

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
 300 SCHOOL STREET  
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: July 10, 2018 7:02 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	Absent
	Daniel O'Connell	Present
	Eion O'Neill	Present
	Paula Scott	Absent
	James Sando	Absent
	Mayor Gregory D'Angelo	Present

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

Vice President Cherry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment**

Loretta Weigner, 430 Shearer Street, asked for a status update on a poorly patched road opening in front of North Wales Water Authority at 200 W. Walnut Street.

Manager Hart explained that she had followed up with the contractor regarding the required repair and noted a miscommunication occurred between the utility company and contractor, whereas a street opening permit was pulled for a gas line to be installed on Pennsylvania Avenue, when indeed the street opening took place on W. Walnut. Both the contractor and utility company have been notified and Manager Hart anticipates repairs to be made soon.

Susan Leonard, 309 Upper Valley Road, an Upper Gwynedd Township resident, noted North Wales Community Day was moved from the first Saturday in October to the last Saturday of September. In the future, Ms. Leonard asked that the Borough check the calendar to see if events conflict with religious holidays.

### **Discussion: NPDES Permit – TMDL Plan and Pollution Reduction Plan Notice**

Manager Hart provided an overview regarding the Borough's NPDES Permit Report from the PA Department of Environmental Protection. She advised Council additional requirements are necessary to meet the TMDL Standards issued by PA DEP. Manager Hart will discuss with the Borough Engineer to find ample solutions, which will then be presented to Council.

**Discussion: 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Report Update**

Vice President Cherry shared updates and minutes from the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. He also announced upcoming scheduled events the Committee will be hosting. Finally, he announced the Committee has created a website that will provide useful information related to the celebration and a logo that will be used.

Member Amato asked how all the events will be coordinated for next year. Vice President Cherry explained the technology committee is working towards coordinating all the events and keeping the Community informed of all the events.

Member O'Neill asked if it was feasible to do a time capsule. Vice President Cherry stated his idea would be passed along to the Committee for review. Manager Hart said she would pass the request along the 150<sup>th</sup> Committee.

**Consideration: Approval of Montgomery County 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Manager Hart provided information on the Plan and announced it is available on Montgomery County's website.

Member Amato made a motion to approve the Montgomery County 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Designation of Towing Storage Garages and Approve Rate Schedule**

Borough Code requires the Borough to have a list of approved towing storage garages and their rates. Manager Hart advised Council that the companies and rates had not been reviewed for quite some time and it would be prudent for Council to review and approve as the Ordinance requires from time to time.

Member Amato asked how the Borough determines which towing company to use. Manager Hart explained the Police use towing companies in accordance to their Police Standard Operating Procedure Manual.

Member O'Neill made a motion to approve the Borough's list of towing storage garages and rate schedule. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Appointment of Interim Administrative Chief of Police**

Manager Hart provided an overview of W. Ronald Smeal's role so far with the police department.

John Davis, 230 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, asked if Mr. Smeal will be Interim Administrative Chief of police until a new Chief of Police is hired. Manager Hart stated he will be appointed as Interim Administrative Chief so long as he is needed.

Joanne Matthews, 421 Shearer Street, asked if Mr. Smeal submitted a recommendation report. Solicitor Gifford explained he has not yet but is in the process of doing so. She then asked if any of his reports will be made public. Solicitor Gifford explained that all reports provided to Council will eventually be made public.

Herbert Schlegel, 300 W. Montgomery Avenue, asked how many hours a week Mr. Smeal will be working. Manager Hart stated he would be working between 16 and 24 hours per week. He then asked who will be in charge when he is not here. Manager Hart indicated an Officer in Charge has been appointed in Mr. Smeal's absence.

Member Little made a motion to appoint W. Ronald Smeal as Interim Administrative Chief of Police. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

### **Consideration: Approval of North Wales Borough 2040 Comprehensive Draft Plan**

Manager Hart provided a timeline for the comprehensive plan update. She encouraged the public to review the Plan and provide feedback during the 45 day review period.

Member Amato made a motion to approve the 2040 Comprehensive Draft Plan. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

### **Consideration: Approval of Minutes: June 26, 2018**

Member Little made a motion to approve the minutes of June 26, 2018. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

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

Assistant Manager Guzzardo provided an overview of Zoning Application #Z-18-01 for 306 S. Pennsylvania Avenue.

### **Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Manager**

Solicitor Gifford announced that an executive session was held last meeting regarding appointing W. Ronald Smeal as Interim Administrative Chief of Police.

Vice President Cherry thanked everyone who participated at the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in the Borough.

Member O'Neill asked when the clocks will be installed at the North Penn Volunteer Fire Co. Manager Hart announced she was not aware of a specific date, however, she was advised by the Fire Company that the clocks had arrived, and install was attempted once at which time a determination was made that more work needs to be performed prior to the clocks being installed.

Member Little made a motion to adjourn. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

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

Christine A. Hart  
Borough Manager