

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: August 13, 2024, 7:00 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 - Remote
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Sarah Whelan	Absent
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Present

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

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Joanne Gisler, 233 S. Main Street, explained to Council the conditions of her apartment building which includes roach infestation and broken plumbing. She asked if the Borough could do anything to help her.

Manager Hart explained the rental inspection program and that the apartment passed its biannual inspection in 2023 and will be inspected again next year. Manager Hart stated that she previously called the County Health Department which came out and sprayed for cockroaches. Ms. Gisler confirmed that they came out and sprayed and are scheduled to come out for a second round of spray.

Manager Hart stated that she will again call the County Health Department and also call the County Housing Department to see if she can find the department with the proper jurisdiction to help Ms. Gisler.

Mayor McDevitt also suggested that Ms. Gisler reach out to Legal Aide of Southeastern PA who may be able to help her through the legal process involving any civil matters that the Borough or County would not have jurisdiction over.

Presentation: Recognition of Junior Council Person for Six Months of Service

President Amato tabled this presentation until the next meeting as Braeden was unable to be in attendance tonight.

Consideration: Authorize and Designate the Borough Manager as the Official to Execute Documents for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Reimbursement Grant Agreement

Manager Hart explained that this allows the Manager and/or Assistant Manager to execute reimbursement documents when the time comes.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to Authorize and Designate the Borough Manager as the Official to Execute Documents for the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program Reimbursement Grant Agreement. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Consideration: Approval of Minutes: July 23, 2024

Member McClure made a motion to Approve the Minutes of July 23rd, 2024. Member Groce seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports/ Zoning Applications

Manager Hart stated that the Shade Tree Commission minutes are in the packet and that a zoning application in the 700 block of E Montgomery Ave is expected to be submitted soon but has not yet to date, more updates will be provided at the next meeting.

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

Solicitor Gifford stated that there would be two matters involving real estate, two legal updates, and one matter involving personnel for executive session. Council may reconvene to vote on one matter of real estate.

Mayor McDevitt thanked Borough staff, Public Works, Police, Fire, and EMS for keeping the Borough safe during the recent storm. He also explained that former Chief of NPVFC William Goltz currently serves as Chief for Crary Hose Company in Tioga County serving the Westfield, PA region. They were flooded out of their firehouse and many people in the area have lost their homes. He asked that people consider donating to the fire company or reputable assistance agencies in that region to support their recovery.

Member Kohler encouraged residents to get out to the parks to do the Summer Park Tour.

Member McClure brought forth the concern of a constituent who had approached her to clarify why a zoning permit was necessary to replace his fence.

Manager Hart explained that the repair of a small section of the fence does not require a permit, but that full replacement of fences does require a permit. The reason for this is that zoning laws change over time and full replacements require a review for compliance with current zoning laws.

Chief Erenius presented his monthly report. Member Collins asked what Chris Boyle's training involves. Chief Erenius responded that Chris Boyle is an attorney who provides updates on changes in case law so that the officers are up to date on recent decisions and how they may affect their work.

Member Collins also asked about training for EDPs in town since there is a large population here. Chief Erenius explained that every officer has been through a minimum of two-day CIS training through Building 50 which is the mental health training for the county.

Manager Hart announced that 9th Street Park will be closed during the 9th Street Park Rehabilitation Project. Construction begins tomorrow and residents are asked to avoid the park until the improvements are complete.

Vice President Tarlecki asked if we have heard anything on the Elementary School's playground project. Manager Hart responded that we have not heard anything since the first time they came to the Planning Commission.

Manager Hart asked the community to support VMSC in their membership drive.

Manager Hart reminded everyone that Main Street North Wales is hosting a kickoff party on August 21st at the North Penn Social Club.

Manager Hart announced that Elmwood Park Zoo will be installing the Jaguar at Borough Hall on August 22nd at 1:00pm.

Manager Hart stated that to date, we have 49 sponsors for Community Day and over 75 vendors, but we are still accepting registrations.

Manager Hart highlighted Cameron Kratz, Summer Intern, who completed many tasks in his eight weeks at the Borough. He compiled and submitted information for the Fall-Winter Newsletter, assisted in gathering Community Day sponsor information, compiled information for right-to-know requests, sorted records in the basement, researched shade tree inventories in other Boroughs to be used by Shade Tree Commission or an Eagle Scout to begin a shade tree inventory, and assisted in various daily tasks serving the residents of the Borough. We are grateful for all his hard work over this summer.

Adjournment

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

Reconvene

Council reconvened at 8:05pm. Member McClure made a motion to Approve the Rental Lease Agreement for 125 N. Main Street. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Adjournment

Member Collins made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart, Borough Manager