hart stated the Noise Ordinance is on the list of code changes that Borough Council will be considering during the latter part of the completion of the "North Wales 2040" Comprehensive Plan.

### **Consideration: Amendments to the Borough Fee Schedule**

Manager Hart provided an overview of the current fee schedule and then proceeded to identify the changes that are being requested for 2018. Manager Hart explained that a grading permit fee has been added because of the storm water management ordinance update, which requires that storm water management be implemented for certain types of construction activity. Member Sando asked about the proposed fee for a flash drive report. Manager Hart stated that the fee is similar to other municipalities' fees. Member Davis asked for clarification on the proposed sign permit fee. Manager Hart stated it would increase from \$60.00 to \$80.00 since Borough staff must review Zoning Requirements in addition to the Sign Requirements as per Borough Code.

Member Tarlecki made a motion to amend the Borough Fee Schedule as presented, effective January 1, 2018. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

### **Consideration: Advertisement of 2018 Budget**

Manager Hart reviewed the budget changes for 2018 in detail. Member Tarlecki asked Manager Hart to project the Borough's revenue over the next five years. A discussion ensued regarding the Borough's projected revenue.

Member Sando made a motion to advertise the 2018 budget, as presented. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

### **Discussion: 2018 Parks & Recreation Maintenance**

Martha Lottes, Parks and Recreation Board Chairperson, provided a list of needs for the Borough's parks. Member Davis asked if there are any other parks besides 9<sup>th</sup> Street Park that need to be brush hogged. A discussion ensued regarding clearing brush in other parks and different means to do so. Member Sando asked how the Borough can solve the rain garden issue in Hess Park. A discussion ensued regarding the rain garden in Hess Park.

Wendy McClure, 309 W. Montgomery Avenue, stated the Borough must focus on the Emerald Ash Borer issue by removing diseased Ashwood trees. She then suggested the Borough contact the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association for solutions to the rain garden problem in Hess Park. She asked what tree species would be planted in Weingartner Park as other trees are taken down. Vice-President Cherry explained that the Borough tries to replace trees that are taken down in Weingartner Park with the same tree species to maintain the Park's unique variety of tree species.

Manager Hart explained what needs can be met with the Borough's current resources. Member Tarlecki asked if funds can be used from the recycling monies to help defray the costs associated with the Parks and Recreation needs throughout the Borough. Manager Hart stated yes, the funds received from the recycling commission could be used for that if Council authorizes. Michelle Graham, 350 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, asked if money in the Weingartner Trust can be used to replace benches and other things in Weingartner Park. Mayor D'Angelo explained the trust funds can only be used for plantings.

Mrs. Lottes reminded everyone about the "Soldiers Christmas" event being held on Sunday, December 3, 2017 and encouraged everyone to attend. Judy Miller, 312 E. Montgomery Avenue, asked if the Borough will be trimming the black walnut trees back from the walking path in Weingartner Park. Manager Hart explained the Borough will take care of it.

### **Consideration: Resignation of Herbert Kavash from the North Wales Water Authority Board of Directors**

President McDonald thanked Mr. Kavash for all his years of service. Manager Hart stated she also would thank Mr. Kavash on behalf of Council in her letter to the North Wales Water Authority.

Member Scott made a motion to accept the resignation of Herbert Kavash from the North Wales Water Authority Board of Directors. Vice-President Cherry seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: North Wales Water Authority Board of Directors Appointment, Term Ending 12/31/2020**

Edward Neiderhiser, 508 E. Montgomery Avenue, explained his interest in joining the North Wales Water Authority Board of Directors.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to appoint Edward Neiderhiser to the North Wales Water Authority Board of Directors, term ending December 31, 2020. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Resignation of Daniel Lottes from the Parks & Recreation Board & Shade Tree Commission**

Member Scott made a motion to accept the resignation of Daniel Lottes from the Parks and Recreation Board and Shade Tree Commission. Member Sando seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Prohibition of Category 4 Casinos in the Borough**

Member Tarlecki asked where in the Borough could these types of casinos be opened. Manager Hart recommended the Borough take this precaution even though it is unlikely one of these establishments would open in the Borough. Member Davis stated a resolution is not necessary because it is unlikely one would open in the Borough.

Member Amato made a motion to prohibit Category 4 Casinos in the Borough of North Wales. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 1 no. Member Davis dissented.

**Consideration: Certificate of Appropriateness – 201 E. Walnut Street**

Member Scott made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness as presented for replacement sash windows at 201 E. Walnut Street. Member Sando seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of On-Street Disabled Parking Space at 113 S. 7th Street**

Officer Hammerstone stated that he had no issues with the Borough placing an on-street disabled parking space at 113 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Member Amato questioned the application process for an on-street disabled parking space. Manager Hart explained the administrative process in detail.

Member Sando made a motion to approve an on-street disabled parking space at 113 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: 2018 Approved Holiday Schedule & 2018 Meeting Schedule**

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve the 2018 Holiday and Meeting Schedule for the Borough. Member Sando seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Disbursements: \$136,458.80**

Manager Hart announced \$4,080.91 was added to the total disbursement amount to pay for the uniform and non-uniform pension plans, the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSABS) unemployment plan, the Borough credit card bill and trash removal bill.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$136,458.80. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

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

Manager Hart announced the open Boards and Commissions positions, she also explained that the newly appointed President of Council in January will be responsible for assigning Council members to sub-committees.

Manager Hart announced that the Borough has received two zoning application, one regarding 107 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street and the other regarding 215 Church Street.

Lastly, she announced that the “Station Place” land development application would be reviewed by Planning Commission on December 6, 2017 and would be on the agenda for Council’s consideration on December 12, 2017.

**Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Manager**

Solicitor Filice announced there will be an executive discussion to discuss the “Sunlight of the Spirit House” case and one personnel matter. There would be no action taken on either.

Mayor D’Angelo thanked Manager Hart and Public Works for their preparation of St’ Luke’s Church for a classical concert held on November 19, 2017.

Member Davis thanked Vice-President Cherry for his presentation on World War II artifacts at the Historic Commission meeting held on November 21, 2017.

Manager Hart announced that the Borough is now compliant with the “Liquid Fuels” account requirements. She then provided an update on the “Safe Routes to School” program. She announced that everyone is invited to the Montgomery County Borough Association’s Holiday Dinner on December 14, 2017, being held at Presidential Caterers in East Norriton.

Member Scott made a motion to adjourn. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Christine A. Hart  
Borough Manager