

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: June 10, 2025, 7:02 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Amato.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	Sherwin Collins	Present – Arrived 7:15 p.m.
	Anji Fazio	Present
	Alexander Groce	Absent
	Brittany Kohler	Absent
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Remote
	Sarah Whelan	Present
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Present

Also, in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor, Alex Turock, Assistant Borough Manager, and Braeden Bussman, Junior Council Person.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Erin Thompson from the North Wales Area Library provided an update on upcoming summer events, including a summer reading challenge, a summer kick-off event on June 20th with a foam party, food, and, as a first-time event, a Hands Across the Library supporting the community, library, and other groups. Throughout the summer, the library is offering numerous activities for children and adults. Lastly, they plan an end-of-summer concert at the library with “Two of a Kind.” Ms. Thompson also reminded everyone that the Library’s Farm to Table Gala is September 18th at the John J. Audubon Center.

Mr. Amato asked how new residents learn about Library events. Manager Hart explained that the Borough creates monthly Welcome Packets using the county’s property transfer report. These packets include information and website links about the Borough and local non-profits. Businesses may also submit materials to be included. The North Wales Police Department delivers the packets to new homeowners.

Discussion: Update on Current Parking Lot Items

Manager Hart explained that, following Council’s request at the last meeting, she would clarify how the Parking Lot works—specifically, how items are added or moved to the agenda. She noted that it depends on the topic. If an issue can be quickly resolved through a phone call or brief consultation, it may be removed from the Parking Lot without going to the agenda. Items moved to the agenda draw public attention and require thorough vetting. For example, a proposal like contracting a single trash hauler involves legal review, potential bids, consultant input, and possibly a new ordinance—all of which demand a formal timeline and extended research by Borough staff. Some aspects may also fall outside

their control, influencing how long an item remains in the Parking Lot. By contrast, projects like Birdtown, where Borough staff manage all aspects of the research and process, can move to the agenda more quickly, even if still time-consuming.

Items are placed on the parking lot so we don't forget about them, similar to validating old business, where the items are documented, and anyone can bring them up. Manager Hart also pointed out that it's important to track the administration goals by determining what we're asking for, what it triggers, and how it will end up on the agenda.

Councilwoman McClure asked that Council receive a report updating the status of the single trash hauler. Manager Hart said that she has a plethora of information and asked what Council would like to see, to which Councilwoman McClure responded that they would wait for the results from the comp plan audit from the Planning Commission.

EV Chargers are being worked into the SALDO, and more information should be available in early fall. Assistant Manager Turock confirmed that it's undergoing engineer review and expects a September/October timeframe for further updates.

Manager Hart reiterated that Borough Management has a lot of information on the topics contained in the Parking Lot document but needs direction from Council as to what they want to pursue, to what extent, funding, timeline, and how to incorporate into the budget.

President Amato explained that the Parking Lot was created to track both active ideas and resolved items for future reference. It was also meant to encourage Council members to take part in initial research. He said he would like to revisit the process with Council, as views on how it's being used may have changed. Since the Parking Lot was approved by Council, he wants to ensure it's being used consistently. He added that while he supports the concept, he would like to see previously resolved items for future reference. Manager Hart noted that those entries are currently hidden, but on the Parking Lot worksheet.

Manager Hart and Councilwoman Fazio confirmed that McKeever's will be listed as resolved on the Parking Lot report.

Greg D'Angelo, 915 E. Montgomery Ave., said the plan is for Tim Konechty to present the comprehensive plan findings in August or September, when the full Council is present. President Amato asked if the findings might impact the budget. Mr. D'Angelo said he wasn't sure. Mr. Amato then asked if any budget-related items would be flagged for Borough staff. Manager Hart confirmed that the administration works closely with the Planning Commission and is kept informed of any potential costs. Mr. Turock added that Mr. Konechty is scheduled for either September or October.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: May 27th, 2025

Member McClure made a motion to Approve the Minutes of May 27th, 2025. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications / Parking Lot

None

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Chief / Public Works / Manager

Solicitor Gifford announced that there was an executive session after the last meeting. Council did not reconvene, and no action was taken. There will also be a brief executive session later after this meeting to discuss a matter of personnel. It is not anticipated that any action will be taken.

Mayor McDevitt congratulated the 2025 graduates. He also thanked the volunteers, sponsors, staff, and vendors for giving the community an amazing event we can all be proud of.

Member Bussman thanked the Council and recognized the impact each member had on him during his tenure.

Council Members gave Junior Council Person Bussman a standing ovation. President Amato thanked him for his insights and commitment to being on the Council for the past term said that he would be missed. Member McClure thanked him for his continual professionalism and for taking the position seriously.

Manager Hart reported that Public Works hired a seasonal part-time worker from Souderton High School. Additionally, she said that the administration hired a summer intern from the University of Pittsburgh, where he is studying urban planning.

Manager Hart thanked Erin for her updates about the Library events.

Additionally, she stated that Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership (WCWP) is in the stages of implementing some of the initiatives under Clean Water agreement.

She reminded everyone that Summer Kick Off is still on for Saturday, June 14th. They are keeping a close eye on the weather and will communicate immediately of any changes via Savvy Citizen and Social Media.

She reported that 200+ invitations have been sent for the Arts and Cultural Center Grand Opening on June 30th at 11:30. Guests would arrive at 11:30 with opening remarks at noon. After the ceremony, tours of the facility will be given.

She also reminded everyone that the Fourth of July picnic (sponsored by NWCPA) is rain or shine.

Lastly, Manager Hart extended a formal invitation from the Montgomery Board of Supervisors to Council for The Wall that Heals. RSVPs can be made to Carolyn McCreary, Montgomery Township, Manager.

Adjournment

Member Whelan made a motion to adjourn. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Attest: Christine A. Hart
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Borough Manager