

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: August 23, 2022, 7:00 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Amato.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Absent
	Sherwin Collins	Absent
	Anji Fazio	Present
	Alexander Groce	Present
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Eion O'Neill	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Sarah Whelan	Absent
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Present

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

Vice President Tarlecki led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Swearing-in Ceremony: Officer Colin Johnson and Officer Justin Rathke

Chief Erenius provided background information on newly hired part-time officers Colin Johnson and Justin Rathke.

Mayor McDevitt swore in Officer Johnson and Officer Rathke. Council welcomed them and thanked them for choosing to serve the Borough.

Public Comment

Monica Tarlecki, 301 South Fourth Street, requested that the local Democratic and Republican Committees Community Day tables be setup next to each other as a sign of unity within our community.

Consideration: Acceptance of Donation from Tex Mex to NWPD

Member Fazio made a motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$3,500.00 from Tex-Mex Connection for the North Wales Police Department. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval to Award Bid for Library Roof Replacement Project

Member McClure made a motion to award a bid in the amount of \$178,864 to Pro-Com Roofing and Construction Services for the North Wales Area Library Roof Replacement Project. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Payment No. 3 (\$62,686.70) for Center Street Pedestrian Connection and Gateway Project

Member O’Neil asked if the newly installed Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon signal is helping to calm traffic on West Walnut Street. Manager Hart said it is and the police are keeping an eye out to ensure that motorists are obeying the signal.

Member McClure made a motion to approve Payment No. 3 in the amount of \$62,686.70 for the Center Street Pedestrian Connection and Gateway Project. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval to Advertise Request for Qualifications for the Selection of an Energy Services Company

Manager Hart provided an overview of the Guaranteed Energy Savings Act and explained that the Borough is issuing a request for qualifications (RFQ) to select an energy services company to assist with energy efficiency upgrades and design features to the North Wales Arts and Cultural Center.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve advertisement of the RFQ for the selection of an energy services company. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness: 136/138 S Main St

Member McClure made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness, as presented for 136/138 South Main Street. Member Groce seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: August 9, 2022

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve the minutes of August 9, 2022. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$121,330.59

Member McClure made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$121,330.59. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

Manager Hart announced that the Borough’s 2022 Fall-Winter newsletters are complete and will be mailed the week of September 12. She added that a QR code survey relating to communications and social media services will be included in the newsletter and thanked the Communications Committee and the Summer intern for all their hard work.

Assistant Manager Guzzardo announced there will be a Zoning Hearing Board meeting on Tuesday, September 6 to consider the following applications: ZHB Application 22-05, regarding 800 East Montgomery Avenue, ZHB Application 22-06, regarding 318 South Ninth Street and ZHB Application 22-07, regarding 112 South Main Street. Manager Hart reminded Council that

they could take a position on any of the applications if they choose to do so. Council did not take a position on any of the applications.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced that there will not be an executive session after tonight's meeting.

Mayor McDevitt welcomed the new officers and thanked Chief Erenius for the Little's Water Ice Helmet Drive.

Chief Erenius announced that his seven-month work anniversary has passed, and he provided an update on all of his accomplishments to date including: instituting a 12-hour shift schedule, completion of 30 new policies, cleaning up personnel records, establishment of a PowerDMS system, completion of required officer training programs, purchase of new radar system and he is considering the accreditation process through the Department Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.

Public Works Supervisor Sleicher thanked Chief Erenius for all his efforts, as both a resident and employee of the borough, Mr. Sleicher announced that he is very grateful to work along side a true professional.

Manager Hart made the following announcements: Shade Tree Canopy awareness flyer, Summer Scavenger Park Tour, Community Day on Saturday, September 24, Tuesday Morning Kid's Club, After-School Art Club, Chamber of Commerce events and the Boards and Commissions Vacancies.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager