

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: May 14, 2019 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	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Absent
	Daniel O'Connell	Absent
	Eion O'Neill	Present
	Paula Scott	Present
	James Sando	Present
	Mayor Gregory D'Angelo	Present

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

President Sando led the Pledge of Allegiance. Manager Hart introduced the Borough's newly hired Public Works Supervisor, Michael Coccio and Public Works Laborer, Brian Sleicher.

William Kaelin, Emergency Management Coordinator, provided an overview of the School Violence Prevention Program, which provides grants to create emergency preparedness maps and plans for schools. Mr. Kaelin explained that Upper Gwynedd Township is taking the lead on applying for a regional grant for the North Penn School District. He then stated that Upper Gwynedd Township is seeking support from all other municipalities in the School District to apply for the grant. He requested that Council support Upper Gwynedd Township in applying for the grant.

Member Amato made a motion to support Upper Gwynedd Township in applying for the grant. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Public Comment

Albert Tenney, 801 E. Walnut Street, asked if action was taken following an executive session, held on March 26, 2019 on a personnel matter. Solicitor Gifford and Assistant Manager Guzzardo confirmed that no action was taken, even though Solicitor Filice stated he anticipated action would be taken after executive session. Assistant Manager Guzzardo confirmed he would amend the meeting minutes to state that no action was taken.

Discussion: Human Relations Commission

President Sando introduced the topic for discussion. Members of Council deliberated on the issue. Manager Hart stated there could be potential costs for legal mediation if the commission required such action. Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, stated he agreed with Member Scott. He then stated that he disagreed with Member McClure, that if the Borough does not have

a commission then it shows the Borough does not care about its residents. Member McClure clarified her earlier comment and stated she meant that she wants the residents to know that Council does care about this issue. Mr. Berenson then asked who would be appointed to such a commission and what certain limits would there be on a commission for hearing acts of discrimination. President Sando stated members would be appointed by Borough Council and they would be required to receive annual training. Mr. Berenson then had concerns with the commission holding public meetings.

Rosemary Schlegel, 301 W. Montgomery Avenue, stated she thinks the Borough should approve creation of a commission. Moira Blacksmith, 902 E. Prospect Avenue, stated she supported having the commission as well. She then stated she would volunteer to serve on a commission. Member Amato asked Solicitor Gifford if the Borough can form a commission without adopting an ordinance. Solicitor Gifford stated no; Council would have to adopt an ordinance. Manager Hart suggested Council could form a subcommittee of Council, which doesn't require an ordinance. She also stated it would be a good option since it is difficult to find volunteers to serve on advisory boards and commissions

Consideration: Historic Commission Appointment, Term Ending 12/31/2021

Member McClure stated she supported Ruth Black's appointment to the Historic Commission.

Member Little made a motion to appoint Ruth Black to the Historic Commission, term ending 12/31/2021. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Parking Requirements Waiver for The Doodlery, LLC

Members of Council asked Manager Hart and Assistant Manager Guzzardo a series of questions related to the application and the waiver process.

Member Scott made a motion to permit a reduction in the number of required parking spaces to three parking spaces for The Doodlery, LLC. Vice President Cherry seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of On-Street Disabled Parking Space at 223 S. Seventh St.

Member Amato asked if there was a way to remove on-street disabled parking spaces when they are no longer needed. Manager Hart stated she has them removed by the Public Works Department when they are no longer needed. An annual review is performed by the department.

Member Scott made a motion to table the application for future consideration. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Acceptance of PECO Green Region Grant

Council thanked Manager Hart and her staff for securing the grant funds and also thanked PECO for the beautiful reproduction photograph of the PECO Crown Lights celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Borough of North Wales.

Member McClure made a motion to accept the PECO Green Region grant in the amount of \$7,500.00 for engineering and design of the Center Street Connection Trail. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: February 26, 2019, March 12, 2019, March 26, 2019, April 9, 2019 & April 23, 2019

Member Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of February 26, 2019. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Member Little made a motion to approve the minutes of March 12, 2019. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Member Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of March 26, 2019. Member Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Member Little made a motion to approve the minutes of April 9, 2019. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Member O'Neill requested the minutes of April 23, 2019 be amended to state that he thanked both Officer Terry Hammerstone and longtime Historic Commission member, Phyllis Byrne for their service.

Member Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of April 23, 2019. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

Manager Hart stated there were no items for discussion. Vice President Cherry stated he is working with the Shade Tree Commission to amend the Shade Tree Ordinance. President Sando asked what enforcement measure are in place. Vice President Cherry and Assistant Manager Guzzardo informed Council of the enforcement procedures.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Chief of Police / Manager

Solicitor Gifford announced an executive session will be held following the meeting to discuss two legal matters, one personnel matter and one real estate matter. He anticipated Council will reconvene immediately after executive session to act on the personnel and real estate matter. Council did not reconvene to take action on any matters.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked Solicitor Gifford to provide an update on the executive session at the next Council meeting.

Mayor D'Angelo thanked Manager Hart for working on all the logistics for the 150th anniversary events and is excited for the May 18th Celebration and Steam and Stroll events.

Member McClure suggested the Borough needs to better communicate the requirements of the Shade Tree Ordinance to the residents.

Vice President Cherry also thanked Manager Hart for all of her efforts in planning the 150th anniversary events.

Manager Hart reviewed the Steam and Stroll event and Celebrate North Wales event on May 18.

President Sando also thanked the 150th anniversary committee for all their hard work. Manager Hart then reviewed the list of participating business partners for the event.

Chief Eves provided an update on the police department's activities.

Manager Hart reviewed the list of 150th commemorative items for sale. She then announced the Borough withdrew its Montco 2040 Implementation Grant application in order to complete the engineering and design work for the project so the Borough will have a better chance of securing the grant next year. She then reviewed a couple of thank you notes the Borough had received from Phyllis Byrne and Brian Webb which thanked staff members for their hard work and professionalism.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager