

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
 300 SCHOOL STREET  
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: November 27, 2018 7:00 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Sando.

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

Also in attendance were John Filice, Borough Solicitor; Michael Eves, Chief of Police and Alan Guzzardo, Assistant Borough Manager.

President Sando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment**

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked Manager Hart to provide a financial report on 125 N. Main Street which the Borough purchased in 2017. Manager Hart announced she would go over it during the budget discussion.

Mark Tarlecki, 301 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, announced that on January 8<sup>th</sup>, Mike Szilagyi will be at the Council meeting to take pictures of the Council members to be put in the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Book. He reminded everyone to dress up and please arrive at 6:30 p.m.

### **Presentation: Eagle Scout Achievement Award**

President Sando presented Brayden Liebel with a certificate of achievement award for completing his Eagle Scout Project. The project was to paint the curbing along Borough streets and intersections to help aid in pedestrian and vehicular lines of sight. Members of Council, along with Manager Hart and Chief Eves thanked Brayden for his service project for the Borough.

### **Consideration: Approval of 2019 Budget**

Manager Hart presented 2019 Budget presentation. She then reviewed specific line items and funds for 2019.

A discussion ensued regarding Chief Eves' request for a new police vehicle from the Capital Equipment Fund. Chief Eves indicated that the 2013 Tahoe is starting to require excessive repairs due to its mileage and run time.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked Chief Eves if he would utilize one of the vehicles as a “Chief’s vehicle,” Chief Eves stated he utilizes his own personal vehicle and would submit mileage reimbursement when need be for training excursions, etc.

John Davis, 230 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, asked why a marked unit should be used over an unmarked unit. Chief Eves explained a marked unit should only be used for traffic detail and investigative purposes.

He then asked if our debt was paid off in 2018. Manager Hart explained that the Borough had paid off their larger debt, however the radio loan is still active. She also indicated that the Borough anticipates incurring more debt when improving infrastructure and implementing the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Manager Hart indicated that this may happen as soon as 2019 or 2020.

Mark Tarlecki, 301 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, asked for an update on the Borough’s reserve funds. Manager Hart reviewed the Reserve Fund Account as well as the investment worksheet.

John Davis, 230 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, suggested the Borough invest in a money market fund with Customer’s Bank with an interest rate of 2.25 percent. Manager Hart said she would investigate but suggested that the investment strategy may or may not comply with the Investment Policy as per Borough Code. Member Amato asked about investment procedures and indicated he would like Council to review investment policies.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked who mandates the investment policies and if they change would Council have to approve them. Manager Hart answered yes, Council would have to review, discuss and vote on any changes made to the Investment Policy, except when and where mandated by State Law, i.e. non-uniform and uniform pension plans.

Member Amato made a motion to approve the 2019 Budget. Member McClure seconded the motion. Member Scott thanked the staff regarding their hard work relating to the budget process. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

#### **Consideration: Advertisement of 2019 Tax Ordinance**

Member Scott made a motion to approve advertisement of the 2019 Tax Ordinance. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

#### **Consideration: Approval of On-Street Disabled Parking Space at 132 Washington Ave**

Chief Eves informed Council that he reviewed the application and visited the area where placement of the sign would be installed. Chief Eves recommended approval of the application.

Member Amato asked Manager Hart to review the process for applying for an on-street disabled parking space. Manager Hart explained the process to Member Amato and the public.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve an on-street disabled parking space at 132 Washington Avenue. Member O’Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Disbursements: \$65,629.18**

Member Amato asked if the Borough has factored in fringe benefits, medical and dental expenses related to the hiring of the new police officer for 2019 Budget. Manager Hart stated the proper funds have been allocated to cover those expenses.

Member McClure made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$65,629.18. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of Minutes: November 13, 2018**

Member McClure made a motion to approve the minutes of November 13, 2018. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

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

Member Amato asked when a plan will be put together for 125 N. Main Street. President Sando stated the Borough is in a holding pattern at the moment to see how the lease is going with the North Penn Arts Alliance.

Manager Hart announced the Borough received a thank you letter from David Quinn of the NPVFC for the Borough's continued support. The letter also requested loan assistance towards capital improvements and the radio loan. Member McClure requested this be discussed as an agenda item for a future Council meeting. Manager Hart indicated that it would be on the next agenda and would notify the NPVFC of same.

Manager Hart advised Council that the December 18, 2018 meeting could be cancelled if they agree. Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, suggested the Borough not cancel the meeting scheduled for December 18, 2018 in the event the Borough needs to cancel the meeting scheduled for December 11, 2018 due to inclement weather and wait until after the 11<sup>th</sup> to make that decision.

Manager Hart provided an update on the Regional Street Light Procurement Program (RSLPP).

Linda McAdoo, 412 Shearer Street, announced the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will begin selling tickets on December 3, 2018 for the Kick-Off Dinner Ball at the William Penn Inn which is being held on February 16, 2019.

Manager Hart announced the Safe Routes to School Program construction will begin on Highland and Prospect Avenues this week. The contractor will notify all residents along the route.

Mayor D'Angelo welcomed two Commissioners from Upper Gwynedd to the Council meeting. He then announced he attended a Korean Unification Council Meeting and will be visiting the Third Graders from North Wales Elementary School next week.

Member Scott expressed her concerns with Tori Boutique's window lighting within the HARB District. Manager Hart indicated that they will notify the owner regarding the HARB District's regulations.

Vice President Cherry announced Soldier's Christmas and the Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. He stated the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will be present at Soldier's Christmas to provide information related to the Borough's upcoming 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events scheduled for 2019.

Member Neiderhiser congratulated Brayden Liebel on his achievement and wished him good luck with his future endeavors.

Member McClure stated her support for purchasing a new police vehicle and thanked Manager Hart, Assistant Manager Guzzardo and Chief Eves for all their hard work in preparing the budget.

President Sando thanked the Borough 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee for their hard work and dedication.

**Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Manager**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

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

Christine A. Hart  
Borough Manager