

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: April 12, 2022, 7:02 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Amato.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	Sherwin Collins	Present
	Anji Fazio	Present
	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, David Erenius, Chief of Police, Alan Guzzardo, Assistant Borough Manager and Brian Sleicher, Public Works Supervisor.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamation: Mayor McDevitt - Autism Acceptance Month

Mayor McDevitt issued a proclamation, designating the Month of April 2022 as Autism Acceptance Month and presented it to Member Fazio's son, Isaiah, who is autistic.

President Amato requested a moment of silence for Shane Williams, a fifth-grade student at North Wales Elementary School, who passed away due to month-long battle with an illness. He then announced that Shane's family has started a Go Fund Me in his memory and encouraged people to contribute toward the fund if they are able.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Public Service Announcement: NPVFC - Cooking Safety

Fire Chief Matthew Traynor issued a public service announcement, titled "Cooking Safety".

Member Neiderhiser shared her experience with a cooking fire and cautioned people to not panic if an accident occurs.

Manager Hart stated it would be shared on the Borough website and Facebook page.

Consideration: Disposal of Records in Accordance to Records Retention Policy

Member Fazio made a motion to approve the disposal of records (list attached to resolution) in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipal Records Manual, last amended March 28, 2019. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: March 22, 2022

Member McClure made a motion to approve the minutes of March 22, 2022. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

Manager Hart announced that the Borough is proceeding with the bidding process for the roof replacement project for the North Wales Area Library. She hopes they will have a bid package prepared by the first Council meeting May and have Council award it sooner after.

Manager Hart then announced that the Center Street Pedestrian Connection and Gateway Project is underway, and she presented photos of the construction work. Member Whelan stated she is very happy with the project, and she looks forward to walking her daughter on the new sidewalk.

Manager Hart then announced that the Borough received a Zoning Hearing Board Application (#Z-22-03) regarding a two-lot subdivision proposal of 426 East Montgomery Avenue and the hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3.

Member McClure reviewed the Public Safety Committee meeting notes of their meeting held on Monday, March 7.

Vice President Tarlecki then reviewed a set of draft minutes for a Planning Commission meeting held on Wednesday, April 6 and the 2021 Planning Commission Annual Report. He added that the Commission recommended Council pass an amendment to the Zoning Code, requiring businesses to have a Knox Box. He then announced that the Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority will be coming out to the May 4 Planning Commission meeting to review their services.

Gregory D'Angelo, Vice Chair of the Planning Commission, suggested that Council adopt a standalone ordinance that requires Knox Boxes instead of an amendment to the Zoning Code and he thanked the Montgomery County Planning Commission for all their services. Vice President Tarlecki encouraged people to attend Planning Commission meetings to hear more about the projects they are working on and contribute their ideas. Member McClure suggested that Knox Boxes be made available for homeowners in case they are not home, and the Public Safety Committee is working on it. Manager Hart suggested running a campaign to encourage business owners and homeowners to get one versus initially passing an ordinance.

Manager Hart then reviewed the 2021 HARB Annual Report. Assistant Manager Guzzardo then reviewed how the Borough Administration is addressing the recommendations of the HARB.

Member Fazio indicated that the Communications Committee met and will provide an update at the April 26 meeting.

President Amato announced that the Finance Committee met and will be developing a Finance Committee guidance document.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced an executive session will be held after tonight's meeting to discuss a real estate matter and a personnel matter. He added that no action will be taken this evening following the session.

Mayor McDevitt thanked the North Wales Area Library for hosting the Human Library Event on Saturday, April 9 and said it was a wonderful experience.

Member Whelan thanked Mayor McDevitt for his Proclamation and said that as a teacher of students with Autism, it is important that people not just recognize but accept the disorder. She then thanked the community, Manager Hart, Chief Erenius and Officer Custer for assisting with the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 10.

Member O'Neill announced that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met and announced the items that Public Works is working on and expressed his appreciation for Public Works Supervisor Sleicher's efforts and the Department. He then thanked Assistant Manager Guzzardo for coordinating training for himself and other Council members who attended the Course in Community Planning at Lansdale Borough.

Member Groce stated he enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday as well and wished everyone a Happy Easter and Passover.

Member Neiderhiser echoed her support for the Proclamation as well and recounted her experiences with working with the mental health community. She then encouraged people to contribute to the Go Fund Me for Shane.

Member Fazio expressed her support for the Proclamation, and said it meant a lot to her son, Isaiah.

Member McClure reminded everyone to keep Ukraine in their thoughts and prayers.

Vice President Tarlecki thanked Manager Hart for having chocolate eggs at the Easter Egg Hunt.

President Amato thanked the Fire Company and Police Department for keeping the community safe and thanked Mayor McDevitt for his Proclamation.

Chief Erenius announced that Lower Moreland Township asked for vests to be donated to the Ukraine people and the North Wales Police Department was able to donate six vests that were not in service. He then announced that Ten7 Brewing Company is holding a fundraiser event on Thursday, April 21 and he will be tending bar as a "celebrity guest".

Manager Hart made the following announcements: Earth Day Extravaganza on Saturday, April 23, Wissahickon Clean-up Day on Saturday, April 30, the Summer Kick-Off and Food Truck Festival on Saturday, June 4 and the current list of Borough Boards and Commissions vacancies.

Manager Hart then announced that the Borough has received its Five-Year Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plan Audit reports and there was a finding on the Non-Uniform Report that was due to PMRS being behind in their issuance of plan reporting, this was mainly due to COVID and the associated government shutdowns. Lastly, she announced that the Borough has completed its Annual Audit Report which will be presented by Maillie, LLP soon.

Manager Hart announced that she approved two Public Activity Permits for the annual Tex-Mex 5K Race on Wednesday, June 22 and for St. Peter's to host mass services in Weingartner Park.

Member McClure made a motion to adjourn. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager