

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

REMOTE MEETING: December 8, 2020 7:00 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Sando.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	James Cherry	Absent
	Sherwin Collins	Present (joined at 7:38 PM)
	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.

Public Comment

There was none at this time.

Meet-and-Greet: Newly Hired Part-Time Officers

Chief Eves introduced Dakota Martin and Scott 'Alex' Sloss, two newly hired part-time police officers. Officer Martin and Officer Sloss thanked Council for the opportunity to serve and they look forward to their new positions. Council welcomed each Officer and thanked them for accepting their new positions.

Consideration: Adoption of 2021 Tax Millage Ordinance

Member McClure made a motion to adopt the 2021 Tax Millage Ordinance as presented. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Adoption of 2021 Fee Schedule

Assistant Manager Guzzardo reviewed the proposed changes to the Fee Schedule. Member Amato asked for clarification on the proposed demolition permit fee change. Assistant Manager Guzzardo explained that the proposed increase is comparable to other municipal fee schedules and it typically applies to larger scale building projects.

Member McClure made a motion to adopt the 2021 Fee Schedule as presented. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Certification of Qualified Volunteers List for EIT Credit

Member McClure made a motion to certify the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company's qualified volunteer list for the Earned Income Tax credit. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Acceptance of Resignation from Wendy McClure, Shade Tree Commission

Member McClure thanks Manager Hart for the opportunity to serve on the Shade Tree Commission.

Member Amato made a motion to accept the resignation of Wendy McClure from the Shade Tree Commission. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of On-Street Disabled Parking Space, 130 Washington Avenue

Chief Eves recommended approval of the parking space due to a lack of off-street parking, high parking volumes and the resident's medical conditions.

Member Little made a motion to approve an on-street disabled parking space, to be installed in front of 130 Washington Avenue. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Appointment of Traffic Engineer

Member Amato expressed his support of McMahon's portfolio and looks forward to working with their firm on transportation improvement projects.

Member Amato made a motion to appoint McMahon Associates, Inc. as the Borough's Traffic Engineer. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of 2021 Holiday Schedule

Member O'Neill made an inquiry regarding the addition of Election Day as a holiday. Manager Hart explained that it has traditionally not been an approved holiday because it is not classified as a Federal Government holiday.

Member McClure made a motion to approve the 2021 Holiday Schedule. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval and Advertisement of 2021 Meeting Schedules

Member O'Neill made a motion to approve and advertise the 2021 Meeting Schedules for Borough Council as well as all Boards and Commissions. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: 11/24/2020

Mayor D'Angelo requested a revision to the minutes to indicate that interviews for a potential full-time police officer were actually conducted between Monday, November 23 and Tuesday, November 24. Manager Hart confirmed the minutes would be revised.

Member O'Neill made a motion to approve the minutes of November 24, 2020. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$46,837.55

Member Amato asked for confirmation that checks would be signed by President Sando between now and the next Council meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. Solicitor Gifford confirmed that President Sando has the power to do that and those bills would be included on the next agenda in January of 2021.

Member McClure made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$46,837.55. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

Manager Hart announced there are no pending zoning applications. She then updated Council that Borough staff had successfully filled 11 tote barrels of records and shredded them in accordance with the PA Records Retention Policy.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Chief of Police / Manager

Solicitor Gifford announced there will not be an executive session tonight and he wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Mayor D'Angelo announced he attended Matthew Hammerstone's funeral on behalf of the Borough on Tuesday, November 24. Matthew Hammerstone, son of Officer Terry Hammerstone passed away unexpectedly in a vehicle accident on Wednesday, November 18. Mayor D'Angelo stated that Matthew's family was very appreciative of the Borough for helping them get through these difficult times. He then provided an update on the progress of COVID-19 vaccinations and announced that he administered a wedding ceremony for a couple at Borough Hall.

Chief Eves announced that interviews for potential officers concluded and he is in the process of certifying the list of candidates. He then stated he would be proposing new equipment upgrades to Council at a future meeting.

President Sando thanked Officer Martin and Officer Sloss for participating in the meeting and he is happy to have them on board.

Manager Hart thanked Public Works, the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company and the North Wales Community Alliance for their efforts with the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony that took place on Sunday, December 6.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Attest: _____

Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager