



BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES

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COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Salvatore Amato
James Cherry
Ronald S. Little, Jr.
Wendy McClure
Sally Neiderhiser

Eion O'Neill
Daniel H. O'Connell, Sr.
James Sando
Paula Scott
Gregory J. D'Angelo, Mayor

Call to Order, Date and Time
Roll Call
Pledge of Allegiance

1. Public Comment

2. Consideration: Approval of 2020 Tax Millage

3. Consideration: Approval of IGA Extension – Wissahickon Creek WQIP

4. Consideration: Approval of Sale of Police Vehicle - 2013 Chevy Tahoe

5. Consideration: Approval of On-Street Disabled Parking Space – 326 Shearer Street

6. Consideration: Approval of Social Media Contract

7. Consideration: Support NWWA Grant Application

8. Consideration: Certify Qualified Volunteers List for EIT Credit

9. Consideration: Minutes: 9/24/2019, 10/22/2019, 11/12/2019 & 11/26/2019

10. Consideration: Disbursements: \$TBD

11. Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

12. Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Chief of Police / Manager

Adjournment

Mayor's Office Hours

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 2:00 - 4:00 PM
2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Monthly Meeting Information:

Boards and Commissions

Borough Council	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday of Month
Zoning Hearing Board	1 st Tuesday of Month as Needed
Planning Commission	1 st Wednesday of Month
HARB	3 rd Wednesday of Month
Park & Recreation Board	2 nd Thursday of Month
Shade Tree Commission	2 nd Thursday of Month
Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission	2 nd Thursday of Month – 7:30 PM
Historic Commission	3 rd Tuesday of Month

All above meetings begin at 7 P.M. in the Municipal Building, unless noted otherwise.

North Wales Water Authority	2nd & 4th Wednesday of Month 5:00 PM, 200 W. Walnut Street
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Please note: The meeting is being digitally recorded.

**BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
RESOLUTION 2019-060**

**A RESOLUTION FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2020 AND
PROVIDING FOR A DISCOUNT FOR PAYMENT OF TAX WITHIN TWO MONTHS
OF THE DATE OF THE TAX NOTICE AND FOR A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO
PAY TAX WITHIN FOUR MONTHS AFTER TAX NOTICE**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of North Wales adopted its budget for the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adopt this Resolution fixing the tax rate to conform with the budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES as follows:

SECTION 1

Tax rate to be set and same is hereby levied on all real property within the said Borough subject to taxation, for Borough purposes, for the fiscal year of 2020 as follows:

- a) Tax rate for general purposes shall be 4.056 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of \$0.4056 on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.
- b) Tax rate for lighting and illuminating the streets, highways, and other public places shall be .201 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of \$.0201 on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.
- c) Tax rate to pay interest and principal on any indebtedness incurred pursuant to the Act of July 12, 1972 as amended; the Local Government Unit Debt Act shall be .226 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of \$.0226 on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.
- d) Tax rate for Special Road Fund Tax authorized by the act of February 1, 1986 as amended; and Borough Code Section 1304, shall be .254 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of \$.0254 on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.
- e) Tax rate for Library authorized by Borough Code Section 1302(a)(8) shall be .132 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of \$.0132 on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.
- f) Tax rate for fire protection purposes authorized by Borough Code Section 1302(a)(6) shall be .132 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of \$.0132 on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

The total tax as provided for herein is 5.001 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of \$.5001 on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

SECTION 2

All other municipal tax rates are to remain unchanged.

SECTION 3

All taxpayers subject to the above tax shall be entitled to a discount of two (2%) percent of the amount of such taxes charged against them if said amount is paid within two months after the date of tax notice.

SECTION 4

All taxpayers subject to the above tax who shall fail to make payment of such taxes charged against them within four months after the tax notice, shall be charged a penalty of ten (10%) percent which shall be added to the taxes by the Tax Collector and collected by the Tax Collector.

SECTION 5

That any resolution, or part of resolution, conflicting with this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Resolution.

ADOPTED this 10th day of December, 2019.

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES

BY: _____
James Sando, President

ATTEST:

Christine A. Hart, Secretary

**BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
RESOLUTION 2019-061
A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
REGARDING A WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR
THE WISSAHICKON CREEK**

WHEREAS, the municipalities and Wastewater Treatment Plants in the Wissahickon Creek Watershed came to an agreement over the course of 2016 to work cooperatively with each other and with the Water Quality Advisory Team (WQAT) on the preparation of a Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) for the Wissahickon Creek as an alternative to the May 2015 Draft Total Phosphorous TMDL for the Wissahickon Creek (Draft TMDL) published by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and

WHEREAS, North Wales Borough adopted an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) by ordinance on August 26, 2016 signifying its intent to participate in the development of the WQIP, and

WHEREAS, the IGA established the Management Committee, consisting of one primary voting representative and one alternative representative per party to the IGA, each of whom have been appointed by their respective governing boards for purposes of implementing the IGA, and

WHEREAS, the duration of the term of the IGA is two years, and

WHEREAS, Section 5.b (Term) of the IGA states that the IGA may be extended by those Parties desiring to participate for an additional year by resolution, and

WHEREAS, the IGA was renewed for an additional one-year period through March 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Management Committee to revise Section 5.b of the IGA to allow for the IGA to be extended for additional one-year periods, and

WHEREAS, the Management Committee, with input and support from the WQAT, has developed a draft WQIP that was submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (“PADEP”) on September 30, 2019, for the agencies’ review and comment, and

WHEREAS, EPA and PADEP are not expected to provide comments or other input for several months after which the Management Committee will be continuing to refine the WQIP in order to present the final WQIP to Management Committee members for acceptance, and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that additional technical and legal services will be needed to prepare a final version of the WQIP that will extend beyond March 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, in order to fund the activities necessary to arrive at a final WQIP, an additional \$23,500 in 2020 per municipality and wastewater treatment plant is needed, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of North Wales Borough to renew the IGA through March 31, 2021, and to provide its share of the funding needed to cover the costs of the Technical Services and Legal Services providers in the amount of \$23,500.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that North Wales Borough signifies its decision (1) to extend the IGA through March 31, 2021, with additional annual extensions subject to the consent of the members of the Management Committee, (2) to provide its share of the funding based on budgets prepared by the Management Committee, and (3) to continue to participate in the preparation of a final Water Quality Improvement Plan to be submitted to EPA and PADEP for approval.

ADOPTED this 10th day of December, 2019.

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December 10, 2019

PA Department of Community and Economic Development
Site Development Office – H2O PA Program
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 4th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

RE: North Wales Water Authority - Grant Application
Elm Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation

Dear Economic Development Analyst,

Please be advised and confirmed, on behalf of the North Wales Borough Council, that the application for grant funding towards the above referenced application is consistent with the North Wales Borough Comprehensive plan.

The North Wales Borough Comprehensive plan endorses all activities which improve the quality of life, enhancement of community function and facilities, and protection of the environment.

As the above referenced NWWA rehabilitation plan will help reduce leaking sanitary collection mains, help prevent overflows of untreated waste into local streets and our waterways improving our environmental impacts. The project will also provide for the continuation of essential utility services throughout the Borough - thereby supporting continued economic development, and employment opportunities - we believe that the proposed project is clearly consistent with the goals and objectives of our Comprehensive plan.

Sincerely,

James Sando, Council President

cc: North Wales Borough Council
North Wales Water Authority
Sandra Zadell, Upper Gwynedd Township Manager

NORTH WALES

**Commemorative
Items For Sale**



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\$ 10.00

**CELEBRATE
NW SHIRT**

\$ 5.00

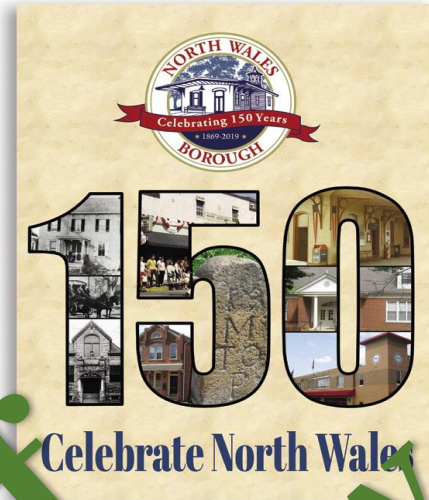
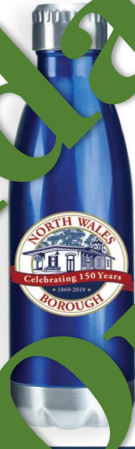
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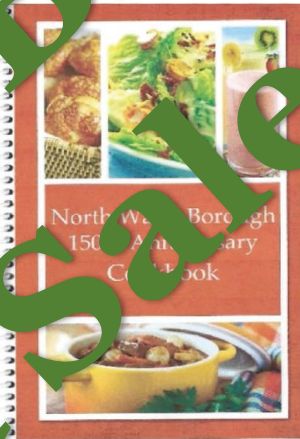
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WATER BOTTLE



\$ 25.00

**COMMEMORATIVE
BOOK**



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Human Relations Commission

Borough Council officially adopted a Human Relations Ordinance at their meeting on October 22, establishing a Human Relations Commission. The Borough has joined a growing list of 23 Montgomery County communities that have enacted legislation to afford protections to classes of people that are not protected under current state law. The newly established Human Relations Commission is charged with the responsibility of overseeing complaints related to discriminatory actions in the Borough. **The Borough is currently seeking five individuals to serve on the Commission.** The Ordinance shall not take effect until January 20, 2020. This new Ordinance, when implemented, will demonstrate the Borough's commitment to being an inclusive community for all residents and business owners.

Boards & Commissions Vacancies

- Historical Architectural Review Board – Term Expires: 12/31/2023
Must be a licensed real estate broker.
- Parks & Recreation Board – Term Expires: 12/31/2020
- Parks & Recreation Board – Term Expires: 12/31/2022
- Parks & Recreation Board – Term Expires: 12/31/2023
- Zoning Hearing Board – Term Expires: 12/31/2023

Please submit a letter of interest for any one or more of the above listed openings, addressed to the North Wales Borough Council in care of the Borough Manager. Letters can be submitted electronically to chart@northwalesborough.org.

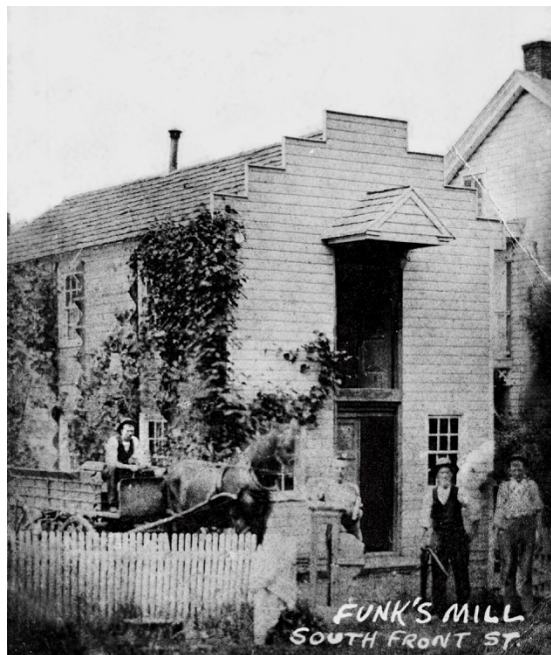
The Souderton-Telford Historical Society

NEWSLETTER

November - December 2019

"The Herman Funke House"

by Craig Silsbee



Herman Funke's carpentry shop c1870s (left) and 138 S. Front St today

This year my home reached its 150th year milestone which is enough to warrant a newsletter. Let's start with the original builder and owner of the home, Herman Funke (also Funk).

Born in Oldenburg, Germany in the late 1820's, Herman became a carpenter's apprentice in his mid-teens. With long days in his master's workshop, he dreamed of one day coming to America. In 1855 he boarded an Atlantic passenger ship and sailed for 5 weeks until he set foot in Philadelphia. It was there he met Eliza Drubor whom he married in 1867.

Eventually they made their way northwest to Montgomery County settling in the growing village of Souderton. Herman filed the deed to his property in 1869, purchasing it from Henry O. Souder and his wife for the sum of 180 dollars (\$3,200 today) and built the house at 138 S. Front Street, Souderton.

The narrow, two-story house with a walk-up attic was clad in a Dutch-lap wood siding. On the front, I was able to reveal the wood after removing a layer of vinyl and a layer of asphalt shingles. Although the black slate roof has been replaced, much of the house's original fabric remains. Unfortunately, like many older homes, it was covered primarily with plastic siding. It's a modest

‘Folk Victorian’ with simple details and an asymmetrical floor plan. The most distinguishing architectural features are the front and two-story side porch.

Upon completion of the house, Herman’s dream was fully realized when he built a wooden, two-story carpenter’s shop (c. 1870) adjacent to his home. The shop was known as ‘Funk’s Mill’ and once the business was established, Herman gained his own apprentice, a young man named Samuel Rase. As was customary, he lived with the Funkes.

The house was sold in 1880 to George Smith but not before Herman had his carpentry shop relocated. The building was moved up across Broad St. and placed behind his second home at the corner property of N. Front & E. Chestnut. At the time it was not uncommon to move smaller, well-made structures but, was it disassembled and rebuilt or placed on small logs and rolled?

George Smith was employed as a sewing-machine sales and repairman for the Singer Manufacturing Co. and after moving in, he had a workshop erected that still sits askew to the house. In 1889 Abraham Nice purchased the house and from 1900 -1927 he operated a barbershop from out of his home and helped keep the local gents looking dapper. A Mennonite family also lived there for nearly 30 years and to this day, I still find the straight pins used for making their own clothes.

The Funke ‘homestead’ is a work in progress. I have to re-install the original ‘gingerbread’ details that I removed and shutters that were hiding in the shop but, will it ever be *fully* restored? No, at least not by me and that’s okay. I’m at peace knowing my life is a vapor and I’m but a steward until it’s passed to the next owner.

I drive by Immanuel Leidy’s Church daily. While researching my home, I learned that Herman and Eliza are interred in their cemetery. Nowadays when I pass, I sort of ‘tip my hat’ to Herman in hopes he’d be pleased knowing my wife and I are working to restore his house that has become our home.

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A primary goal of the Souderton-Telford Historical Society is to educate the public about the local history of Souderton, Telford and neighboring communities.

We achieve this through a variety of opportunities including: Presentations, curation of local artifacts, historical research, signage in the community, walking tours, historic preservation and conservation, sharing and recording of stories and memories, and other educational outreach.

If you have old photographs or memorabilia, please consider donating them to the Historical Society!

For more information about how to get involved, speak with any member of STHS leadership: Brent Bernd (Chair), Cory Alderfer, Ron Alderfer, John Derstine, Jeff Gross, Wendy Leshinskie, Brad Price, Craig Silsbee, Dan Yocum, or contact us at: **STHistoricalSociety@gmail.com**

Follow us on Facebook! @SoudertonTelfordHistory

Tax-Deductible Donations can be made payable to:
Souderton Community Development Corporation, 18 W. Chestnut St, Souderton PA 18964
Please write “**ST Historical Society**” in the memo field of your check.



*“The Partnership TMA of Montgomery County is a non-profit organization that collaborates with public and private sector partners to **EASE** traffic congestion, **ENHANCE** transportation options, **EDUCATE** and **ENGAGE** the community on the issues of land use, the environment and healthy lifestyles.”*



Follow Penny For Up To Date Holiday Travel Info

Want all the latest on roadwork, transit and travel information this holiday season? Then be sure to follow Penny on our Facebook page - The Partnership TMA!



Helmets for the Holidays

Giving a bike, scooter or roller skates for the holidays? Make sure that your child has a correct fitting bike helmet to go with it. As part of Hatfield Borough's holiday celebration on December 7th, the Partnership Transportation Management Association of Montgomery County is giving away **FREE** bike helmets to students in Kindergarten to 8th Grade. It is part of their bike helmet safety program - "I Love You and Your Brain Too!" The Giveaway will take place at Grace Lutheran Church, 40 N. Main Street, Hatfield from 5:15 pm till 6 pm or while supplies last.

Children must be present and fitted to receive the helmet. A variety of sizes and colors are available but are limited to First Come, First Serve. Helmets for this event were donated by Bergman Engineering.



Where's My Plow?

All of PennDOT's more than 2,200 PennDOT-owned and rented plow trucks are equipped with Automated Vehicle Location (AVL) systems, which use in-truck technology to log and share data in real-time for that truck. The routes of these interstate and expressway trucks can be viewed in real-time at www.511PA.com.

The AVL unit in each truck sends a cellular signal through the system showing where a truck is located and whether or how much material is being spread from the truck.

PennDOT uses AVL to:

- Monitor vehicle movement and plow-route coverage;
- Monitor the system during winter storms or emergencies and, if needed, see the closest truck to an area that needs additional service and direct trucks to that location;
- Review data on effectiveness in returning traffic to pre-storm conditions;
- Review usage of materials such as salt and anti-skid through the various stages of a weather event; and
- Interface with other department technology to combine real-time weather and road conditions with corresponding material-usage rates.

Join us for our...

Warm Winter Wishes



DONATION DRIVE



Senator Maria Collett's office is collecting essential winter items to keep our neighbors and furry friends warm this season. All donations will benefit charitable organizations serving the 12th District. **Spread some warmth this winter!**

We are collecting...

Winter Wear

**New or like-new items please!*

- Winter hats
- Mittens & Gloves
- Socks
- Scarves

Animal Shelter Necessities

- Blankets
- Towels
- Newspapers



**Monday December 2 -
Friday January 3**



Donations are welcome Monday through Friday between 9am and 4:30pm
at Senator Collett's district offices:

Gwynedd Corporate Center
1180 Welsh Rd, Suite 130
North Wales, PA 19454
Phone: 215-368-1429



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Suite A
Warminster, PA 18974
Phone: 215-674-1246