

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: April 11, 2023, 7:07 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Amato.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	Sherwin Collins	Absent
	Anji Fazio	Present
	Alexander Groce	Present
	Brittany Kohler	Present
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Absent
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Sarah Whelan	Present
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Present

Also, in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor and David Erenius, Chief of Police.

Solicitor Gifford made an announcement that Council held an executive session prior to the meeting regarding a matter of potential litigation. No action is being taken.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington asked what the date was of the Primary Election, he wanted to make sure it did not conflict with one of May's scheduled Council meetings. President Amato indicated the Primary Election is being held on Tuesday, May 16th, 2023.

Presentation: Public Review Process; North Wales Borough -Wissahickon Creek Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Strategy and Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP)

Katie Samus from Land Studies reviewed the TMDL Strategy and PRP Plans, she explained the plans' purpose and educated those in attendance on how and why these plans are important to our MS4 requirements and stormwater requirements. President Amato asked questions about BMP's (Best Management Practices), Katie reviewed the 14 recommended BMP's and updated Council about the BMP we are currently practicing and those that are most practical and why. She explained why education is so important and gave suggestions as to how staff and elected officials can assist in educating our residents. Member McClure asked specific questions about the Wissahickon Creek's flow and asked Katie how we can report and or effectively tract BMP's when the creek is dry or not flowing at the same rate daily. Katie indicated that is managed through a larger scope through the MS4 Program. Member McClure reminded everyone to be cognizant of pesticide, lawn chemicals, and dog waste, as all these are considered pollutants.

Katie also reviewed the table in the plan and explained how the BMP's how impacted our numbers and explained how existing BMP's being practiced help meet our TMDL and PRP requirements. Albert Tenney, 801 E. Walnut Street, asked about potential locations for stream bank restoration. Manager Hart confirmed the property is in Upper Gwynedd Township, but the Borough is the owner (599 Elm Ave, old sewer plant). Manager Hart stated that the location is identified as a potential stream bank restoration project only if more credit is needed to meet our requirements and if a funding opportunity becomes available. Mr. Tenney also mentioned that there are pollutants other than sediment that impair the levels of nutrients in the stream, Katie agreed and mentioned that the BMP's are aimed at treating a minimum of 10% of the sediment load, and in doing so will help the nitrogen and phosphorus levels.

Discussion: Public Update: MS4 Program

Manager Hart provided a Public MS4 Program Update. She explained there are six reporting parts to the MS4 program, called Minimum Control Measures (MCM). The Borough reports annually on compliance with these control measures.

1. Minimum Control Measure (MCM)#1- Public Education and Outreach on Storm Water Impacts:
 - We have a very good educational piece on our website for "How to Report a Stormwater Issue" for ID&D issues.
2. MCM#2- Public Involvement and Participation:
 - Public Involvement/Participation Plan – we have added measurable goals to the plan.
 - BMP#3- Hold a Public Meeting to discuss the MS4 Program- Can be incorporated into a PRP Hearing too. The meeting we are having this evening meets this requirement.
3. MCM#3- Illicit Discharge, Detection and Elimination (IDD&E)
 - Going forward will should use DEP Outfall Field Screening Report, this comment was noted by our engineer, and we have recognized it.
4. MCM#4- Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control- Handled primarily by the Conservation District.
5. **MCM#5- Post Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment**
 - Need PCSM Plan for SEPTA Project and North Wales Elementary School.
 - We are working on this by developing better routine scheduled checks and maintenance visits to ensure proper care is being taken of private facilities within the Borough.
 - Need to review BMP maintenance requirements for NPDES sites.
 - BMP Inspections - Setup Inspection Forms. The Borough is aware of this requirement and is working on developing a checklist and system.

- BMP Education- Educate owners on their maintenance and inspection requirements.
 - Create an Inspection Program - Owner conducted, Borough monitored with record keeping. This initiative has not been started; however Public Works staff is working on developing a program.
6. **MCM#6- Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping** – Will work with our engineer on this in the months of May and June. As part of the PRP presentation just discussed we will need to track our street sweeping and inlet cleaning programs to document the weight of sediment and trash removed from our streets and inlets.
- Conduct employee training (BMP#3)- ID&D, Conditional assessments of regulated BMP's and non-regulated BMP's, facility maintenance. Again, this has not been started but will be included in the above program initiatives. This may include training on the importance of record keeping.
 - Update O&M Program Plan (last updated 2005)
 - Track O&M Work, this has started:
 - a) Street sweeping program. Create a program to document results.
 - b) Inlet cleaning and repair. Create program and document results.
 - c) Outfall/Headwall inspection and repair and other stormwater related work, document results.
7. **PCM (Pollutant Control Measures)** – Pathogens; one of the MS4 requirements for the Borough is to develop measures to reduce pathogens entering the water streams.
- It appears Pathogens Mapping was submitted to DEP on June 30, 2021. Need to get a copy of the mapping.
 - Need to create a Source Inventory Report - this report identifies possible sources of pathogens. For our Borough this involves restaurants/food processing, open dumpsters, pet waste, sewer lines that leak (I&I issues)
 - Need to Investigate Suspected Sources - Once this report is completed then these sources need to be inspected.
8. **NOI Application for next 5-year MS4 NPDES Permit**- The current 2018 MS4 General Permits have been extended 2-years statewide. This may translate to Individual MS4 Permits which North Wales Borough is currently under. This will be finalized during the PRP approval process.

Manager Hart concluded her MS4 review update by stating that the Borough updated their Stormwater Ordinance last September which was a major milestone for its current MS4 Permit and will soon have an approved Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) as discussed, this evening, which will be another major milestone.

Proclamation: National Library Week, April 23-29, 2023

Jayne Blackledge, North Wales Area Library librarian, updated Council and the public on several upcoming events being held by the library. She highlighted the “Taste of Montgomery County” and provided details regarding the “Dorothy Rorer” Memorial Pavilion being built next

month in honor of longtime resident and librarian Dorothy Rorer. Borough Council and Manager Hart thanked Mrs. Blackledge for her service to not only the NWAL, but to the community as well. Jocelyn Tenney, 801 E. Walnut Street, NWAL Board Member, added commentary about the library and the wonderful events and opportunities that exist. She too thanked Jayne and Council for the partnership Council maintains with the library.

Member McClure made a motion to approve the Proclamation for National Library Week, April 23-29th recognizing especially those who serve the North Wales Area Library. Member Whalen seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Disposal of Records in Accordance to Records Retention Policy

Member McClure made a motion to approve the disposal of records in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipal Records Manual, last amended March 28, 2019. Member Whalen seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: March 28, 2023

Member McClure made a motion to approve the minutes of March 28, 2023. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

Manager Hart announced that there were no updates relating to old business, committee and boards reports, or zoning applications received to date.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced that a very short executive session would take place after the meeting to provide an update on a personnel matter. No action will be taken.

Mayor McDevitt reported that he had the pleasure of conducting two weddings since the last report to Borough Council. The first was a Deaf couple in Hatfield Borough who had been together for well over 20 years and the other ceremony was a second marriage for both that took place right here in this room. Mayor McDevitt reminded Council and residents that he does not charge for these services. He also recounted some amazing events here in the Borough, the Human Library at the North Wales Area Library, the Easter Egg Hunt by the volunteers of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the grand opening of Feline Frenzy Thrift Shop & Adopt and mentioned looking forward to the Earth Day events coming up on April 22, 2023.

In addition, the Mayor announced that this week is Local Government Week in Pennsylvania. It's a time to appreciate the work that elected and appointed officials do in concert with staff and volunteers to make local governments successful.

Finally, "next week is my 50th birthday," the Mayor added, "while I know it may be difficult for many to believe this guy is hitting his half-century mark, I would ask folks to channel that

disbelief into donations to the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company; the volunteers do so much to make our community what it is today. Thank you!”

Member Whelan thanked Manager Hart, the members of Parks and Recreation, as well as the Police Department for attending the Annual Egg Hunt event, she said it was enjoyed by many and appreciated everyone’s efforts. She also reminded those in attendance that April is Autism Acceptance Month, creating a world where everyone is supported and feels connected and accepted within their communities.

Member Kohler thanked her fellow elected officials and community volunteers for being active and engaging within the community. She encouraged more people to be involved and urged residents to attend more Council meetings to keep apprised of what’s happening in and around the Borough.

Member McClure reminded attendees that the Montgomery Theatre has special events that are sensory sensitive for those with Autism. She also reminded everyone about the North Wales Arts and Cultural Center will be having three upcoming concerts in April and May.

Chief Erenius reviewed his monthly report, he highlighted the purchase of body cameras for the department and informed Council that Manna on Main Street has been working with local police departments providing food donations for those in need.

Manager Hart announced the following events: Earth Day Extravaganza on Saturday, April 22, Taste of Montgomery County on Thursday, April 27, and a listing of events being hosted by the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Montgomery County. She also reminded folks of the three upcoming concerts at the Art Center, one on April 18, April 23, and May 21, 2023. Information pertaining to the events has been posted on our website and on social media.

In closing, Manager Hart reminded everyone to review the scope of work and zoning amendment topics being presented on May 3rd at the upcoming Planning Commission Meeting.

Member McClure made a motion to adjourn. Member Kohler seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager