

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: August 27, 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	Present
	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, Alan Guzzardo, Assistant Borough Manager and Michael Eves, Chief of Police.

Vice President Cherry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Collette D'Angelo, 921 E. Prospect Avenue, thanked Council members who attended the Incorporation Day event, held on August 20 at Weingartner Park.

Presentation: 2018 Municipal Annual Audit & Financial Report

Member Amato asked for clarification on the assets valuations. Mr. Rapp stated an evaluator assigns a value for each fixed asset. Mr. Amato then asked how salaries are tested. Mr. Rapp stated it is done by comparing information from prior W-2s and average salaries for each position. Manager Hart stated they also review meeting minutes to confirm Council's approval of budgetary items and allocated expenses.

Anthony Rapp, Mallie, LLP provided a summary of the Borough's 2018 Municipal Annual Audit and Financial Report.

Consideration: Acceptance of Donation from Tex-Mex Connection

Member McClure made a motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,500.00 from Tex-Mex Connection, to be earmarked for the D.A.R.E. program. Member Little seconded the motion. Motion passed, 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Streetlight Purchasing & Participation Agreement

Michael Fuller, Keystone Lighting Solutions, provided an overview of the streetlight purchasing and participation agreement.

Member Amato asked Mr. Fuller if the request for construction proposals is done collectively for all the participating municipalities. Mr. Fuller confirmed it is.

Manager Hart provided clarification on where the “area” lighting fixtures are located and gave an example of parking lot lights, exterior building lights, etc. Mr. Fuller then reviewed the lighting control options and color temperature options.

Member Amato asked what the cost would be for changing the color temperature for a fixture. Mr. Fuller stated you wouldn’t be able to quickly change the color temperature. Mr. Amato then asked for more information on the cost savings with the network control option. Mr. Fuller stated most municipalities don’t invest in it because it’s more expensive, but it can have good cost savings potential for larger municipalities.

Manager Hart stated the original total estimated cost for the program was around \$90,000.00 for upgrading the Cobra Head and “area” lighting fixtures with the manual control option and it would be an extra \$30,000.00 to upgrade the decorative lighting fixtures. She said it is not practical at the moment to upgrade the decorative fixtures because the Borough is looking into completing an entire streetscape redesign project on Main and Walnut Streets and there may be serious issues with the existing fixtures. However, she said it would be good to still include them in the project study to confirm if there are any major issues with the existing features.

Member McClure asked why is there a need to have the manual controls. Manager Hart stated the Borough should invest in the manual controls because it would allow the Borough to adjust the brightness of the lighting fixtures as needed and it’s very affordable.

Vice President Cherry asked what the wattage is of the 15 existing LED fixtures in the Borough. Mr. Fuller stated some of the existing LED fixtures are 51 watts. Mr. Fuller stated 38 watt fixtures would be installed in the residential areas and 106 watt fixtures would be installed in the commercial areas where there is a lot of activity.

Member Amato asked for clarification on the total project costs with the rebates. Mr. Fuller stated the cost savings with the rebates is shown in the project cash flow.

Member O’Connell asked what would be needed to include the decorative fixtures if they choose to upgrade them. Manager Hart stated Council would need to approve a change order, which can be done during construction if Council chooses to do so.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve the Streetlight Purchasing and Participation Agreement. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed, 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Final Escrow Release: 715 E. Montgomery Avenue

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve a final escrow release for 715 E. Montgomery Avenue. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed, 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Certificate of Appropriateness: 300 Shearer Street

Member McClure made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness as presented for a roof replacement at 300 Shearer Street. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed, 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Volunteer Fire Service Tax Credit Ordinance #813

Member Little made a motion to approve Ordinance #813, the Volunteer Fire Service Tax Credit Ordinance. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed, 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Resignation of Regina Jansen from Parks & Recreation Board

Member McClure made a motion to accept the resignation of Regina Jansen from the Parks and Recreation Board. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed, 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Traffic Signage Approval Application for PennDOT

Manager Hart reviewed why a no-right turn restriction is needed for tractor trailers making right hand turns from N. Main Street onto W. Walnut Street. She stated the traffic signal has been continually struck because there is not enough room for tractor trailers to safely make the turn.

Albert Tenney, 801 E. Walnut Street, asked if this will be the only new turn restriction for the intersection. Manager Hart confirmed it is the only proposed restriction at this time.

Member Little made a motion to approve a no-right turn restriction for tractor trailers turning right from N. Main Street onto W. Walnut Street. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed, 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Disbursements: \$66,789.08

Manager Hart reviewed the bills listing.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked why the Borough was responsible for paying the deductible for an insurance claim regarding a fence that was vandalized at Wee Whalers Park. Manager Hart stated the Borough is responsible because the Police were unable to find the person(s) responsible for the damage.

Member McClure made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$66,789.08. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed, 7 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

Manager Hart provided an overview of zoning application #19-02, regarding 690 E. Walnut Street. She asked Council if they had a position on the application. Council did not take a position on the application.

She then announced the Borough's current Boards and Commissions vacancies. She encouraged anyone who is interested in one or more of the vacancies to apply. She then reviewed the North Penn Art Alliance's early fall 2019 art classes schedule.

Lastly, she announced the following events: Wings and Wheels on September 7, the Grand Parade on September 14, Learn About Uncle Sam and Rosie the Riveter on September 17, Community Day on September 28 and the Community Day of Service on October 5.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Chief of Police / Manager

Mayor D'Angelo thanked those who came out for Incorporation Day on August 20. He stressed the importance of elected officials participating in community events and hopes everyone will attend the Grand Parade on September 14.

Member O'Neill asked for an update on implementation of the Borough's Comprehensive Plan. Assistant Manager Guzzardo stated the Borough secured a PECO Green Region Grant which will be used for engineering and design of the Center Street Connection Trail. He said that they are also looking into securing grants for other capital improvement projects. He then said he is working with the Planning Commission on updating the Borough's Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager