

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: August 26, 2025, 7:03 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Amato

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	Sherwin Collins	Present
	Anji Fazio	Present
	Alexander Groce	Present
	Vacant	
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Sarah Whelan	Present – Arrived 7:04 P.M.
	Candace Anderson	Present
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Absent

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

Manager Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Andrew Berenson of 439 Washington Avenue thanked the members of the Zoning Hearing Board and the members of the audience that attended the most recent hearing for the property formerly known as McKeever's located at 501 E. Walnut Street. The hearing lasted several hours, and despite the length and process, the Board and public maintained professional.

Consideration: Appointment to fill Council Seat Vacancy (Ward One)

Council interviewed the following candidates for the Ward 1 Council vacancy: Candace Anderson, 201 W. Walnut Street, Zane Swanger, 301 Center Street, and Jeffery Ferguson, 301 West Montgomery Avenue.

President Amato reviewed the procedures for interviewing the candidates and clarified how the process works. He referred to guidance documents which listed the standard operating procedures when Council appoints to fill a vacancy.

President Amato called for nominations to fill the Ward One Council vacancy. Member Fazio nominated Candace Anderson. Vice President Tarlecki nominated Zane Swanger. Member Groce nominated Jeffery Ferguson. No other nominations were called for.

Manager Hart took a roll call vote for Candace Anderson. Motion passed, 5 yes, 3 no. Member Groce, Member McClure, and Vice President Tarlecki voted no.

In the absence of the Mayor, Council President Amato swore Member Anderson into office, term expiring 12/31/2025, fulfilling Council Seat Ward One vacancy left by Member Brittany Kohler. Member Anderson was welcomed by Council members and joined the meeting as a newly appointed member of Council.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: August 12th, 2025

Member McClure made a motion to Approve the August 12th Meeting Minutes. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Certificate(s) of Appropriateness: 134 W. Walnut Street

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 134 W. Walnut Street. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Certificate(s) of Appropriateness: 519 E. Montgomery Avenue

Member Fazio made a motion to Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 519 E. Montgomery Avenue. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Certificate(s) of Appropriateness: 307 School Street

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 307 School Street. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$68,556.22

Member McClure made a motion to Approve the Disbursements of \$68,556.22. Member Groce seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Acceptance of Resignation of Robin Parker, Parks and Recreation and Shade Tree Commissions

Member Fazio made a motion to Approve the Acceptance of Resignation of Robin Parker from Parks and Recreation and Shade Tree Commissions. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Acceptance of Resignation of Salvatore Amato, Council Ward 3

Member Groce made a motion to Approve the Acceptance of Resignation of Salvatore Amato, Council Ward 3. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Gregory D'Angelo of 915 E. Montgomery Avenue expressed his experiences with President Amato and his appreciation for his work in the Borough.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications / Parking Lot

There was no Old Business, Committee or Board Reports, Zoning Applications, or Parking Lot to be discussed.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced that there will be an executive session after the meeting to give an update on litigation and a personnel matter but did not anticipate any action being taken.

There was no Mayor's report.

Member Whelan welcomed Member Anderson to the Council and thanked President Amato for his service and leadership. Members Groce, Neiderhiser, Fazio, and McClure also thanked President Amato for his leadership and for taking the time to teach them and listen to their perspectives. Vice President Tarlecki added his appreciation for President Amato's leadership and hard work.

Member Fazio further thanked the three candidates for their interest in the Council Vacancy and congratulated Member Anderson on her appointment.

Member McClure asked about the status of the North Wales Arts and Cultural Center. Manager Hart explained that there are a few potential bookings, in addition to the non-profit center being used and the organ recitals.

Member Hart gave updates on the Parks and Recreation Board's Summer Scavenger Hunt, the North Wales Library Farm to Table Gala, the Walk and Track Program, the After-School Art Club, and Community Day events coming up in September.

Adjournment

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Attest: _____

Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager