

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: April 14, 2026, 7:00 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Tarlecki at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:	Candace Anderson	Present
	Melanie Catanese	Present
	Sherwin Collins	Present
	Alexander Groce	Present
	Anji Fazio	Present
	Star Little	Absent
	Susan Manning	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Present

Also, in attendance were Borough Solicitor, John Filice; Chief of Police, David Erenius; Assistant Borough Manager, Danielle Ervin, and Junior Council Member, Violet Anderson.

Manager Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Colin Beatty, Assistant Fire Chief, gave a community update announcing that under the new chief, the goal is to provide better communication to the public about the fire company's activities. He pointed out that North Penn Now ran an article where the fire chief was interviewed, and he recommended that residents read the article, as it has good information on the current needs of the volunteer fire service. He also shared the fire response statistics for March, along with the fact that they currently have four members in a Firefighter One program, which is a large educational undertaking. Most companies only have two participants, and the NPVFC is proud to have four. He also mentioned the information on the annual fund drive they should have received in the mail, asking residents to support the NPVFC and reminded everyone that they rely heavily on the donations collected during this drive.

Jocelyn Tenney, 801 E. Walnut Street, asked Assistant Chief Beatty if a report involving the building fire at 132 Shearer Street would indicate the cause of the fire; to which Mr. Beatty responded that the NPVFC's role is to determine if it was intentional or an accident. After that, the insurance company reviews the details to determine the various liabilities.

President Tarlecki pointed out the willingness of the volunteers to handle the fire calls and extended his thanks and appreciation.

Proclamation: Proclaiming National Library Week April 19-25, 2026

Mayor McDevitt summarized the proclamation for National Library Week and shared that the Library was recognized as one of America's top-rated libraries for 2015 and 2016 and was presented the 2023 Best of Literacy award by PA Forward, which is part of the PA Library Association. He went on to say that the Library is more than just books, but a safe space for kids, teens, and adults to read, use resources, and research without the fear of censorship. He encouraged residents to stop by the Library during the week to experience the library and utilize its resources.

Erin Thompson, Assistant Director of the Library, shared a presentation on the Library's recent children's programs that have been added over the past several years for children of all ages, as well as programs for families.

Jennifer Koch, Library Director, shared additional thoughts on the support that the North Wales Borough and residents have provided, allowing the Library to take advantage of grants to make various upgrades to its facility.

Member Catanese complimented the Library for the work they are doing for North Wales Borough and the surrounding community.

Consideration: Resignation of Dan Levy from Parks & Recreation Board

Member Fazio made a motion to approve the resignation of Dan Levy from the Parks & Recreation Board. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Appointment to Parks and Recreation Board, term ending 12/31/2027

President Tarlecki introduced Niama Thomas, 227 S. Second St., who summarized her background and interest in joining the Parks & Recreation Board. Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve the appointment of Niama Thomas to the Parks and Recreation Board, term ending December 31, 2027. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Appointment to Planning Commission, term ending 12/31/2028

President Tarlecki introduced Justin Kemmerer, 227 S. Sixth Street, who summarized his background and interest in joining the Planning Commission. President Tarlecki shared that the Planning Commission is working on a Streetscape Plan, which will be completed in approximately eighteen months. Member Collins made a motion to approve the appointment of Justin Kemmerer to the Planning Commission, term ending December 31, 2028. Member Manning seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Appointment to Shade Tree Commission, term ending 12/31/2029

Manager Hart mentioned that Zoe Rex agreed to assume the open position on the Shade Tree Commission. Member Fazio made a motion to approve the appointment of Zoe Rex to the Shade

Tree Commission, term ending December 31, 2029. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Disposal of Records

Manager Hart explained that the Borough follows the Pennsylvania Municipal Records Retention Act, which directs the appropriate timeframes for shredding documents. The Borough does this around the Borough's Shred-a-thon and Recycling Day, which is Saturday, April 25th. The event is sponsored by local businesses and the Borough's recycling funds.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked if the recycling event included fire extinguishers, to which Manager Hart responded, yes.

Member Catanese made a motion to Approve the Disposal of Records. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Appointment of North Wales Borough Police Pension Plan Administrator

Manager Hart introduced the topic by stating that there were three firms considered, including the current administrator; Principal. All three were interviewed by the Police Pension Committee as part of the RFP process, and a summary of each firm was provided to the Police Pension Committee and to Council. President Tarlecki discussed the pros and cons of each firm's proposal and reviewed the memo submitted by the Police Pension Committee.

Member Fazio made a motion to appoint CBIZ Investment Advisory Services, LLC to serve as the Police Pension Plan Administrator. Member Catanese seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Authorize payment of \$46,105.65 – 9th Street Streambank Project

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to Authorize payment of \$46,105.65 for the 9th Street Streambank Project. Vice President Groce seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of 9th St. Park Streambank Restoration Change Order #1

Member Hart explained that this change order was anticipated due to the Borough's request to increase the caliber size of the newly planted trees. As a result, larger, more sustainable trees were added along with additional water sources. Member Fazio made a motion to approve the 9th st. Park Streambank restoration change Order #1. Member Catanese seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: March 24, 2026

Member Manning made a motion to approve the Minutes from March 24, 2025. Vice President Groce seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / New Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

Manager Hart announced that she will be providing a Letter of Support for Upper Gwynedd Township's application to the Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) for the revitalization of the Park-Sci Playground at the Parkside Place complex.

There were no Zoning applications.

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

Solicitor Filice had no comment.

Mayor McDevitt wanted to congratulate North Wales Running Company on their 20th Anniversary! Beyond being a running store, they provide products and services that many of us can use, including shoes that can help with common foot issues and pickleball equipment. They are a huge part of many of our events, including the Tex Mex 5K, and we're thankful they've chosen us to be their home! We're also happy that the SEPTA crews had great weather to wrap up their work on the Main Street crossing. The closure of Main Street wasn't without headaches, but by and large, it was fairly uneventful. And as always - a big thank you to the Parks and Recreation crews for another amazing Egg Hunt event! It's always amazing to see so many kids there and take full advantage of a beautiful morning! If you read the news, you'll know that under their supervision, we've managed to avoid some of the nastier egg hunt issues we've seen elsewhere!

Member Anderson thanked the fire company for their quick response involving the fire on Shearer Street.

Member Catanese reminded everyone that April is Distracted Drivers Awareness month and encouraged everyone to be smart when they get behind the wheel of a vehicle.

Member Neiderhiser thanked the fire department for all that they do. She congratulated the newly appointed members of the Boards and Commissions. She also thanked Mayor McDevitt for the proclamation for the Library and for the Library for hosting the Taste of Montgomery event.

Member Fazio mentioned the great job on the Egg Hunt and the Library's Taste of Montgomery. She also commented on the great response received regarding the Parks and Recreation video project. She also thanked Borough staff for their work on preparing the information related to the Request for Proposal for the Police Department Pension.

Junior Council Member Anderson asked what was going on at the railroad crossing on Main Street. President Tarlecki responded that it was for railroad crossing upgrades.

The Police Chief stated that, other than the Police Department's Monthly Report included in the packet, he had no other updates.

Public Works will attend the second meeting of the month to give their update.

Manager Hart thanked the library for all their resources; it is an inclusive place for all ages. She mentioned that Member Little asked that she remind everyone of the North Wales Plant Sale on April 16th. She also reminded everyone that the Parks and Recreation video project needs additional speakers for the Fall session. Additionally, she shared the upcoming events for the North Wales Arts and Cultural Center, which include a series of puppet shows and a musical quintet for America250, along with some popular classical music. There are plans to have a second brass quintet to pair with a local tasting event.

Manager Hart also reminded everyone about the Earth Day Extravaganza on April 25th. She also reminded everyone about the upcoming North Wales Farmers Market kick-off on May 3rd.

Adjournment

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member Fazio seconded the motion.
Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager