

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES

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COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, February 8, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.

Salvatore Amato Sherwin Collins Anji Fazio Alexander Groce Wendy McClure Sally Neiderhiser
Eion O'Neill
Mark Tarlecki
Sarah Whelan
Neil McDevitt, Mayor

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

	aring-in Ceremony: Council Member Anji Fazio
Pub	lic Comment
Disc	cussion: Public Safety Subcommittee
Disc	eussion: Social Media Policy Updates
Con	sideration: On-Street Disabled Parking Space - 410 W Montgomery Ave
Con	sideration: Approval of Minutes - 12/14/21, 12/28/21, 1/3/22, 1/11/22 & 1/25/2
Old	Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications
Solic	citor / Mayor / Council / Police / Public Works / Manager

*All interested parties may participate on the date and time noted above and when called upon by the Council President. The public may also submit questions or comments prior to the meeting by e-mail to info@northwalesborough.org; these must be received no later than 12 Noon on February 8, 2022. Persons with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting and require auxiliary aid, service, or other accommodation to participate in the meeting should contact North Wales Borough at 215-699-4424 or by e-mail to info@northwalesborough.org.

Mayor's Office Hours:

2nd Tuesdays 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. 3rd Saturdays 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Monthly Meetings Information:

HARB	3 rd Wednesday of Month
Historic Commission	3 rd Tuesday of Month
Human Relations Commission	3 rd Thursday of Month
Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission	2^{nd} Thursday of Month – 7:30 P.M.
Park & Recreation Board	2 nd Thursday of Month
Planning Commission	1st Wednesday of Month
Shade Tree Commission	2 nd Thursday of Month
Zoning Hearing Board	1st Tuesday of Month, as needed

^{*}All above meetings begin at 7 P.M. at Borough Hall, unless noted otherwise.

North Wales Water Authority 3rd Wednesday of Month

5:00 P.M., 200 W. Walnut Street

^{*}Please note: The meeting is being digitally recorded.

Borough of North Wales Social Media Policy

Approved by North Wales Borough Council: Date TBD

Section 1. Purpose

According to the National League of Cities, "Social media is a new world of opportunity for local governments to communicate with citizens and receive feedback. Its risks are similar in nature to those of other types of communication, but with a different twist because material circulates so widely and there are many potential contributors." A social media policy is a web of interrelated agency policies, some made by reference, others by inference. This policy is not complete unless all employees, volunteers, and public officials are familiar with the other policies promulgated by the Borough of North Wales. The purpose of this social media policy is to establish a "best management practice" for the use of existing and changing social media for communication. This policy applies to official use of social media by the employees, volunteers, and public officials of the Borough of North Wales, and where indicated, to non-official/personal use of social media. This policy is respectful of State and Federal Law, of the protected Constitutional Rights of our employees, volunteers, and public officials to express themselves, as well as foundational principles of transparency and citizen engagement in local government.

Section 2. What is Social Media?

The definition of social media may change over time. "Social Media" covers tools and technologies that allow a social media user to share communications, postings, or information, or participate in social networking, including but not limited to blogs, social networks, video and photo sharing websites, online forums and discussions boards, and automated data feeds. Examples of social media websites and applications include, but are not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Reddit, Snapchat, LinkedIn, YouTube, and Periscope. Everyday new websites and applications are introduced, which meet the same general definition of social media.

Section 3. Who is Covered by This Policy?

The Borough of North Wales Social Media Policy covers a wide range of individuals who can be seen as agents or representatives of our local government organization.

- a) Employees: Individuals who are full time, part time, seasonal, or temporary employees of the Borough of North Wales are covered by this policy. Employees must follow this policy in respect to their professional use of social media in the course of their employment, when representing the organization, and to a lesser extent, in their personal life, in so much as a bright line distinction is required between personal and professional use of social media.
- b) Volunteers: A municipal government may utilize a large swath of the community as volunteers who intermittently or regularly assist the Borough with activities for no compensation. While clearly these individuals are not employees and no employment obligations are accrued to them for their public service, by association, volunteers become municipal representatives of the Borough. Therefore, a volunteer must uphold and respect the same core values of professional communication behavior that would be required of an employee.

Volunteers must follow this policy in respect to their official duties with the Borough and personal use of social media, in so much as a bright line distinction is required between personal and professional use of social media in that through their volunteer activities, their private use of social media can be misunderstood to blur the distinction between the volunteer's private right of free speech and speech that represents the organization in an official capacity. This policy attempts to outline that distinction. Volunteers are prohibited from representing the Borough of North Wales in an official capacity on social media without prior consent.

a) Public Officials: Those elected and appointed officials of the Borough of North Wales, as defined by State Law, play a special role in the organization and dissemination of information for the Borough. In some respects, public officials can be seen as autonomous actors, with the right and responsibility to communicate to the public. For example, a Borough Council member has a responsibility to communicate clearly and regularly with their constituents on a host of borough and agency business. This is one of the main roles of a public official. On the other hand, having a variety of information posted on social media, sometimes timely, sometimes inaccurate, without proper disclaimers and legal parlance, does not serve the public well.

Therefore, this policy establishes a "best management practice for official social media use by public officials" as well as guidelines for appropriate private or personal use of social media by public officials. Once a citizen becomes a public official, their expectation of privacy and private speech can become muddled as they are a public person with public exposure and responsibilities to the community and to the government organization.

Examples of public officials include elected officials and appointed officials such as the Borough Manager, Borough Secretary, Borough Treasurer, and Police Chief.

Section 4. Bright Line Distinction

a) When using social media in a personal capacity, all employees, volunteers and public officials must make sure all posts are clearly expressed as their own statements or opinions and not an official statement or position of the Borough. A disclaimer such as "views and posts are my own and do not represent the position or opinion of the Borough of North Wales," or in some form otherwise approved by legal counsel, MUST BE INCLUDED. Further, those voluntarily appearing in images on social media should not be wearing uniforms or insignia of the Borough, without the express written permission of the Borough Manager. Obviously, those images obtained in public view (i.e., working in the street) while wearing a Borough uniform or insignia (including a Borough Seal, which is protected by local law), is an exception.

Example of Social Media Disclaimer:

Views and posts are my own and do not represent the position or opinion of my employer or the Borough of North Wales.

Section 5. First Amendment Right of Free Speech

- a) Nothing in this policy will limit the First Amendment right of free speech of an employee, volunteer, agent, or public official of the Borough of North Wales.
- b) Any person's protected, concerted, or union activity shall not be infringed upon by this policy.
- c) The Borough of North Wales respects the right of employees to engage in private personal activities, including the right of association and privacy but will not tolerate certain types of speech in social media, which may appear to the public to be a professional dissemination of organizational or agency information by our municipal government, obtained in the course of one's employment, without consent of the Borough.
- d) The only exceptions to this principle are protections afforded to employees who discuss the terms or conditions of their employment, report illegal or dangerous activities occurring at work (i.e., whistleblower protections), or who speak out as a private citizen regarding a matter of public concern.

Section 6. Internet Access to Social Media on Borough Owned Devices

- a) The Borough Manager shall serve as the Borough's social media coordinator and shall be responsible for overseeing the Borough's official social media activity and monitoring compliance with all Borough policies including this policy. The Borough Manager shall designate which social media platforms, if any, the Borough will use to establish an official Borough social media profile, and shall designate which employees, if any, are permitted to publish, edit, or comment on Borough social media profiles on behalf of the Borough. The Borough Manager is herein authorized to determine which social media websites and applications provide a benefit to the organization and are therefore accessible on Borough devices and which social media websites and applications should be blocked. The Borough maintains software, which can be set to block access to specific web pages and web applications. This is an administrative decision of the Borough Manager.
- b) If an individual covered by this policy finds that they have access to a social media website or application on a Borough owned device, they should use great care accessing that website or application. They should determine whether access is permitted by the Borough of North Wales and whether their use conforms to this policy.
- c) Use of a "northwalesborough.org" email address for social media purposes, as a user, subscriber, or creator of content, requires authorization by the Borough Manager.
- d) Access to social media websites and applications on personal equipment is understood to exist, but access during work hours for personal purposes should follow existing computer access policies elsewhere promulgated by the Borough of North Wales.

- e) Sharing of unauthorized photographs or disclosure of Borough data or information that would reveal personal identification information of certain Borough employees or Borough citizens/customers or confidential information that is necessary to maintain the safety and security of the Borough's buildings, property, systems, and operations is prohibited. Examples of such information include, but are not limited to:
 - All or part of a person's Social Security number, driver's license number, personal
 financial information, bank account numbers, utility account numbers, home,
 cellular or personal telephone numbers, personal e-mail addresses, employee
 numbers or other confidential personalidentification numbers;
 - The home address of a law enforcement officer;
 - Network or computer usernames or passwords or other records regarding computer hardware, software and networks, including administrative or technical records, which, if disclosed, could jeopardize computer security;
 - Security codes or combinations;
 - A record or part of a record related to an ongoing investigation;
 - A record or part of a record maintained by the Borough in connection with law enforcement orother public safety activity that, if disclosed, could jeopardize or threaten public safety or preparedness or public protection activity.

Section 7. Responsible Decision Making When Utilizing Social Media

- a) To assist you in making responsible decisions about your use of social media, we have established these guidelines for the professional use of social media and prohibitions for any on or off duty use of social media, which might act to discredit the professional reputation of the Borough of North Wales, any of its employees or agents; infringe on the Borough's operations; or infringe on the Borough's ability to provide effective and efficient services. This policy does not overrule common sense relating to the desired character of on or off duty behavior of Borough personnel which is established in other policies relating to employee on and off duty conduct. It is designed to supplement other personnel conduct policies as it specifically relates to social media use. This policy does not apply to an employee's personal use of social media, during personal time, unless the bright line distinction between personal and professional communication is unclear.
- b) All Borough policies and applicable state and federal laws, including, but not limited to, policies or laws prohibiting harassment, discrimination, and retaliation apply with equal force to conduct occurring in person and online. Any violation of these policies or laws will be addressed in the same manner whether the offending conduct occurs in person or online. Harassment, bullying, discrimination, or retaliation that would not be permissible in the workplace is equally impermissible online, even if it is done after hours, from home, or on personal computers or other personal devices. Violation of any Borough policies or laws while on social media, including personal social media accounts, may result in disciplinary action by the Borough.
- c) Employees, volunteers and public officials who are not authorized to post official Borough content or are authorized employees participating in social media usage while off-duty or in an unofficial capacity shall clearly indicate that the viewpoints they express are their own and do not necessarily reflect the Borough's official policy or position.

d) Public Officials should take care in all their activities on social media. Unlike employees or volunteers, they must make it clear that they are only participating in social media as a private citizen, their messages and posts are not in any official capacity, and the Borough recommends they avoid expressing any information, details, answers to questions, conversations, corrections, or anything related to the Borough of North Wales on their private social media posts and messages. To disseminate information about anything to do with the Borough, including private opinions, it is better that the information be requested to be posted on an official Borough of North Wales social media account and should not be disseminated through a Public Official's private account without the express written permission of the BoroughManager or Borough Council. Only the Borough Manager or Borough Council can waive this requirement.

Section 8. Campaigns and Political Activities on Social Media

- a) Borough Department Heads and Assistants are prohibited from expressing any public opinions on social media about any federal, state, local, or school district issue or any Borough Public Official or Borough Public Official candidate. This is necessary to maintain the trust and confidence of Borough Council and the citizens of the community who we serve. Accepting such an appointment by the Borough implies your willingness to limit your rights to private expression.
- b) These guidelines have an equal impact on the use of social media for campaigns and political activities.
- c) Official political campaigns on social media:

If you are a candidate or someone representing a candidate or official for public elected office, please follow the following rules:

So, there is no misunderstanding, if a Borough Public Official, candidate or someone representing a candidate or official establishes an official political social media presence on behalf of the Public Official, it is required that the account or name on the social media profile be *the group* representing the Public Official rather than the Public Official himself/herself. For example, if Council Member Mickey Mouse is running for State Senate, the profile might be called Citizens to Elect Mickey Mouse, or the Committee to Elect Mickey Mouse, or Mickey Mouse for State Senate, but not just Mickey Mouse, nor Council Member Mickey Mouse.

When in doubt, the Borough Solicitor will issue an advisory opinion to the Borough Public Official, candidate or someone representing a candidate or official offering advice as to how the political campaign should be identified on social media.

Section 9. Links to External Social Media on Borough Website(s)/Application(s)

a) In computing, a hyperlink, or simply a link, is a reference to data that the reader can directly follow either by clicking, tapping, or hovering. A hyperlink points to a whole document or to a specific element within a document. A link to social media is inferred to be a digital connection to a profile, site, or application associated with social media.

- b) Links are strictly prohibited unless expressly approved in writing by the Borough Manager or Borough Council. Links are not an expression of endorsement nor does the connection to an approved external website or social media application carry with it any implied or specific responsibility that the information or content on the exterior side of the link is correct, accurate, complies with Borough policies, or is up to date. A link when provided is a convenience for the Borough user to access some external data.
- c) Any proposal to establish an external link from a Borough website should be presented to the Borough Manager in advance of it being created.

Section 10. Official Borough of North Wales Social Media Accounts/Profiles

- a) All Borough of North Wales official social media accounts will be supervised and managed by the Borough Manager subject to approval by the Borough Council. Any social media account not expressly approved by Borough Council is not an official Borough of North Wales Social Media Account.
- b) Failure to seek Borough Council approval for an official Borough of North Wales Social Media Account is a violation of this policy and subject to discipline.
- c) The Borough of North Wales's websites (northwalesborough org and northwaleshistory.org) will remain the Borough's primary and predominant internet presences.
 - The best, most appropriate Borough of North Wales use of social media tools fall generally into two categories: first, as channels for disseminating time-sensitive information as quickly as possible (i.e., emergency information); or second, as marketing/promotional channels which increase the Borough's ability to broadcast its messages to the widest possible audience.
- d) Wherever possible, content posted to Borough of North Wales social media sites will also be available on the Borough's websites.
- e) Wherever possible, content posted to Borough of North Wales social media sites should contain links directing users back to the Borough's official websites for in-depth information, forms, documents or online services necessary to conduct business with the Borough of North Wales.
- All Borough of North Wales social media sites and accounts shall comply with all applicable Borough of North Wales policies and standards.
- g) Borough of North Wales social media sites, accounts, and content contained therein may be subject to Commonwealth of Pennsylvania public records laws. Any content maintained in a social media format that is related to official Borough actions and activities, including a list of subscribers and posted communication, are a public record. The Borough Manager's Office and the Borough Secretary as the Right to Know Officer are responsible for responding completely and accurately to any request for public records on social media. Content related to official Borough actions and activities shall be maintained in an accessible format and so that it can be produced in response to a request.

- h) Pennsylvania state law and relevant Borough of North Wales records retention schedules may apply to social media formats and social media content. Unless otherwise addressed in a specific social media standards document, the Borough Secretary shall preserve records required to be maintained for a period of no less than thirty (30) calendar days on a Borough server in a format that preserves the integrity of the original record and is easily accessible.
- i) Users and visitors to social media sites shall be notified that the intended purpose of the site is to serve as a mechanism for communication between the Borough of North Wales and members of the public.
- j) To the extent public comments are enabled, all members of the public will be allowed to comment, and public comments shall not thereafter be blocked, filtered, deleted, or otherwise censored, except as provided below as allowed by law. Any comments posted by a member of the public on the Borough's social media sites, accounts, and content are the opinion of the poster only and the presence of such comments on the Borough's social media does not imply that the Borough endorses or agrees with the comments. The Borough of North Wales social media websites, profiles or applications and articles and comments associated therein, containing any of the following forms of content shall not be allowed:
 - Comments not topically related to the particular social medium post being commented upon;
 - Obscene language or content;
 - Content that promotes, fosters, endorses or perpetuates discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, age, religion, gender, marital status, status with regard to national origin, physical or mental disability or sexual orientation;
 - Sexual content or links to sexual content;
 - Solicitations of commerce:
 - Solicitations for donations:
 - Conduct constituting or encouraging illegal activity;
 - Information that may tend to compromise the safety or security of the public or public systems:
 - Content that violates a legal ownership interest of any other party; or
 - Content that violates trademark or copyright laws.
- k) Any content removed based on these guidelines must be retained by the Borough's social media coordinator, including the time, date and identity of the poster when available pursuant to record retention rules in this policy.
- 1) The Borough reserves the right to restrict or remove any content that is deemed in violation of this social media policy or any applicable law.
- m) The Borough is prohibited from banning or blocking any user or subscriber to any official Borough of North Wales social media account unless their participation is creating an illegal situation. For example, a subscriber who repeatedly posts obscenity or links to obscene content may be blocked if it becomes impossible to timely delete such content. In such cases, a block must be approved by either the Borough Manager or Borough Council.
- n) Comments, media, or other information posted to or displayed on the Borough's social media sites, accounts, and content are subject to monitoring and review at any time, and users should have no expectation of privacy with respect to any such comments, media, or other information. However, given our limited staff resources, the Borough of North Wales is not liable for inappropriate or offensive comments that may be posted.

Section 11. Violations of This Policy

- a) Employees: Violations of this policy may result in appropriate disciplinary actions up to and including termination in accordance with the Employee Handbook. This Policy will not be construed or applied in a manner that improperly interferes with employees' rights under the Pennsylvania Public Employee Relations Act, Pennsylvania Labor Relations Act, or any other applicable Pennsylvania or federal law. Any activities that are expressly protected under these laws shall be permitted in accordance with applicable law. Nothing in this policy shall be construed as superseding or being in conflict with any existing or future Collective Bargaining Agreement maintained by the Borough of North Wales.
- b) Volunteers: Violations of this policy may result in removal of opportunities to volunteer with the Borough of North Wales. Any volunteer who violates this policy shall be afforded the right of an administrative hearing before discipline is decided, but in so much as this is an administrative decision the ultimate administrative decision is made by the Borough Manager or their designee.
- c) Public Officials:
 - Appointed Officials: Violations of this policy may result in appropriate disciplinary actions up to and including termination.
 - Elected Officials: Violations of this policy may result in:
 - i. A public censure of the elected official as decided by a majority of Borough Council; or
 - ii. A civil action to recover the costs of investigating and documenting any violation of this policy.

Section 12. Administration

This policy shall be administered by the Borough Manager or their designee. With respect to activities of the Borough Manager, this policy shall be administered by the President of Borough Council.

Section 13. Acknowledgement

All current and future	Borough of Nor	th Wales Employees,	Volunteers, or Public	Officials must
			oolicy. It will be includ	ed in all future
Employee Handbooks	published by the	Borough's Personnel	Office.	

Print Name	Date
Signature	

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES 300 SCHOOL STREET NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: December 14, 2021, 7:00 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Sando.

ROLL CALL: Salvatore Amato Present

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

Also, in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor, Mark Bentzel, Interim Chief of Police and Brian Sleicher, Public Works Supervisor.

President Sando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

James Schiele, 307 East Montgomery Avenue, thanked outgoing Council members and read an article from the outgoing Mayor of Souderton Borough.

Lisa Vogel, 329 South Fourth Street, expressed her disapproval of elected officials remaining in office for long periods of time and suggested that seats should be vacated to make way for others.

Discussion: Social Media Policy

Manager Hart reviewed a draft social media policy for Council's consideration. Council suggested several changes to the policy. Manager Hart stated she would review their suggestions with Anthony Sheer, Labor Council.

Consideration: Adoption of 2022 Tax Millage Ordinance

Member McClure made a motion to adopt the 2022 Tax Millage Ordinance as presented. Member Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Certification of Qualified Volunteers List for EIT Credit

Member Little made a motion to certify the list of qualified volunteers of the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company for the Earned Income Tax credit. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: NMCR Compost Facility Agreement

Member Amato made a motion to approve the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission compost facility agreement for 2022-2024. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of 2022 Holiday Schedule

Member Collins made a motion to approve the 2022 Holiday Schedule as presented. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval and Advertisement of 2022 Meeting Schedules

Member Collins made a motion to approve and advertise the 2022 Meeting Schedules of Borough Council and the Boards and Commissions. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: 11/23/2021

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve the minutes of November 23, 2021. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

Manager Hart announced the following Zoning Hearing Board Applications: Z-21-04 - 348 West Montgomery Avenue, Z-21-05 - 327 South Fourth Street and Z-21-06 - 501 East Montgomery Avenue. She added that all three applications are scheduled to be heard on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

Manager Hart then reviewed a draft of the December 1, 2021 Planning Commission minutes and a memo prepared by the Commission that recommended the Zoning Hearing Board approve Application Z-21-04.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Police / Public Works / Manager

Solicitor Gifford announced an executive session was held after the previous meeting to discuss a personnel matter and no action was taken. He then announced that another executive session will be held after tonight's meeting to discuss a personnel matter and no action will be taken.

Council thanked those who volunteered for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Soldier's Christmas donation drive.

Member Little stated that tonight is his last meeting as a Council member. He then thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and the Borough staff for all their efforts.

Manager Hart made the following announcements: State Senator Maria Collette's Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, December 15, the After-School Art Club schedule, the Arts Alliance Fall-Winter class schedule, Boards and Commissions vacancies and the re-organization meeting on January 3, 2022.

Member Little made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Attest:		
	Christine A. Hart	

Borough Manager



BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES 300 SCHOOL STREET NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: December 28, 2021, 7:00 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Sando.

ROLL CALL: Salvatore Amato Present, participated remotely

James Cherry Present, participated remotely

Sherwin Collins
Ronald S. Little, Jr.
Wendy McClure
Sally Neiderhiser
Eion O'Neill
Present
James Sando
Present
Present
Present

Mark Tarlecki Present, participated remotely

Mayor Gregory D'Angelo Present

Also, in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor and Mark Bentzel, Interim Chief of Police.

President Sando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Consideration: Approval of Conditional Employment Offer for Chief of Police Position

Manager Hart announced that Council held an executive session last Tuesday, December 21 to conduct interviews for the Chief of Police position.

Member McClure made a motion to approve a conditional employment offer to Candidate No. 1 for the open Chief of Police position. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Adoption of Social Media Policy

The matter was tabled for further review of the policy.

Consideration: Acceptance of County Transportation Program Grant Agreement

Member McClure made a motion to accept a County Transportation Program Grant in the amount of \$61,080.00 with a match of \$15,270.00 for the Center Street Pedestrian Connection and Gateway Project. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Certificates of Appropriateness: 307 School St & 402 School St

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for a roof replacement project as presented at 307 School Street. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for a stair replacement project as presented at 402 School Street. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no. President Sando abstained from voting since it is his application.

Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$91,548.31

Member McClure made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$91,548.31. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

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Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Police / Public Works / Manager

Solicitor Gifford announced that an executive session will be held after tonight's meeting to discuss a personnel matter and no action will be taken.

Outgoing Council members and the Mayor thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and wished the new members well.

Manager Hart made the following announcements: the After-School Art Club schedule, the Arts Alliance Fall-Winter class schedule, Boards and Commissions vacancies and the re-organization meeting on January 3, 2022.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

Attest:			
	Christine A. Hart		
	Borough Manager		

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES 300 SCHOOL STREET NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: January 3, 2022, 7:00 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Sando.

ROLL CALL: Salvatore Amato Present

James Cherry Absent **Sherwin Collins** Present Ronald S. Little, Jr. Absent Wendy McClure Present Sally Neiderhiser Present 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 Brian Sleicher, Public Works Supervisor.

President Sando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Swearing-in Ceremony: DJ Suzan Leonard Swearing-in of Newly Elected Officials

District Judge Suzan Leonard administered the Oath of Office to the following newly elected officials: Mayor Neil McDevitt, Council Member Sally Neiderhiser, Council Member Eion O'Neill, Council Member Alexander Groce, Council Member John Fox, Council Member Sarah Whelan and Tax Collector Timothy Weir.

Consideration: Nomination and Election of President

Mayor McDevitt called for nominations for President.

Member Tarlecki nominated Member Amato to serve as President. Member O'Neill nominated himself to serve as President. No other nominations were received.

A roll call vote was taken for Member Amato. Motion passed, 8 yes, 1 no. Member O'Neill voted no.

Consideration: Nomination and Election of Vice President

President Amato called for nominations for Vice President.

Member McClure nominated Member Tarlecki to serve as Vice President. No other nominations were received.

A roll call vote was taken for Member Tarlecki. Motion passed, 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Nomination and Election of President Pro Tem

President Amato called for nominations for President Pro Tem.

Member Collins nominated Member McClure to serve as President Pro Tem. No other nominations were received.

A roll call vote was taken for Member McClure. Motion passed, 9 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / New Business

Manager Hart announced that the Borough had additional year-end expenses in the amount of \$7,554.84 and requested that Council approve the expenditures.

Member McClure made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$7,554.84. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Manager Hart announced that newly elected Council Member John Fox has submitted a letter of resignation and she requested that Council accept his letter of resignation.

Member McClure made a motion to accept a letter of resignation from Council Member John Fox. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Manager

President Amato welcomed the newly elected officials and thanked the outgoing elected officials for their service.

Solicitor Gifford announced an executive session will be held after tonight's Council meeting to discuss the Chief of Police search and no action will be taken afterwards.

Mayor McDevitt thanked the residents and his family for their support during his election campaign. He then stated that he looks forward to serving the Borough.

Newly elected Council members thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and thanked the outgoing members.

Vice President Tarlecki suggested that new members attend the Newly Elected Officials Boot Camp program that the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs offers.

Member McClure made a motion to adjourn. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

Attest:		
	Christine A. Hart	
	Borough Manager	

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES 300 SCHOOL STREET NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: January 11, 2022, 7:00 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Amato.

ROLL CALL: Salvatore Amato Present

Sherwin Collins

Present

Vacant

Alexander Groce Present
Wendy McClure Present
Sally Neiderhiser Present
Eion O'Neill Present
Mark Tarlecki Present
Sarah Whelan Present
Mayor Neil McDevitt Present

Also, in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor, Mark Bentzel, Interim Chief of Police, Alan Guzzardo, Assistant Borough Manager and Brian Sleicher, Public Works Supervisor.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Roseanne D'Angelo, 915 East Montgomery Avenue, read a letter she wrote to Mayor Neil McDevitt, expressing her disapproval of his 2018 Facebook post that compared members of the Republican Party to Nazis. She then questioned why he would make that comparison and she provided him with the book, Man Search for Meaning which she encouraged him to read. She wished him well as Mayor and insisted he issue a public apology.

Discussion: 2022 Boards & Commissions Appointments

Manager Hart reviewed the list of 2022 Boards and Commissions openings. Vice President Tarlecki asked if the Borough has received any letters of interest. Manager Hart confirmed yes and she would share them at the following Council meeting.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked if the individuals seeking reappointment would be notified. Manager Hart confirmed they would be.

Member Collins asked why Officer Custer is listed as to be determined. Manager Hart explained that she has not confirmed if she would like to be reappointed.

Vice President Tarlecki announced that there is an opening on the Human Relations Commission and encouraged residents to submit a letter of interest.

Discussion: 2022 Council Member Subcommittees

President Amato stated that Council would fulfil the subcommittees after the vacant Council seat has been filled. He added that there will be some changes to the subcommittee structure. Manager Hart added that she has already received one letter of interest so far for the Council vacancy.

Member McClure asked if the new Council members could read about the roles of the subcommittees. Manager Hart showed the Subcommittees of Council list on the Borough website.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked if there are procedures in place for voting on the Council vacancy. President Amato stated the vacancy would be filled using Robert's Rules of Order as recommended by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs.

Consideration: Appointment of Solicitor

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked if the appointment would include other attorneys from the same firm. Manager Hart confirmed it would.

Member McClure made a motion to appoint Rubin, Glickman, Steinberg and Gifford, P.C. as Borough Solicitor. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Solicitor Gifford stated he is honored to continue serving Borough Council.

Consideration: Resignation of Herbert Schlegel, Civil Service Commission

Member McClure made a motion to accept the resignation of Herbert Schlegel from the Civil Service Commission, effective immediately. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

Manager Hart announced the Borough had no pending Zoning Hearing Board Applications. Manager Hart stated she had no other reports.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Police / Public Works / Manager

Solicitor Gifford announced an executive session was held after the previous meeting to discuss the Chief of Police search and no action was taken. He then announced that another executive session will be held after tonight's meeting to discuss two personnel matters and action may be taken following the session.

Mayor McDevitt asked to address Roseann D'Angelo's earlier comments. Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, objected and said he should not be able to address her comments under his Mayor's comment. President Amato confirmed that Mayor McDevitt can only speak to matters under his purview as Mayor and he must address her comments during Public Comment. Mayor McDevitt agreed he would address her comments at the next Council meeting during Public Comment.

Mayor McDevitt made the following announcements: He received a speeding complaint on South Seventh Street which he has turned over to the Police Department, COVID infection rates are increasing and he encouraged everyone to wear masks and he asked that everyone make sure they have working smoke detectors in light of the recent tragic house fire in Philadelphia that claimed the lives of 12 people.

Interim Chief Bentzel reviewed his activity report for the month of December. He then thanked Public Works for their efforts with a snowstorm that occurred on Friday, January 7.

Public Works Supervisor Sleicher thanked residents for moving their vehicles and not putting out their trash/recycle receptacles in preparation for the snowstorm.

Member Whelan encouraged everyone to utilize the services of the North Wales Area Library.

Manager Hart made the following announcements: Tuesday At Noon Organ Recitals, Human Library event on April 9, Make Art Monday event on January 17, After-School Art Club, NPAA CLASSES Winter 2021-2022 and list of Boards and Commissions vacancies.

President Amato announced he met with the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company to discuss an initiative to make smoke alarms more readily available for residents and he added that Borough officials will meet with the Company monthly to discuss initiatives that the Borough can assist with.

Manager Hart announced a local resident is requesting permission to complete a Junior Council Program internship with the Borough. She added she will work with the Solicitor on preparing a draft of the program guidelines for Council's consideration.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

Council reconvened at 9:04 P.M. following an executive session.

Member O'Neill made a motion to approve a conditional employment offer to Candidate No. 2 for the open Chief of Police position. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 P.M.

Attest:	
	Christine A. Hart
	Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES 300 SCHOOL STREET NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: January 25, 2022, 7:01 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Amato.

ROLL CALL: Salvatore Amato Present

Sherwin Collins

Present

Vacant

Alexander Groce Present
Wendy McClure Present
Sally Neiderhiser Present
Eion O'Neill Present
Mark Tarlecki Present
Sarah Whelan Present
Mayor Neil McDevitt Present

Also, in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor, Mark Bentzel, Interim Chief of Police, Alan Guzzardo, Assistant Borough Manager and Brian Sleicher, Public Works Supervisor.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration: Appointment and Swearing-In Ceremony - Chief of Police

Member Collins made a motion to appoint David Erenius as Chief of Police. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

District Justice Suzan Leonard administered the Oath of Office to David Erenius, Chief of Police. Council welcomed Chief Erenius and offered their support. Chief Erenius thanked Council for selecting him and stated he is looking forward to serving the Borough.

Public Comment

Neil McDevitt, 324 South Ninth Street, issued a formal apology for his 2018 Facebook post that compared members of the Republican Party to Nazis.

Roseanne D'Angelo, 915 East Montgomery Avenue, thanked Mayor McDevitt for his apology and she recommended some books for people to read on the topic.

Lisa Vogel, 329 South Fourth Street, thanked Mayor McDevitt for his apology and suggested that residents should consider social media profiles of election candidates prior to voting.

Consideration: Interviews and Appointment of Ward 3 Council Member

Council interviewed the following candidates for the Ward 3 Council vacancy: Anji Fazio, 111 South Seventh Street, Rachel Troutman, 708 Church Street and Collette D'Angelo, 915 East Prospect Avenue.

Manager Hart reviewed the Robert's Rules of Order to clarify how Council will make their selection.

President Amato called for nominations to fill the Ward 3 Council vacancy. Member Whelan nominated Anji Fazio. Vice President Tarlecki nominated Collette D'Angelo. Member Collins nominated Rachel Troutman. No other nomination were called for.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked if a roll call vote would be taken. Manager Hart confirmed a roll call vote would be taken.

A roll call vote was taken for Anji Fazio. Motion passed, 6 yes, 2 no. Member Collins and Vice President Tarlecki voted no.

Consideration: Resignation of Anthony Kratowicz - Zoning Hearing Board, Alternate

President Amato asked how long Tony had served on the Board. Andrew Berenson, Chairman of the Zoning Hearing Board, stated he had served about 10 years.

James Schiele, 307 East Montgomery Avenue, questioned why Tony was resigning. Manager Hart explained he has resigned due to his busy work schedule.

Member McClure made a motion to accept the resignation of Anthony Kratowicz from the Zoning Hearing Board, effective immediately. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: 2022 Boards and Commissions Appointments

Member McClure made a motion to reappoint Charles Guttenplan to the Historical Architectural Review Board, to serve as the planner member, term ending 12/31/2026. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member O'Neill made a motion to reappoint L. Nicholas Paulson to the Historic Commission, term ending 12/31/2026. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member O'Neill made a motion to reappoint Ruth Black to the Historic Commission, term ending 12/31/2026. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Manager Hart announced that she did not receive a reappointment request from Timothy Clarke for the Human Relations Commission, term ending 12/31/2024, and she did not receive any letters of interest for the opening. Therefore, she announced it would be added to the list of vacancies.

Member McClure made a motion to reappoint Johanna Owings to the Human Relations Commission, term ending 12/31/2024. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member Whelan made a motion to reappoint Jacqueline Oberholtzer to the North Wales Area Library Board, term ending 12/31/2024. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member O'Neill made a motion to reappoint Albert S. Tenney, III to the North Wales Water Authority Board, term ending 12/31/2026. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member Whelan made a motion to reappoint Gina Calhoun to the Parks and Recreation Board, term ending 12/31/2026. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to reappoint Jocelyn Tenney to the Planning Commission, term ending 12/31/2025. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Manager Hart announced that she did not receive a reappointment request from James Cherry for the Shade Tree Commission, term ending 12/31/2026, and she did not receive any letters of interest for the opening. Therefore, she announced it would be added to the list of vacancies.

Member O'Neill made a motion to reappoint Jocelyn Tenney to serve as the Vacancy Board Chair, term ending 12/31/2022. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to reappoint Andrew Berenson to the Zoning Hearing Board, term ending 12/31/2026. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Manager Hart announced that she did receive a letter of interest from Joel Roberts for the Zoning Hearing Board and suggested that he could fill Tony's position as the alternate member.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to appoint Joel Roberts to the Zoning Hearing Board, to serve as the alternate member, term ending 12/31/2022. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Presentation: PSAB Service Awards for 10+ Years of Dedicated Service

Manager Hart presented Member Neiderhiser with a Cecil K. Leberknight Award for 10 years of service on behalf of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSABS).

Member Neiderhiser thanked Manager Hart for applying for the award on her behalf and added she is excited to continue serving on Council.

President Amato presented Manager Hart with a Cecil K. Leberknight Award for 10 years of service on behalf of PSABS.

Manager Hart thanked Council for their continued support and added it is an honor to serve her community.

Consideration: Approval of January 2022 Disbursements - \$75,082.75

Council asked for clarification on expenses relating to vehicle maintenance, dog waste bags and tree removal services.

Member Collins made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$75,082.75. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

President Amato announced he and other Council members met with the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company to discuss their initiatives and how the Borough can support them. He added that

the Company will be submitting monthly public service announcements which will be announced at Council meetings and will be shared online.

Member McClure asked Fire Chief Matt Traynor to explain why the emergency siren is not working. Chief Traynor explained that a bird had gotten inside the equipment and caused the equipment to malfunction. He added that they are working on resolving the issue.

Manager Hart made the following announcements: Thank you letter received from the North Wales Area Library, TMA Partnership 2021 Highlights, Human Library event on April 9, After-School Art Club, NPAA CLASSES Winter 2021-2022 and list of Boards and Commissions vacancies.

Manager Hart then announced that a donation was received in the amount of \$405.00 from L. Nicholas Paulson for the Historic Commission fund. She then requested that Council accept the donation.

Member McClure made a motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$405.00 from L. Nicholas Paulson to be earmarked for the Historic Commission fund. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Police / Public Works / Manager

Solicitor Gifford announced an executive session was held after the previous meeting to discuss the Chief of Police search and Council reconvened to select Chief Erenius. He then announced that another executive session will be held after tonight's meeting to discuss a personnel matter and no action would be taken following the session.

Mayor McDevitt called for a moment of silence for the fire fighters that were killed while responding to a vacant house fire in Baltimore, Maryland on Monday, January 24. He added that there are some former residents of the Borough serving with the Baltimore Fire Department. He then made the following announcements: He attended the Organ Recitals at Noon concert series at the North Wales Community Center, There are a number of Borough businesses that have been nominated for the 2022 Montco Happening List and he encouraged everyone to vote for our local businesses, COVID case numbers are declining and the County is opening another testing location at the Pembrooke Shopping Center and he looks forward to working with Chief Erenius.

Member Collins also encouraged everyone to vote for Borough businesses.

Member O'Neill announced that there is a blood donation shortage and encouraged everyone to donate blood if able. Jocelyn Tenney, 801 East Walnut Street, added that the North Wales Area Library holds a monthly donation drive. Member O'Neill then cautioned that there is a scam involving fake COVID testing sites occurring.

Member Neiderhiser congratulated everyone who was appointed to serve on the Boards and Commissions. She then expressed her support for having three women serving on Borough Council and thanked Manager Hart for nominating her for the service award. Member McClure added that Member Neiderhiser comes from a family of service.

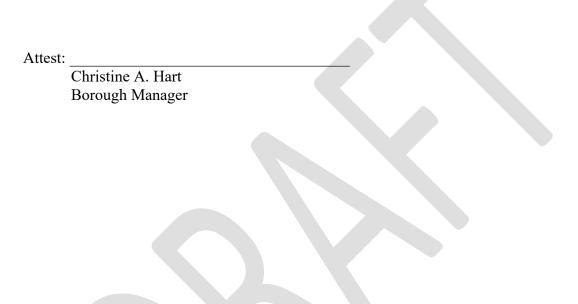
Public Works Supervisor Sleicher announced that the Department is currently filling potholes around town.

President Amato thanked all the candidates for the Ward 3 Council vacancy and added he wished there was enough seats to have all three of them on Council.

Manager Hart thanked Public Works Supervisor Sleicher for arranging the post swearing-in gathering for Chief Erenius. She then announced that Assistant Manager Guzzardo has been chosen to serve as the Coordinator for the Montgomery County Consortium of Communities.

James Schiele, 307 East Montgomery Avenue, suggested that Council should hold an annual luncheon for the Boards and Commissions members.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.



North Wales Borough Planning Commission

February 02, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The North Wales Borough Planning Commission Meeting of February 02, 2022 was conducted in person at North Wales Borough Hall.

The meeting information was advertised in The Reporter on December 21, 2021, as part of the meeting schedule for 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Greta Martin Washington at 7:10 P.M. Jocelyn Tenney, Secretary, provided the roll call. The following members were present: Greta Martin Washington, Mark Tarlecki, Lillian Higgins and Jocelyn Tenney. Vice Chair Greg D'Angelo was absent.

Assistant Borough Manager/Zoning Officer Alan Guzzardo was also present.

Tim Konetchy, Montgomery County Planning Commission Planner participated in the meeting.

Mark Tarlecki led the meeting members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Comment

There was no public present and there were no questions or comments received from the public prior to the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes for January 05, 2022.

Mark Tarlecki made the motion to accept the minutes of January 05, 2022. The motion was seconded by Lillian Higgins. All members present voted to accept 4-0.

3. Discussion: Zoning Map Draft

The Commission members reviewed the updated draft zoning map that showed the additional modifications being suggested for the residential and commercial districts. Commission members discussed the changes.

4. <u>Discussion: Use Regulations Chapter Draft</u>

The material reviewed by the Commission was information that suggested additional permitted uses by right, accessory uses (i.e. home business, fences), accessory uses permitted by special exception, etc. They included for example, roof-mounted solar energy systems, swimming pools, telecommunications tower, etc. The Commission provided Tim Konetchy with additional suggestions and needed clarifications. Next month the Commission will concentrate on the residential districts R1, R2 and R3 with the thought of adding duplexes to the R2 district. Tim will research institutional use more as well as the requirements for Day Care Facilities depending on the number of children being cared for. Tim will provide a Use Table at the next meeting. It was noted that the Historic District was not on the zoning map and should be an overlay.

North Wales Borough Planning Commission

February 02, 2022 Meeting Minutes

5. New Business:

Mark Tarlecki noted that he has suggested to the North Wales Council President and President Pro Tem that, once the zoning plan was in place the Borough should consider creating an Industrial Development Corp. Research would need to be done first regarding its creation, function, etc. Tim Konetchy suggested that Rebecca Swanson, Department of Commerce, could be invited to speak at a meeting in regard to this topic.

The Commission will provide the Council with the suggested Draft Zoning Map for their comments.

6. Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. by Mark Tarlecki and seconded by Lillian Higgins. All members present voted in agreement 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jocelyn Tenney, Secretary

North Penn Volunteer Fire Company

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WINTER FIRE SAFETY

1 in 7 home fires and 1 in 5 home fire deaths involve heating equipment. Every 24 seconds, a fire department responds to a fire in the United States. Every 43 minutes, a home fire injury occurs.

- Anything that can burn must be at least 3 feet away from heating equipment like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove or portable space heater.
- Keep a 3-foot "kid-free" safety zone around open fires and space heaters.
- Neveruse your oven to heat your home.
- Turn off portable heaters when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop embers from coming into the room.
- Let ashes cool before putting them in a metal container and storing them at least 10 feet away from your home or deck.
- Plug portable heaters directly into the outlet. Do not use extension cords with space heaters.
- Purchase a space heater that has an automatic shut off. If they tip over, it will turn off.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys inspected and cleaned every year by a qualified professional.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, poison gas. In the United States, **more than 150 people** are killed every year from accidental CO poisoning. This does not even include those killed by succumbing to poisonous gas involved in a fire. These incidents are caused by faulty, improperly used, or incorrectly vented, fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, stoves, water heaters and fireplaces. We would like to remind our neighbors to:

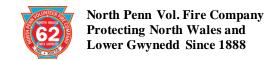
- Install and test CO alarms at least once a month.
- Know the difference in the sounds between a smoke alarm activation, CO alarm activation and low battery chirp.
- Keep vents clear of snow and ice.

Fire Engines carry a limited supply of water. Fire is extremely fast. For conditions to improve, water needs to be applied quickly. Fire fighters must establish a water supply to keep our neighbors safe. We need your help.

• Please clear a 3-foot radius around fire hydrants with a path to the street. This is not only during snowfall. Make sure the hydrant near your house has at least 36 inches of clearance with brush, fencing, landscaping and other materials.

Chief Matthew J Traynor North Penn Vol. Fire Co.

141 South Main Street North Wales, PA 19454





Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart!



Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.



1 in every 7 home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths involves heating equipment.



Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.



Keep portable generators **outside**, **away from windows**, **and as far away** from your home as possible.



Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.



Plug only **1 heat-producing appliance** (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.



Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year.**



Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it **outside at least 10 feet** from your home and any nearby buildings.









For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit www.usfa.fema.gov/winter and www.nfpa.org/winter.



Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO only use outside.

HOME HEATING EQUIPMENT



Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

FACTS

- (!) A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- (!) In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 nonfire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of nine calls per hour.



When Seconds Count...



After a snowfall, remember to clear a three-foot radius around fire hydrants near your home.



Pilot Bike Match Program

The Partnership TMA (PTMA) is looking for adults who live or work in its service area, to match with a free bicycle to be used for traveling to and from work.

The match may be temporary or permanent and can be used for all or part of a commute. (note: bikes can be transported on SEPTA buses and trains, but some restrictions apply) Typically, bike matches will be a gently used bike, which has been inspected to ensure it's in safe, good, working order.

NEXT STEPS

- Interested adults should complete an application form. Then a staff member will contact the applicant to review details and try to find a bicycle that is a good fit for them.
- PTMA staff members and the client will meet in-person when the bike is delivered to the clients work or home. PTMA will supply a fitted helmet, bike lock, and riding safety tips.
- Initially the bike will be matched for a period of thirty (30) days, with a 7-10 day follow up to determine if it's suitable for traveling to work and the client feels comfortable using it.
- PTMA staff members and client will meet in-person at the end of the loan period to document the usage and determine next steps.
- Next steps may include an agreement that there will be a permanent match, the loan period may be extended, or the bike may be returned to PTMA.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Brad Edenfield
Program Leader
Brad@ptma-mc.org

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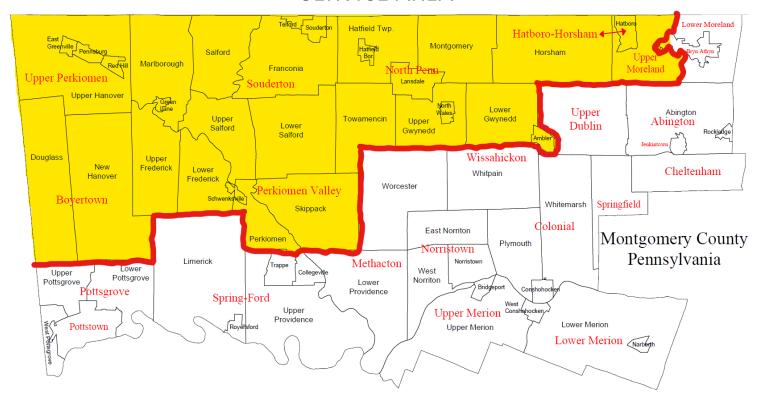
The Partnership TMA collaborates with 150+ public and private sector partners to:

- Expand & Enhance transportation options
- Ease traffic congestion
- Educate & Engage our communities on issues of land use, the environment, and healthy lifestyles



Pilot Bike Match Program

SERVICE AREA



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For complete and updated 2022 event listings, including sponsors and registration information, visit www.chambergmc.org. Pre-registration is required for all events.

TUE — JAN 4 BUSINESS CONNECTORS

12:00 p.m. − 1:00 p.m.

Building relationships through education and networking. Topic: Who Plays the Main Character in Your Business Story? Customer Personas in Marketing. Presented by: Lauren Allegrezza, Marketing to Mission. **Note new start time.** Free; members only.

TUE — JAN 11 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. ALLIANCE OF WOMEN IN BUSINESS

A great forum for small business owners to network, learn, and do business together. Enjoy 30-second commercials and then a discussion of new year plans, aspirations, and resolutions. Free; members only.

WED – JAN 12 7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS (MCDP)**

Exclusively for CRE professionals. Contact The Chamber for more information.

TUE — JAN 18 BUSINESS CONNECTORS

12:00 p.m. − 1:00 p.m.

Building relationships through education and networking. A continued discussion on Customer Personas in Marketing. Presented by: Lauren Allegrezza, Marketing to Mission. **Note new start time.** Free; members only.

WED - JAN 19 9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. MEMBERS CONNECT (VIRTUAL)

Join us for a preview of what's coming in 2022 at The Chamber. New and classic networking & social events, education, committees, and more. Free for Chamber members.

THU — JAN 27 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. **NOTHING BUT NETWORKING**

Reconnect and make new connections at this informal lunch event that includes nothing but networking. Main Street Pizzeria & Grille, Lansdale.



Thursday, Feb. 24, 2022 Plymouth Meeting Mall

TUE — FEB 1 BUSINESS CONNECTORS

12:00 p.m. − 1:00 p.m.

Building relationships through education and networking. Topic: Attracting Talent in Today's Economy. Presented by Sarah Mainhart, Insperity-Philadelphia. **Note new start time.** Free; members only.

TUE — FEB 8 8:00 a.n ALLIANCE OF WOMEN IN BUSINESS

8:00 a.m. — 9:15 a.m.

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WED — FEB 9 7:45 a.m. — 9:00 a.m. **MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS (MCDP)**

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THU — FEB 10 5:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. **BUSINESS AFTER HOURS:** NORTH PENN AREA YMCA

Network with other local business leaders in the repurposed YMCA indoor space. Check out the simulated golf room and other updates to the facility. Drinks and light snacks. Free.

TUE — FEB 15 BUSINESS CONNECTORS

12:00 p.m. − 1:00 p.m.

Building relationships through education and networking. A continued discussion on Attracting Talent in Today's Economy. Presented by Sarah Mainhart, Insperity-Philadelphia. **Note new start time.** Free; members only.

WED – FEB 16 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. **MEMBERS CONNECT (VIRTUAL)**

Topic: Building Your Workforce—2022 and Beyond Join us for a panel discussion to learn about potential local/regional opportunities for internships & training programs. Free for Chamber members.

TUE — FEB 22 MADE IN MONTCO

NEW

8:00 a.m. — 9:30 a.m.

The Chamber is pleased to launch a new program designed to highlight local manufacturer members. Networking is followed by a short tour of the facility. Hosting manufacturer: Metal Edge International, Inc., North Wales. Free for Chamber members.

THU - FEB 24

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

JOB FAIR

The Chamber is following up our successful Fall, 2021 Job Fair with a similar event at the Plymouth Meeting Mall. Exhibitor fees are just \$295; all industries and job positions welcome.

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Hosted by The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Montgomery County

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Booth Price \$295

Booth Includes

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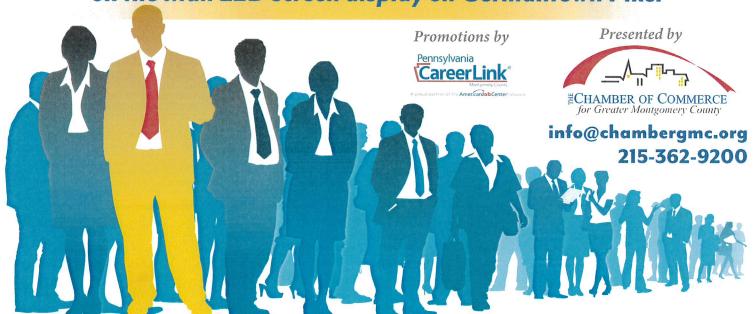
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To schedule your appointment please contact Loraine Dunn at (215) 214 - 0304

 Participants must bring a prescription for a routine, annual or screening mammogram (3D/Tomosynthesis prescriptions are not accepted) and a Photo ID.



North Wales Area Library is pleased to be an approved site for the Human Library April 9, 2022.

The Human Library is an international organization and movement that first started in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 2000. It aims to address people's prejudices by helping them to talk to those they would not normally meet. The Human Library® is, in the true sense of the word, a library of people. Readers can borrow human beings serving as open books and have conversations they would not normally have access to.

The purpose of the event is to challenge prejudice through respectful conversation. Community members will become living books who have experienced prejudice due to issues such as race, sex, age, disability, sexual preference, gender identity, class, religion/belief, lifestyle choices or other aspects of who they are and explain their personal experience with the readers.

Community members are encourged to attend the event and read a variety of human books. Readers will finish the loan and return a book at anytime during the 30 minute session. Readers can only borrow one book at a time.

All of our human books are volunteers with personal experience with their topic.

The Human Library® is a place where difficult questions are expected, appreciated and answered.

The library is recruiting human books for this event. Human books will participate in a training prior to the event. Please contact Janeen Marzewski at jmarzewski@northwaleslibrary or call 215.699.5410, if you are interested in learning more about becoming a Human Book.





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unjudge someone.

Pillars of Prejudice

Religion: Muslim, Christian, Jew, Sikh, Hindu, convert, atheist, rabbi, priest...

Ideology: Anarchist, feminist, eco...

Ethnicity: White, black, Asian, Somali, Roma, indigenous...

Health: HIV, PTSD, depression, schizophrenia, bulimic, anorexic, ADHD, anxiety, self-harm, suicide survivor, bipolar...

Addiction: gambling, ex-substance abuse (AA/NA)...

Victim: of abuse, rape, hate crime, stalking, incest...

Social status: Refugee, immigrant, unemployed, single parent, ex-offender, homeless...

Disabilities: Wheelchair user deaf, blind, diabetic, autistic, learning impaired, dyslexic, epileptic, facially disfigured, brain damaged, cancer...

Gender/Sexuality: Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, asexual, polyamorous, kink...

Occupation: Police Officer, carer, journalist, politician, traffic warden, sex worker, dentist, busker, artist, soldier, bouncer...

Lifestyle: Body-modified, vegan, tattooed, bodybuilder, swinger, graffiti artist, naturist, BDSM...

Family Relation: Bereaved, child of gay parents, adopted, partner/parent/child of alcoholic/mental health/terminal illness...

North Wales Borough in conjunction with Original Perspective, LLC is Happy to Present,

After-School Art Club!

1st - 6th Grade @ the North Wales Arts and Cultural Center 125 N. Main St, North Wales, PA



Owner Renée K. Williams-Erwin

Original Perspective, LLC

360 S. 8[™] Street North Wales, PA 19454 www.original-perspective.com

After-School Art Club is an after-school art program for students in grades 1-6 who love art. Each session we will work with a variety of materials including: air-dry clay, paint, pencil, markers, oil pastel, printmaking & more! New projects each year! Please bring your own water bottle & a nut-free snack. We hope you can join us as we have a great time creating art & making new friends!	Mrs. Erwin is an award-winning loca	
Session 3: A New Year with Art! Saturday 9-10:30am 6 Weeks Dates: Jan.: 8, 22, 29, Feb.: 5, 12, 26. Sign-Up Deadline: Jan. 6 Silhouettes of trees stretch across the snow! Sharpen your skills this New Year!	teaching artist and has taught After- School Art Club since 2014.	
Session 4: Chill-Out with Art! Saturday 9-10:30am 6 Weeks Dates: March: 12, 19, 26, April: 2, 9, 23. Sign-Up Deadline: March 10 Paper quilts, animal tracks in the snow! Thaw out your artistic side this winter!	Mrs. Erwin graduated with distinction from Tyler School of Art Temple University in 1991, and is	
Session 5: Spring into Art! Monday 6-7:30pm 6 Weeks Dates: May: 2, 9, 16, 23, June: 6, 13. Sign-Up Deadline: April 25 Radiant colors, cool rains, insects! Spring inspiration is here as nature comes alive again!	currently pursuing her teaching certification and M.Ed. in Art Education, from Kutztown University.	
Student's Name:		
Grade and Age:	Please indicate choice	
Phone #'s:	session(s):	
Parent/Guardian Name:	Session 3	
Parent/Guardian Email:	_	
Allergies and Insurance Information:	Session 4	
Fee per six-week session (Includes all Materials): \$130 Non-Borough Resident OR \$110 Resident payable to: Original Perspective, LLC Please mail Registration and Payment to:	Session 5	

NPAA CLASSES Winter 2021-2022 @ North Wales Arts & Cultural Center, 125 N. Main St. 215-393-9110 northpennarts.org info@ northpennarts.org

The Art of Figure Drawing: Workshop

When: Tuesday, 7-9 pm 12/7 & 12/14/21

Instructor: Dan Fione

Cost: \$48

Description: Learn the principles of drawing drapery and the proportions of drawing the human form, to show what lies beneath

the clothing. Week 1: Male figure in costume, Week 2: Female figure in costume.

Bring your favorite drawing medium.

Printmaking/Mixed Media Class:

When: Tuesday, 1-4pm, 1/4/22-1/25/22 (4 sessions)

Instructor: Barbara Moss Buscher

Cost: \$105

Description: Building on printmaking techniques and skills, learn to utilize your prints with a variety of other mediums &

materials to create unique works of art based on your own personal style.

Supplies to be discussed in first class.

Fun With Free Verse Poetry:

When: Thursday, 7-9 pm, 1/7/2022-1/28/2022 (4 sessions)

Instructor: Sally Neiderhiser

Cost: \$89

Description: Learn how to create Free Verse poetry, using Artistic Expression including imagery, themes, literary characters, and

your own experiences. There are no constraints by strict rules of other poetry forms...Just Fun!

Bamboo Brush & Ink Workshop: Ages 15-Adult

When: Saturday, January 29, 2022, 1 - 4:30 PM

Instructor: Ashley Walter

Description: In this fun, fast paced, technique-based painting style, students will learn how to depict birds, bamboo, fish, trees and more using black Sumi ink and bamboo brushes. Students will also learn how to incorporate color into their work, by

creating monochromatic blue paintings.

Beginners and experienced painters are welcome.

Cost: new students: \$72 (includes supplies) returning students that have supplies: \$52

Watercolor workshop:

When: Tuesday, 2-4PM, 2/15/2022- 3/8/2022 (4 sessions)

Instructor: Barbara Moss Buscher

Description: This class is designed to help students that have taken previous watercolor classes to further their knowledge of the medium. Expanding knowledge of color theory and learning various tricks of the trade, we will work from still-life's and personal photos.

*Check back often as new classes are always being added!

*North Wales Borough Residents buy one class, get a second class of equal or lesser value free!!

Boards & Commissions Vacancies

- <u>Civil Service Commission</u> Term Expires: 12/31/2025
- Historical Architectural Review Board Term Expires: 12/31/2023
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 *Must be a licensed real estate broker.
- Human Relations Commission Term Expires: 12/31/2024
- <u>Shade Tree Commission</u> Term Expires: 12/31/2026
- <u>Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals</u> Term Expires: 12/31/2026

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.