

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: April 25, 2023, 7:01 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Amato.

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

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

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Justin Copenhaver, 212 Highland Avenue reported on the relaunch status of the Borough Business Alliance. There are 16 members who have pledged to participate, and he hopes to add more. He reported that they are working on organizing the Charter and would like to do a soft launch at the Summer Kickoff Event. Member Whelan asked if he would be attending the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting to coordinate that effort. Justin responded that he would once they have their information ready. Member Collins asked if Justin would use any of the previous BBA materials. Mr. Copenhaver responded no, there are no materials available to his knowledge. President Amato thanked Mr. Copenhaver for his efforts.

Presentation: DCED 2022 Annual Audit Report(s)

Manager Hart introduced Chris Herr from Maillie, LLP, who then began to present an executive summary and overview of the 2022 DCED Audit reports and financials. Member Collins asked if the adverse opinions were common across most Boroughs. Mr. Herr responded that this has been consistent across municipalities. Member Collins asked if the Police Pension Fund shortfall would be expected to be repeated in 2023. Manager Hart responded that it would depend on the actuarial study. Mr. Herr gave more details as to the schedule of the study and when it is to be completed. Manager Hart thanked Mr. Herr for his presentation.

Swearing-In: North Penn Volunteer Fire Company Fire Police Officer Ross & Officer Heiser

Mayor McDevitt swore in Officer Ross and Officer Heiser. Manager Hart thanked the officers and their guests for coming. President Amato also thanked the officers for their service.

Consideration: Appointment of William Kaelin as Emergency Management Coordinator

Manager Hart explained that these appointments are official housekeeping items required for the Emergency Preparedness Plan and thanked Mr. Kaelin and Mr. Holt for their work and dedication to the community. Mr. Kaelin will be providing an up-to-date plan within the next few weeks to be presented to the Council.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to appoint William Kaelin as Emergency Management Coordinator. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Appointment of Donald Holt, Jr. as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator

Member McClure made a motion to appoint Donald Holt, Jr. as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Resignation of Collette D'Angelo, Human Relations Commission

Council thanked Ms. D'Angelo for her service to the Borough. Manager Hart commented that Ms. D'Angelo was one of the initial members of the Human Relations Commission and appreciated the time she served.

Member Fazio made a motion to accept Collette D'Angelo's resignation from the Human Relations Commission. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Inter-Governmental Agreement with Upper and Lower Gwynedd Townships for UCC Board of Appeals

Manager Hart explained the need for the UCC Board of Appeals IGA and explained the process of how and when the UCC Appeals Board convenes.

Member McClure made a motion to approve the Inter-Governmental Agreement with Upper and Lower Gwynedd Townships. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: April 11, 2023

Changes were requested to correct spelling of 'Manager' and to change the theater name to "Montgomery Theater". Member Whelan and Member Kohler approved the changes.

Member Whelan made a motion to approve the minutes of April 11, 2023. Member Kohler seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$70,492.18

Manager Hart reviewed the bills on the disbursement list for April 2023.

Member McClure made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$70,492.18. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness: 200 W. Walnut Street

Member McClure made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness as presented for 200 W. Walnut Street. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

Manager Hart commented about the proposed Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map Amendments, she reminded everyone that the Planning Commission will be having a public presentation on May 3rd at 7pm. Council will be asked to vote on these proposed changes and the public input will be discussed. Council is expecting to review the recommended amendments and vote on them in the mid to latter part of the Summer. Member Tarlecki encouraged Council members to attend the meeting. Member Whelan asked if the meeting could be broadcast or virtual. Manager Hart said she would investigate the logistics. Manager Hart commented that every document related to the upcoming presentation is located on the website for review.

Gregory D'Angelo, 915 East Montgomery, reported the importance of all Council members to be present at the meeting for the updates pertaining to the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map Amendments.

Manager Hart reported there are no Zoning Applications.

Member Fazio asked if the Human Relations had enough people on the Commission. Manager Hart commented that only two members remain, but she is hopeful the vacancies will be filled sooner than later.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced that there will be no executive session this evening.

Mayor McDevitt reported he was excited to hear about the BBA restarting and the efforts Justin has made. Mayor McDevitt reported he met with Maura, the head of Feline Frenzy Adoption and was able to learn more about her efforts. He also thanked all the staff, volunteers, vendors, and participants who participated in the Earth Day Extravaganza. Mayor McDevitt reported he is looking forward to the Taste of Montgomery County Fundraiser to support the North Wales Area Library. Lastly, the Mayor announced that he has raised \$235.00 for the Fire Company, and he is hoping to raise more towards his 50th Birthday Fundraiser.

Member Whelan congratulated and thanked Officer Ross and Officer Heiser for their service. Member Whelan also thanked William Kaelin for keeping our community safe. Member Whelan thanked Manager Hart for all the work she has been doing and for the Earth Day Extravaganza.

Member Kohler stated she is excited for the BBA and the benefits it will bring to the community.

Member Neiderhiser stated that she attended the Recycling event on Earth Day and appreciated all the work done for a successful event.

Member Fazio stated she is excited for the BBA and thanked Justin for his work. Member Fazio reported that she took a tour of the Water Treatment Facility and recommended the experience. Member Fazio also attended the Earth Day Event and thanked Manager Hart for putting together a successful and well-organized event.

Member McClure reported that the North Wales Cultural Center had a good turnout for the recent concert of the Tookany Creek Bluegrass Band and recommended Council attend future concerts.

President Amato agreed with Member Fazio regarding the Water Treatment Tour and all the other comments from Council Members relating to events, staff , and community participation.

Chief Erenius had no comments.

Manager Hart commented that the Tookany Creek Bluegrass Band was a great event. She also appreciates Justin's work on the BBA. She also announced the following events: Taste of Montgomery County on Thursday, April 27, and Acclaimed Pianist Alexei Tartakovsky's concert at the North Wales Arts and Cultural Center on Sunday, May 21, and Community Day on Saturday, September 30. She mentioned that at the upcoming meeting in May, she would be requesting Council to approve generous donations from community members towards Fireworks for the Summer Kick-Off on Saturday, June 3rd.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager