

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

REMOTE MEETING: August 11, 2020 7:00 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Sando.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	James Cherry	Present
	Sherwin Collins	Present
	Ronald S. Little, Jr.	Present
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Eion O'Neill	Present
	James Sando	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Mayor Gregory D'Angelo	Present

Also in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor, Alan Guzzardo, Assistant Borough Manager, Michael Eves, Chief of Police and Brian Sleicher, Public Works Crew Leader.

This meeting was held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions.

President Sando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

William Kaelin, Borough Emergency Management Coordinator, provided an impact and aftermath report relating to Tropical Storm Isaias, which occurred on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. Mr. Kaelin commended emergency services and Borough officials for their efforts in helping to keep people safe during the storm including, but not limited to setting up roadblocks on flooded roadways, assisting with water rescues, keeping stormwater inlets clear to ensure adequate drainage and checking on residents within their homes.

Public Comment

There was none.

Presentation: 2019 Municipal Annual Audit & Financial Report

Christopher Herr of Maillie, LLP, Borough Auditor, presented the Borough's 2019 Municipal Annual Audit and Financial Report. Mr. Herr reviewed the 2019 Audit in detail, he also explained the Auditor's Opinion Letter and explained that because the Borough received over \$750,000 in federal funding for the Safe Routes to School Project, a single audit was also necessary to perform.

Member Amato asked what why Boroughs are audited. Mr. Herr stated the purpose of the Audit Report is to provide an assessment of the Borough's financial statement. He then added that the assessment is to ensure that the Borough's financial reporting is reliable and accurate.

Presentation: Plan Proposal – 501 E. Walnut St.

This item was postponed until the September 8th Council meeting.

Announcement: 2020 Paving Project Bids

Manager Hart opened and announced the 2020 Paving Projects bids.

Council asked for clarification on the bid requirements, the grant award process and how to ensure that the selected contractor will provide high quality work. Manager Hart and Solicitor Gifford commented that Borough Code provides provisions relating contractor's performance, thresholds, change order requirements, bonds, etc. She also commented that field inspections are conducted during the process.

Consideration: Escrow Release No. 1 – 215 Church St.

Member Tarlecki asked for confirmation that all items have been completed for Lot #1, (217 Church Street). Manager Hart confirmed that all the engineering items have been completed. However, final building inspections have not been performed yet because there is still some more work that is needed. Manager Hart explained, Certificate of Occupancy issuance is different from escrow release relating to SALDO agreements.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve Escrow Release No. 1 in the amount of \$13,194.86 for the 215 Church Street subdivision project. Member McClure seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote was taken. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: PennDOT Master Agreement for Casting Adjustments

Manager Hart provided an overview of the agreement and explained what utility castings are.

Member O'Neill asked why PennDOT is not responsible for castings on state roads. Manager Hart explained that PennDOT does not own the underground utilities, i.e. stormwater and sewer. The utilities are owned by both private utility and public agencies.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve a Master Agreement for Casting Adjustments with PennDOT. Member McClure seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote was taken. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: August 11, 2020

Member McClure made a motion to approve the August 11, 2020 minutes. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote was taken. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

Manager Hart announced two Zoning Hearings scheduled for Sept. 1, 2020. One property is located at 136-138 S. Main Street requesting a use variance and the other property is located at 401 W. Walnut Street requesting a special exception along with variances.

President Sando announced the Personnel Committee met last week to discuss the Police Department Feasibility Study.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Chief of Police / Manager

Solicitor Gifford announced that Council will be holding an executive session following the meeting to discuss a personnel matter and no immediate action would be taken following the session.

Mayor D'Angelo thanked all emergency services and Borough staff for their efforts during Tropical Storm Isaias. He then announced that he attended a seminar given by the Secret Service on mass shootings that occurred in 2019. Council discussed how local school districts and public agencies are prepared in case an incident ever occurred.

Member McClure encouraged residents to investigate stormwater management solutions to help control stormwater runoff on their properties for future storms. She also commented on how successful the Borough's stormwater facilities were during the storm.

Chief Eves reported that speed enforcement on Tenth Street and Prospect Avenue has been taking place. He also stated that a new part time officer is in the process of being trained.

Manager Hart also thanked everyone for their efforts during the storm. She then announced that today is PA 811 Day and explained the importance of the service to help ensure that excavators do not damage underground utility lines or cause harm to themselves and others.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager