

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

REMOTE MEETING: July 28, 2020 7:01 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Sando.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Absent
	James Cherry	Present
	Sherwin Collins	Present
	Ronald S. Little, Jr.	Present
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Absent
	Eion O'Neill	Present
	James Sando	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Mayor Gregory D'Angelo	Present

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

This meeting was held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions.

President Sando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was none.

Consideration: Approval of Sound System Contract

Member Collins on behalf of the Technology Sub-Committee provided an extensive background and overview of the three proposals that were submitted to install a new sound system in Borough Hall. Mr. Collins also informed Council that while searching for vendors for this project, Manager Hart and Mr. Guzzardo made several calls to other municipalities and the School District to seek recommendations relating to sound system installations. The following proposals were discussed; Clear Sound (Yeadon), All Systems Audio and Video (Hatboro), and Sound Management, Inc. (Harleysville). Clear Sound quoted \$11,658. All Systems quoted \$7,575. Sound Management quoted \$17,254. They performed the most thorough investigation and analysis of our situation and submitted the most detailed proposal. They made several visits and phone calls to ensure they had all the information and specifications they needed to make a qualified bid for the job. On behalf of the Technology Committee, along with management's recommendation, Mr. Collins requested that Sound Management be considered for installation of the new sound system. Sound Management provided a detailed quote including a time frame (a week or less) to complete the project and a breakdown of who would perform what work.

Vice President Cherry questioned where the money for this expenditure would come from. Manager Hart replied that the funding would be expensed out of the Capital Equipment Fund. Hart also replied that the Capital Equipment Fund has money allocated for other 2020 projects, such as the computer server project, along with police and public works equipment purchases.

Member McClure questioned if the design and layout of the tables in the conference room would be a hinderance after the system is installed. Further discussion regarding logistics and installation of a new sound system took place among Council members. Mr. Davis, property owner of 230 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, currently residing at 7739 Lycoming Ave, Elkins Park, commented that the system should not interfere with the room's layout.

Member Collins made a motion to proceed with hiring Sound Management, Inc. to install the new sound system at Borough Hall. Member McClure seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote was taken. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Acceptance of Montco 2040 Implementation Grant

Manager Hart provided an overview regarding the acceptance of the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant for the Center Street Connector Project in the amount of \$154,725.

Member O'Neill asked Manager Hart if this grant would be used for engineering fees or if the funds would be used in phases to complete the project. Manager Hart reminded Council about the PECO Green Region Grant that was awarded in 2019, which was used for engineering of this project and for the Montco 2040 Grant process.

Member O'Neill made a motion to accept the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant. Member McClure seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote was taken. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Ordinance 815, Non-Uniform Pension Plan Amendment

Manager Hart stated this amendment was required in order to meet the guidelines and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service. Legal review was provided by the Borough Solicitor's office as well as Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System's legal counsel.

Member O'Neill made a motion to approve Ordinance 815, Amendment to the Non-Uniform Pension Plan. Member McClure seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote was taken. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Appointment of Building Code Official

Manager Hart explained the process Borough staff used to solicit Requests for Qualifications to replace Mr. Ken Kissinger, Building Code Official, who retired July 2, 2020. Six RFQ's were received and vetted by staff; three of the six agencies were interviewed. Manager Hart and Assistant Manager Guzzardo after thorough review and consideration recommended Keystone Municipal Services for building code and inspection services.

Member McClure made a motion to appoint Keystone Municipal Services as the Borough's Building Code Official. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote was taken. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Appointment of Borough Physician (Covid-19 Policy)

Manager Hart explained the appointment of any selected physician's office was strictly in conjunction with the guidelines set forth in the Borough's COVID-19 policy adopted in May 2020.

Member McClure made a motion to appoint Coverdales Hermann, LTD as the Borough's Covid-19 consulting physician. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote was taken. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Disbursements: \$43,245.84

Manager Hart reviewed the bills list for the month of July and highlighted some of the larger disbursements. Member O'Neill asked about the disbursement to Springfield Township in the amount of \$3,070. Manager Hart indicated it was for a newly purchased Speed Trailer that was sold on Municibid. The speed trailer is portable and will assist in speed enforcement.

Member O'Neill made a motion to approve the disbursements in the amount of \$43,245.84. Member McClure seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote was taken. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: July 14, 2020

Member O'Neill made a motion to approve the July 14, 2020 minutes. Member McClure seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote was taken. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

The Information Technology Sub-Committee reported meeting last week and discussed the Sound System, as well as the Server Project that has been delayed due to COVID-19. The project is still actively being pursued, Manager Hart and Chief Eves will be meeting with the IT consultant soon. President Sando reported the Personnel Committee will be meeting before the next Council meeting to continue work and further discussions relating to the Police Feasibility Study. The Finance Committee reported that they too will be meeting in August to review Borough financials and will be completing the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority loan application for funding in conjunction with implementation of the North Wales 2040 Comp Plan. Assistant Manager Guzzardo announced two zoning hearings scheduled for Sept. 1, 2020. One property is located at 136-138 S. Main Street requesting a use variance and the other property is located at 401 W. Walnut Street requesting a special exception along with variances.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Chief of Police / Manager

Solicitor Gifford announced that a bankruptcy notice for GNC Holding, was received addressed to the Borough, however it is in Montgomery Township. No action is required on behalf of the Borough at this time.

Mayor D'Angelo informed those in attendance that the Korean War Memorial was dedicated and held a ribbon cutting ceremony was held in Montgomery Township. The Ambassador from Korea could not attend, but several dignitaries and elected officials were present. He encouraged everyone to visit the Memorial located on Kenas Road.

Vice President Cherry thanked Mr. O’Neill for suggesting that the virtual meetings be recorded and posted. He also remarked that recently he was misquoted in the local newspaper and was grateful that the video recording was posted so that his remarks could be verified. Vice President Cherry read two famous quotes that he thought would be appropriate; “But every difference of opinion, is not a difference of principle...” and “Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step...”

Mr. O’Neill questioned the new LED streetlights staying on during the day. Manager Hart explained that the Regional Streetlight Procurement Program (RSLPP) was informed that the selected manufacturer, Sun-Tech, provided the RSLPP with a defective supply of photocell sensors. The RSLPP is working on replacement and correction. Several other municipalities, including nearby Montgomery Township are also experiencing the same problem. Manager Hart assured the members of the public and Council that replacement sensors along with installation of same are forthcoming.

President Sando commented that regardless of an individual’s opinion or position, and regardless of the topic, all individuals are entitled to their opinion. He asked that all members of our community respect one another, especially when it involves political views. He also asked that everyone respect each other’s property and be mindful of respecting each other in general. Mayor D’Angelo agreed with President Sando and seconded his remarks.

Chief Eves reported that speed enforcement on Tenth Street and Prospect Avenue has been taking place. He also stated that a new part time officer is in the process of being trained.

Manager Hart reviewed a progress report from Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission submitted by F.X. Browne. Hart also announced that Community Day 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19 health related concerns. All sponsors and vendors were notified.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Attest: _____

Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager