

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
 300 SCHOOL STREET  
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: July 9, 2019 7:00 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Sando.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	James Cherry	Present
	Ronald S. Little, Jr.	Absent
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Absent
	Daniel O'Connell	Present
	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, Alan Guzzardo, Assistant Borough Manager and Michael Coccio, Public Works Supervisor.

President Sando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment**

There was none at this time.

### **Discussion: Volunteer Fire Service Tax Credit**

Manager Hart reviewed Pennsylvania Act No. 172 of 2016 which authorizes a tax credit for volunteer fire fighters and paramedics. Manager Hart explained that the Borough would have to enact an ordinance in order to provide members of the North Penn Volunteer Fire Co. and Volunteer medical Service Corps with a tax credit. The tax credit would allow up to a \$600 credit per volunteer depending on their income and eligibility status.

Member Amato asked how this would impact the Borough's budget. Manager Hart stated to be very conservative, she would use the maximum \$600 allowance multiplied by the 25 eligible members for an anticipated \$15,000 decrease in Earned Income tax revenue. it would calculate to a maximum amount of \$600.00 for the 25 members. Manager Hart stated she would meet with Solicitor Gifford to discuss and prepare an ordinance for Council's consideration.

### **Discussion: Spotted Lantern Fly Quarantine Information**

Manager Hart announced that North Wales Borough has been added to the list of municipalities that have been quarantined as a result of the spread of the Spotted Lantern Fly, an invasive species. She announced that businesses in the Borough who are receiving or shipping goods in and out of the Borough will be required to take training courses and obtain a permit, administered through the Department of Agriculture.

Vice President Cherry provided further background information on the Spotted Lantern Fly. He expressed concerns with how to enforce the newly imposed regulations mandated by the Commonwealth. Manager Hart stated she contacted the PA Department of Agriculture for more information about the Borough's responsibilities. She stated she would share more information with our residents, Council and business owners as she receives it.

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

Manager Hart announced there will be an information session on the Spotted Lantern Fly to be held at Dock Mennonite Academy sponsored by our local Senator and State Representatives. She encouraged Council members to attend and also announced that Public Works would be attending so that they can become more informed about the best way to combat this insect on Borough owned properties, especially our parks.

### **Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Chief of Police / Manager**

Solicitor Gifford announced an executive session will be held to discuss a legal matter and anticipated action would be taken following executive session.

Vice President Cherry asked Chief Eves if the Borough is going to install a no-right turn for traffic trailers from N. Main Street onto W. Walnut Street. Chief Eves stated he was looking into it and the Borough would post a sign if it gets approved through PennDOT. Vice President Cherry then announced the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade was a success.

President Sando stated he wasn't able to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade because he was away. However, he greatly appreciated all the efforts that went into the event. And thanked all that planned and participated.

Chief Eves reviewed his monthly report provided to Council and highlighted the Police Department's activities for the month of June.

Manager Hart announced the following events: Movies in the Park on July 18 in Weingartner Park, Incorporation Day on August 20, the Grand Parade on September 14 celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Community Day on September 28.

Manager Hart announced the NPVFC is seeking support for an RACP grant administered by the Commonwealth of PA for final renovations on the firehouse.

Member McClure made a motion to support the NPVFC to obtain an RACP grant, to be used for firehouse renovations. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 8:00 P.M.

Member O'Neill made a motion to approve a settlement agreement with regard to the Sunlight of the Spirit House. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 1 no. Member Scott voted nay.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

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

Christine A. Hart  
Borough Manager