

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
300 SCHOOL STREET  
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: April 10, 2018 7:00 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Sando.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	James Cherry	Present
	Ronald S. Little, Jr.	Present
	Wendy McClure	Absent
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Daniel O'Connell	Present
	Eion O'Neill	Present
	Paula Scott	Present
	James Sando	Absent
	Mayor Gregory D'Angelo	Present

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

Vice President Cherry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment**

Richard Buttacavoli, 117 S. Tenth Street, informed Council Plymouth Township adopted an Anti-discriminatory Ordinance at their township meeting which guarantees equal protection under the law for minority groups. He then announced that other municipalities have adopted similar ordinances. He requested that the Borough consider adopting a similar ordinance as well.

Pat Graham, 324 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, thanked Vice President Cherry and the Parks and Recreation Board for assisting Josh Arnold with an Eagle Scout project that involved labeling different tree species in Weingartner Park.

### **Consideration: Consideration: Preliminary/Final Minor Subdivision - SD-17-01 – 715 E. Montgomery Avenue, 2-Lot Subdivision**

The applicant's Engineer, Jason Smeland provided an overview of the application. He stated their application was granted two variances by the Zoning Hearing Board on February 6, 2018 and received a recommendation from the Planning Commission for approval on February 7, 2018. He then reviewed the Borough Engineer's second review letter, dated March 28, 2018.

Mr. Smeland reviewed a waiver request from Section 184-8.E., streetlighting requirements. applicant agreed to provide LED conversion kit for an existing street light at the corner of E. Montgomery Avenue and S. Eighth Street.

Mr. Smeland reviewed a waiver request from Section 184-12.I to permit the proposed lot line to be parallel to E. Montgomery Avenue and the existing paper alley. Melissa Prugar, Borough Engineer stated she had no issues with this waiver request.

Member Amato expressed concern with a variance that was granted from front-yard setback to allow the new dwelling to be 12 feet from the paper alleyway. He asked the applicant if the adjacent neighbor had any concern with it. Mr. Smeland stated the neighbor was supportive of the decision.

Mr. Smeland reviewed a waiver request from Section 184-25.A, tree replacement requirements. The applicant requested a waiver from providing five (5) 2.5-inch replacement as required by the Ordinance. Ms. Prugar stated she did not have any issues with this waiver request. The applicant agreed to provide a donation to the Borough in lieu of providing the five replacement trees. The amount of the donation agreed upon is \$200.00 per tree, a total of \$1,000.00.

Mr. Smeland reviewed a waiver request from Section 184-33.C(1)(b) through (k), requiring existing features within 400 feet of any part of the land being subdivided to be shown on the plan. He stated they provided an aerial photo in lieu of this requirement. Ms. Prugar stated she did not have any concerns with this waiver request and that the aerial photograph is sufficient.

Vice President Cherry asked the applicant what storm water management features they are providing on the property. Mr. Smeland reviewed their stormwater management plans for the property. Member Amato asked how many yard-drains the applicant will be providing on the property. Mr. Smeland stated they will be providing three drains.

Mr. Smeland reviewed a waiver request from Section 184-30.A, Section 184-33.E.(2)(h) and Section 184-33.F.(8), having to set aside space for parks or open space. The applicant agreed to provide a donation to the Borough in lieu of this requirement. The amount of the donation agreed upon was \$500.00.

Member Scott made a motion to approve minor subdivision application SD-17-01 for 715 E. Montgomery Avenue with the requested waivers as presented. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

### **Consideration: Approval of Minutes for March 27, 2018**

Member Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of March 27, 2018. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

### **Consideration: Disposal of Records in Accordance to Records Retention Policy**

Manager Hart reviewed a list of police records to be disposed of at the upcoming Shredding Event. Member O'Connell asked if there were any electronic records being saved. Chief Fantry stated his electronic records date back to 1999 and they are not going to be destroyed at this time.

Member Scott made a motion to authorize the disposition of certain records in accordance with the Municipal Records Manual. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

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

Member Scott stated Nor-Gwyn Pool is accepting pool registrations at this time and encouraged people to register if they have not already done so.

**Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Manager**

Chief Fantry cautioned everyone to be aware of tax scam phone calls that have been occurring. He then announced the “Coffee with a Cop” event would be taking place on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Everything Bagel café. Lastly, he announced the Drug Take Back Day event would be taking place on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Borough Hall.

Member O’Neill asked for an update on the Borough’s plans for 125 N. Main Street. Manager Hart stated she reached out to commercial real estate agency to help identify the market value and potential market for tenancy. He then asked if the Borough has any open crossing guard positions. Chief Fantry stated he is always looking to hire more crossing guards to serve in a reserve capacity. He then asked if the Borough will be uploading Council’s packet materials on the Borough website. Manager Hart stated the Borough has begun uploading packet materials on the Website

Member Neiderhiser announced the North Penn Art Alliance had the Grand Opening of their Art Show on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. She stated the art show would be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. the rest of the week.

Manager Hart announced the Borough will be hosting its third annual Earth Day Extravaganza event on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. She then announced the Historic Commission will have a guest speaker to discuss Elm Avenue on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at Borough Hall. Manager Hart also announced the Borough will be holding an Open House on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the Comprehensive Plan, North Wales Borough 2040.

Vice President Cherry stated he would be doing a presentation on early war weaponry at the Historic Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Luke’s Church. Cherry then reminded residents not to dispose of their yard waste in Borough parks.

Member Scott made a motion to adjourn. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

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