

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: April 26, 2022, 7:05 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	Absent
	Eion O'Neill	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Absent
	Sarah Whelan	Present
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Absent

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

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Amato announced that Member Whelan completed a triathlon with one of her students and he congratulated her for accomplishing this feat. He added that this was made possible by The Kyle Pease Foundation which creates opportunities for inclusion for anyone with a disability.

Public Comment

Jocelyn Tenney, 801 East Walnut Street, reported that the North Wales Area Library had 52 people participate in the Human Library Event, held on Saturday, April 9. She added that there were several people of different backgrounds who were able to share their experiences and they have a grant to run it again next year.

Mary Acciavatti, 301 South Center Street, expressed her concerns with the Center Street Sidewalk Extension project and requested an update on the project. Manager Hart announced that the project had been placed on hold since the Borough did not anticipate receiving the 2021 TASA Grant. However, the Borough was notified on Wednesday, April 20 that it was awarded the TASA Grant. She added that the Borough had previously met with the affected property owners in November and the Borough will be arranging individual meetings with the property owners in the near future.

David Acciavatti, 301 South Center Street, suggested moving a North Penn School District bus stop located at Center and Shearer Street to a location closer to the Windsor Way Development for safety purposes. He then cautioned about the cheek wall that was installed as part of the ADA upgrade at the corner of his property in conjunction with the 2020 Paving Project. Lastly, he mentioned that the streetlight at Center and Montgomery needs to be readjusted.

Ian Horowitz, 348 West Montgomery Avenue, expressed his concerns with the Center Street Sidewalk Extension Project and requested that Council not move forward with the project.

Kathy Skalak, 342 Shearer Street, mentioned that the Center Street Sidewalk Extension Project would negatively impact trees on her property. Manager Hart reiterated that the Borough would be scheduling a meeting with her to discuss her concerns and the Borough will do its best to resolve them.

Consideration: Approval of Pandemic Recovery Funds Application

Manager Hart reviewed the guidelines of the Pandemic Recovery Funds Application process. She announced that the Borough is seeking to partner with non-profit organizations for a re-adaptive use project for the North Wales Arts and Cultural Center.

Member Fazio made a motion to approve a Pandemic Recovery Funds Application for the North Wales Arts and Cultural Center. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Payment #1: Center Street Pedestrian Connection and Gateway Project: \$57,816.00

Member Collins made a motion to approve payment #1 in the amount of \$57,816.00 for the Center Street Pedestrian Connection and Gateway Project. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Resolution of Endorsement for the Liberty Bell Feasibility Study

Member Whelan said that she supported the Liberty Bell Trail and said she enjoyed using it to get to Lansdale Borough.

Member McClure made a motion to approve a resolution of endorsement for the Liberty Bell Trail Feasibility Study. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness: 117 E Montgomery Ave

Member O'Neill mentioned the sign looks cleaner than the previous sign and is much more noticeable. Member Whelan asked if the new sign will be externally lit. Manager Hart stated it would not.

Member Fazio made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness as presented for 117 East Montgomery Avenue. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Acceptance of Resignation of Lisa Byrne from the P&R Board

Member Collins made a motion to accept the resignation of Lisa Byrne from the Parks and Recreation Board, effective immediately. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: April 12, 2022

Gregory D'Angelo, 915 East Montgomery Avenue, requested an amendment to the minutes to indicate that he said the Borough could pass a stand-alone ordinance requiring Knox Boxes instead of an amendment to the Zoning Code.

Member Whelan also requested that the minutes be amended to indicate she said Autism is a disorder, not an illness.

Member Fazio made a motion to approve the minutes of April 12, 2022 with the suggested amendments. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$146,018.82

Manager Hart reviewed the bills list.

Member McClure made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$146,018.82. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

Manager Hart reviewed a set of draft minutes for the Human Relations Commission meeting that occurred on Thursday, April 21.

Member McClure announced she is excited to be meeting with the Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission as a new member.

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, 2022.

Manager Hart also announced that she met with Rebecca Swanson from the Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority, and they are meeting with the Planning Commission next week.

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

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

Members of Council thanked the public for coming out. Member Whelan suggested that people contact them via e-mail or telephone and reminded folks that the North Wales Community Facebook page is not associated with the Borough, its operated privately and not monitored by staff. Member Collins added that they have their business cards available.

Member O'Neill asked if Chief Erenius could research potential traffic impacts as a result of the upcoming closure of the Route 202 and Sumneytown Pike intersection.

Manager Hart made the following announcements: collection dates for household hazardous waste hosted by the Montgomery County Recycling Office, 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.

Member McClure made a motion to adjourn. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Attest: _____

Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager