



BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES

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**COUNCIL MEETING
REMOTE ACCESS ONLY
Tuesday, November 10, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.**

Salvatore Amato
James Cherry
Sherwin Collins
Ronald S. Little, Jr.
Wendy McClure

Sally Neiderhiser
Eion O'Neill
James Sando
Mark Tarlecki
Gregory J. D'Angelo, Mayor

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

1. Public Comment

2. Consideration: Advertisement of 2021 Annual Budget

3. Consideration: UCC Board of Appeals Appointment, Term Ending 12/31/2025

4. Consideration: Approval of Minutes: 10/27/2020

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

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

Adjournment

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS:

In response to the Governor’s Stay Home Order due to the COVID-19 health pandemic, this meeting will be conducted via ZOOM. All members of Council, staff and public will participate remotely. The public may join this meeting by either telephone using the dial in number or entering the URL on an internet browser. Below you will find instructions on how to access and participate in the meeting:

Meeting URL:

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83082311888?pwd=Q2F1S0k5eHBPRU9qL0k0SEpSM1ZJQT09>
- **Meeting via Zoom App:** if you have the Zoom App on your smartphone, tablet, or computer, open the program, click join a meeting, and enter the Meeting ID: 830 8231 1888
- **Meeting dial in number (no video):** 1-929-205-6099
- **Meeting ID number:** (to be entered when prompted): 830 8231 1888
- **Meeting Password:** 242684

All interested parties may participate through the Zoom Conference link 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 chart@northwalesborough.org; these must be received no later than 12 Noon on November 10, 2020. 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 chart@northwalesborough.org.

Mayor’s Office Hours:

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

Monthly Meeting Information:

Boards and Commissions

HARB	3 rd Wednesday of Month
Historic Commission	3 rd Tuesday of Month
Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission	2 nd Thursday of Month – 7:30 PM
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. in the Municipal Building, unless noted otherwise.

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



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Wales Borough 2021 proposed budget will be available for public review during normal business hours at Borough Hall, located at 300 School Street, North Wales, PA 19454. The final budget will be considered for adoption at the Council meeting scheduled for November 24, 2020. Christine A. Hart, Borough Manager.

October 23, 2020

Mr. Alan Guzzardo


Asst. Borough Manager

300 School Street

North Wales, PA 19454

Alan: I would like to submit my name to be considered for the position on the UCC Board of Appeals for the Upper Gwynedd/North Wales Board. I am a retired Journeyman Electrician (Pennsylvania) having worked over 36 years as an Industrial Electrician for Lee Tires in Conshocken (8 yrs.) and Moore Products/Siemens in Spring House (28+ yrs.). Subsequent to that I was the Environmental, Health & Safety Coordinator for Siemens for 9 years. In that role I was also required to work hand in hand with the site Facility Manager coordinating building & site maintenance and improvements. I am a 41 year rental property owner in the Borough having performed or facilitating numerous mechanical and building improvements on several properties. As President of the North Penn Fire Company I advocated for the purchase of the Shearer Lumber Co. in 1997 and the Stainless Inc. property in 1999. I subsequently coordinated many mechanical and building projects for both properties. I believe I have the experience and qualifications to review appeals submitted to the UCC Board.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James E. Schiele". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

James E. Schiele

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

REMOTE MEETING: October 27, 2020 7:00 PM, 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	Absent
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Eion O'Neill	Present
	James Sando	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present, joined at 7:04 PM
	Mayor Gregory D'Angelo	Present

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

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

President Sando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Jessica Grinspan, a resident of Upper Gwynedd Township, announced her running campaign called, "Propel the Vote" which she will be running on Saturday, October 31st. Her goal is to run up and down every street in the Borough and encourage all residents she meets along the way to vote in the upcoming election and all future elections. Council members thanked Jessica and wished her luck with her venture. Manager Hart stated she would provide Jessica with North Wales 150th Anniversary Commemorative items and would share information about her initiative on the Borough's Facebook page.

Discussion: 2021 Preliminary Budget Overview

Manager Hart provided an overview of the 2021 Preliminary Budget and reviewed the year-to-date Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual Financial Report. Council members asked Manager Hart for clarification on several budget items, to which Manager Hart answered.

Consideration: Acceptance of DARE Program Donation

Manager Hart thanked Jane Keyes for her generous contribution to the DARE program, especially this year given the hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Tex-Mex Connection, to be deposited into the DARE Program Fund. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Zoning Hearing Board Appointment, Term Ending 12/31/2022

Amanda Combs' letter was presented to Council asking for consideration to be appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board. Amanda was present via Zoom and thanked Council for the opportunity to serve and indicated if appointed, she looks forward to her new position.

Member Collins made a motion to appoint Amanda Combs to the Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate member, term ending 12/31/2022. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: UCC Board of Appeals Appointment, Term Ending 12/31/2024

Vice President Cherry made a motion to appoint James Schiele to the Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals, term ending 12/31/2024. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: COA(s): 417 E. Montgomery Ave. & 402 E. Montgomery Ave.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness, as presented for a roof replacement project at 417 East Montgomery Avenue. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness, as presented for stucco repairs and a porch replacement project at 402 East Montgomery Avenue. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Disbursements: \$137,949.06

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$137,949.06. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Minutes: September 22, 2020 & October 13, 2020

Member O'Neill made a motion to approve the minutes of September 22, 2020. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve the minutes of October 13, 2020. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

Manager Hart announced that the previous sound system equipment has been posted for bidding on Municibid until Thursday, November 19 and Council would likely award the bid at the following meeting on Tuesday, November 24. She then announced that the Borough has established a Municipay account so the Borough can now accept card payments.

Assistant Manager Guzzardo confirmed that there are no pending zoning appeals.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Chief of Police / Manager

Solicitor Gifford announced that there will be an executive session following the meeting to discuss a personnel matter as well as a legal matter relating to Station Place. He anticipated no action will be taken.

Vice President Cherry praised Dan Sokil, of the Reporter, for his recent article titled, “North Wales Councilman Draws on Past to Call for Calm,” published on October 15. He then requested input from Council in the future related to establishing term limits for Council members.

Member O’Neill requested that information be posted on Halloween celebrations and alerted everyone of a scam operation with people claiming to be employees of the North Wales Water Authority.

Chief Eves announced that the “Back the Blue” campaign, organized by Mark Smith, 442 South Eighth Street, has raised \$1,400.00 in donations, \$1,000.00 of which has been provided to the Fraternal Order of Police organization and the remaining \$400.00 will be donated to the DARE Program Fund. Manager Hart requested that Council formally accept the donation.

Vice President Cherry made a motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$400.00 from the Back the Blue campaign, to be deposited into the DARE Program fund. Member O’Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Chief Eves then announced that school is back in session and officers are attending newly required annual training.

Manager Hart announced that signs will be posted at the Borough’s parks and grounds to solicit volunteers for the Parks and Recreation Board and thanked Member O’Neill for suggesting the idea.

President Sando asked for Council input on returning to in-person Council meetings. Council agreed to continue virtual meetings until conditions improve.

Jessica Grinspan thanked Council for their support, and said she hopes to attend more Council meetings in the future.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager

Borough Boards & Commissions Vacancies

- Historical Architectural Review Board – Term Expires: 12/31/2023
Must be a licensed real estate broker.
- Parks & Recreation Board – Term Expires: 12/31/2020
- Parks & Recreation Board – Term Expires: 12/31/2022
- Parks & Recreation Board – Term Expires: 12/31/2023
- Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals – Term Expires: 12/31/2021

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.