



BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES

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COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, June 14, 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

1. Public Comment

2. Consideration: Budget Transfer from D.A.R.E. to Police Operating Budget

3. Consideration: Approval of Minutes: May 24, 2022

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

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

Adjournment

*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 June 14, 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:

2 nd Tuesdays	5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
3 rd 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	1 st Wednesday of Month
Shade Tree Commission	2 nd Thursday of Month
Zoning Hearing Board	1 st Tuesday of Month, as needed

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

North Wales Water Authority	3 rd Wednesday of Month 5:00 P.M., 200 W. Walnut Street
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*Please note: The meeting is being digitally recorded.



North Wales Borough Police Department

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MEMORANDUM

May 13, 2022

Members of Council,

I am requesting the funds within the D.A.R.E. account (\$6,702) be transferred to the General Fund and the account closed. I am requesting the funds be allocated to the police general operating fund budget under a "community policing" line item. This line item would be used for outreach events within the Borough, such as a bike rodeo. There would be supplies to be purchased to conduct the bike rodeo, and we also need to buy giveaway items. We are members of PAL, and currently, we have no giveaways for the PAL events. These items would include coloring books, stress balls, and drinking cups, to name a few. These items would not only be given away at PAL events, but events within the Borough and used to promote the Police Department.

There are a few reasons I am requesting to end the D.A.R.E program and funding account; the only D.A.R.E. instructor we currently have is Officer Hammerstone. Officer Hammerstone has not taught a class in two years, and his certification has expired. Officer Hammerstone or another officer would have to be sent to D.A.R.E. training to be certified to keep the D.A.R.E. program running. The next certification class in our area is at Fort Indian Town Gap, from October 24 through November 4. This is not a commutable class, so we would have to pay for an officer to stay, including food, for two weeks. I feel the Borough youth would be better served using these funds for more comprehensive community outreach rather than D.A.R.E. exclusively.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Erenius", written in a cursive style.

Chief David Erenius

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: May 24, 2022, 7:00 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Amato.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	Sherwin Collins	Present
	Anji Fazio	Present
	Alexander Groce	Absent
	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, David Erenius, Chief of Police and Alan Guzzardo, Assistant Borough Manager.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Amato requested a moment of silence for the victims of a school shooting that occurred this afternoon at Robb Elementary School, in Uvalde, Texas.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Presentation: DCED 2021 Annual Audit Report

Christopher Herr, Maillie, LLP, presented the PA Department of Community & Economic Development 2021 Annual Audit Report.

President Amato asked several questions relating to the scope of the audit. Mr. Herr provided clarification on the process and was able to answer Mr. Amato's questions.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked if there was any financial activity that warranted an unqualified audit or opinion. Mr. Herr could not think of a specific reason why that would be required.

Manager Hart requested that Mr. Herr provide an explanation of what reporting is required if the Borough expends the full amount of a Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) grant that the Borough was awarded, in a single year.

Mr. Herr explained that if the Borough spends more than \$750,000.00 of federal grant funds in a single year, a special audit would be required. Member Collins asked if the Borough would have

to pay an additional fee for that. Manager Hart confirmed the Borough would need to pay a separate fee.

Consideration: Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan Approval – 426 E Montgomery Ave

Member McClure made a motion to grant preliminary/final subdivision approval with the requested waivers for Application #22-01 regarding 426 East Montgomery Avenue. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Appointment of Parks & Recreation Board Member, Term Expiring 12/31/2024

Member Fazio made a motion to appoint Timothy Pilcher to the Parks and Recreation Board, term expiring 12/31/2024. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness: 223 S Main St

President Amato expressed his concern with regrading of an embankment for the proposed egress window. Assistant Manager Guzzardo answered that the work is subject to a permit and the Borough will ensure that the work is done properly.

Member McClure made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness regarding 233 South Main Street. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Budget Transfer from D.A.R.E. to Police Operating Budget

President Amato asked what the Borough will be losing if the program ceases. Member Whelan stated that the research has shown that the D.A.R.E. program has failed, and it would be better to transfer the funding to other initiatives. Manager Hart expressed an opinion that moving the funds would allow Chief Erenius to focus on other initiatives. President Amato asked how the account will be sustained and why the amount is high. Manager Hart explained it was provided by Jane Keyes and it is high due to the program not being administered the previous two years due to COVID. Member McClure commented that it would be good for the funds to be spent on the Bike Rodeo and other initiatives to help the children. Member O'Neill asked if there is an issue to transfer the funds when the funds were earmarked for a specific purpose. Solicitor Gifford explained that Council should seek the approval of the donor for the program before it is transferred.

Member Whelan made a motion to approve a budget transfer from the D.A.R.E account to the Police Operating Budget. Member McClure seconded the motion.

Manager Hart recommended the matter be tabled until the Chief has obtained Ms. Keyes's approval of the transfer. Council agreed to table the matter.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: May 10, 2022

Member Whelan made a motion to approve the minutes of May 10, 2022. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$253,736.23

Member McClure made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$253,736.23. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

Member McClure stated that the Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission met recently, and they are looking for someone to hang a screen door at the pool and they are looking for a part-time maintenance person for 20 hours per week.

Manager Hart announced that the Borough received a Zoning Hearing Board Application (#Z-22-04) regarding a land development proposal of 501 East Walnut Street. She added that the Planning Commission will review the application at their next meeting on Wednesday, June 1 and the hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, July 5.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked if this is the McKeever's property. Mr. Berenson asked if the Borough needed to vote on sending legal Counsel to the Zoning Hearing Board meeting. Mr. Guzzardo explained that more details would be provided and there are two upcoming meetings that the Borough can chose whether to send the Solicitor to the hearing.

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

Mayor McDevitt encouraged everyone to be registered for Ready Montco, details on Borough website.

Member O'Neill thanked the VMSC for their services and he explained that he has dealt with them personally. He then thanked those who have served our Country and honored those for Memorial Day.

Member Fazio said that her kids enjoyed the D.A.R.E. program and she would like Borough Council to offer more initiatives to help resolve drug issues.

Member McClure thanked Mayor McDevitt for his blurb about clearing stormwater grates and echoed Member Fazio's comments relating to D.A.R.E.

Vice President Tarlecki thanked those who served and the first responders. He encouraged people to fly the American Flag on Memorial Day.

President Amato expressed his concerns with school violence and encouraged everyone to keep the victims in their thoughts and prayers.

Manager Hart made the following announcements: Montco Trail Challenge Kick-Off and Community Art Day on Saturday, June 4, the Summer Kick-Off and Food Truck Festival on Saturday, June 4, Summer as well as the current list of Borough Boards and Commissions vacancies. She then announced that the Borough has created links on the homepage for the logo links relating to MuniciPay and Montco Ready.

Chief Erenius announced that his officers will be visiting schools. He then added that the Department has conducted 197 traffic stops and issues 97 citations within the past month. He

added that enforcement will be stepped up during the commute times. He added that he is seeking to get new speed radar technology and their vehicles are no longer left idling. He said that they will be given clear directives and ensured Council that the electronics in the cars power up immediately once the cars are turned on. He added that he has completed 18 policies for the Department. He added that they are getting Power DMS which will clearly provide their policies and provide test taking procedures for accountability. Manager Hart added that the Borough Administration and Public Works will also be able to use it. Member Whelan asked about the camera policy. Chief Erenius said that the cameras turn on when the lights are activated. Member Fazio asked if the detour is the cause of additional traffic stops, Chief Erenius indicated to some extent, but he will continue to add traffic patrols for the ongoing speeding complaints and issues.

Member O'Neil asked about food truck regulations. Manager Hart stated she would put a request out the Consortium to see what other municipalities are doing or have in place.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

Attest: _____

Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Hearing Board of the Borough of North Wales will hold a public hearing on July 5, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. The hearing will be held at the Borough Building, located at 300 School Street, North Wales, PA 19454 to consider the following application:

Z-22-04 –George Cholaj, GPC Management LLC– The property is located at 501 E. Walnut Street, North Wales, PA in the R-C Residential District. The parcel ID# of the property is 14-00-04204-00-3. The Applicant is proposing a mixed residential/commercial use with 31 apartments and 3,400 s.f. of commercial/café area with 29 off-street and 5 street parking spaces. The existing building will remain, and the Applicant is proposing a 3-story building with a 10,659 s.f. footprint.

The Applicant is requesting variance relief from: Section 208-47, Permitted uses; Section 208-48, Height, to permit a 3-story building 38 feet in height; Section 208-50, Impervious surfaces, to permit building area of 47.2% and impervious surface of 77%; Section 208-51, Front yard, to permit 0 foot front yards; Section 208-56, Parking and access, to reduce the required 10 foot parking space width; Section 208-133.B, Projections, to allow projections into the yard setbacks and for relief from the 60 ft. sight triangle; Section 208-133.C(1) for a proposed 6' high fence; Sections 208-141.B. and 141.C.(9) from the required 83 parking spaces; Section 208-142.B, Special parking regulations, Conflict with other uses; Section 208-142.C, Joint Use, of the parking spaces; Section 208-142.E.(3), Parking space size, to permit an access drive aisle width of less than 12 feet; Section 208-144.B, Off-street loading, to permit less than the required off-street loading area size. The Applicant is requesting a special exception from Section 208-142.D, Location of parking spaces, to allow street parking.

All interested parties may attend this hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard. Persons with disabilities who wish to attend the hearing and require auxiliary aid, service or other accommodation to participate in the hearing should contact North Wales Borough at 215-699-4424.

Bernadette A. Kearney
Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Every day in America, more than 200 individuals are shot and wounded and more than 110 are killed by gun violence (resulting in an average of nearly 16,000 gun homicides every year), Americans are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries;

WHEREAS: In Pennsylvania, there are an average of 1,628 gun deaths every year, with a rate of 12.4 deaths per 100,000 people, thereby having the 31st highest rate of gun deaths in the US;

WHEREAS: Gun homicides and assaults are concentrated in more densely populated areas, with more than half of all firearm related gun deaths in the nation occurring in 127 cities. Communities across the nation are working to end the senseless violence with evidence-based solutions;

WHEREAS: Gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun violence with more than two years of increased gun sales, increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun violence;

WHEREAS: Mayors, Borough Councils, Staff and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe, and are dedicated to protecting public safety in the communities where we serve;

WHEREAS: Support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns out of the hands of children and away from people with dangerous histories;

WHEREAS: In January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15. On June 3, 2022, what would have been her 25th birthday (born: June 2, 1997), people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and **wear orange** in tribute to -

- (1) Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence; and
- (2) the loved ones of those victims

The idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange, choosing this color for how it symbolizes the value of human life: hunters wear orange in the woods to protect themselves and other hunters;

WHEREAS: Anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June 3rd, the first Friday in June 2022, to help raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors and in doing so, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands while encouraging responsible gun ownership and secure storage to help keep our children safe;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Neil McDevitt, Mayor of the Borough of North Wales, Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim the first Friday in June: **June 3, 2022**, to be **National Gun Violence Awareness Day in North Wales Borough**. I encourage all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to educate one another, put action items into place to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence, and to honor and value human lives.

Neil McDevitt, Mayor
North Wales Borough
May 26, 2022

Smoke Detector Recycling

Smoke detectors are a life-saving device that should be in everyone's home. Smoke detectors have an expiration date—10 years for smoke detectors and 5 to 7 years for combination smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. So how do you dispose of an expired smoke detector?

The answer to this question depends on the type of smoke detector. There are two types of smoke detectors: ionizing and photoelectric.

Ionizing smoke detectors use a tiny amount of a radioactive isotope and electrically charged plates to detect smoke. When smoke enters the detector, it stops the flow of ions between the two electrically charged plates, causing the alarm to sound. Ionizing smoke detectors are best at detecting flaming fires.

Photoelectric smoke detectors contain a light sensor and a light aimed away from the sensor. When smoke enters the detector, the light is reflected onto the light sensor, causing the alarm to sound. Photoelectric smoke detectors are best at detecting smoldering fires.

There are also dual sensors which contain both types of detectors in one unit. You can identify the type of smoke detector by looking at the back. If you see a radioactive symbol (pictured to the right), then you have an ionizing or dual sensor smoke detector. The back of the smoke detector has the manufacture date, which you can use to determine the expiration date.



Smoke detectors are not accepted at Montgomery County household hazardous waste or E-waste recycling events or drop-off locations. Photoelectric smoke detectors can be thrown in your household trash after removing the battery. Due to the radioactive material in ionizing smoke detectors, they must be recycled; however, they cannot be put into a household recycling bin. There are two options for properly recycling ionized or dual sensor smoke detectors:

Return to manufacturer: many companies will accept their brand of ionizing smoke detectors for recycling. The United States Postal Service provides [a list of manufacturers](#) that accept smoke detectors and their addresses. You must pay for postage and, in some cases, a small fee for recycling. Google provides a [free shipping label](#) to recycle their Google Nest smoke detectors.

Smoke detector recycling kit: Curie Environmental Services offers a [smoke detector recycling kit](#) to recycling ionizing smoke detectors, regardless of brand. The kits include proper shipping materials and paid postage. The kit will be shipped to your home, and you can simply add your smoke detectors (battery removed) and drop off with the shipping carrier listed on the postage.

For more information on recycling smoke detectors, go to www.northmontcorecycle.com

★ 4th of July ★
Parade and Picnic



The NWCPA

Would like to invite everyone to help us celebrate the
4th of July!

The parade begins at Main and Elm at 11 am,
then Marches up Main Street to Weingartner Park

★ If you would like to participate in the parade, ★
please call 215-699-6247 or email NWCPA19454@gmail.com

- Veterans and antique cars will gather on Pennsylvania Avenue, behind North Wales Water Authority at 10:30 am
- Children and families with decorated bicycles, scooters, wagons will gather on Water Street, behind May's Funeral Home at 10:30 am
- Businesses that would like to join us will gather on Pennsylvania Avenue, between W. Walnut and Elm Avenue

North Wales Community Project Alliance (NWCPA) is a non-profit North Wales Borough based group of volunteers established to carry out activities that promote the well-being and pride of our community

Boards & Commissions Vacancies

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