

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: February 10, 2026, 7:00 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Tarlecki at 7:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL:	Candace Anderson	Present
	Melanie Catanese	Present (Remotely)
	Sherwin Collins	Present
	Alexander Groce	Present
	Anji Fazio	Present
	Star Little	Present
	Susan Manning	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Present

Also, in attendance were Borough Solicitor, John Filice; Chief of Police, David Erenius; Assistant Borough Manager, Danielle Ervin; Junior Council Member Violet Anderson.

Manager Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Roseann D'Angelo, 915 E. Montgomery Avenue, praised Member Little for her efforts to encourage more people to participate in our Boards and Commissions as well as her suggestion to get to know the nominees better. Mrs. D'Angelo emphasized the need for more public support and attendance at Council meetings.

Dale Collins, was visiting from Melbourne, Florida, he is the brother of Member Collins; Dale praised Council for being so respectful to one another and complimented the elected officials for administering meetings in a professional manner.

Member Anderson suggested that Junior Council Member Violet Anderson encourage more youth to attend Council meetings. Junior Council Member Anderson responded that there are very few teenagers that reside in the Borough.

Discussion: Welcoming Resolution

President Tarlecki reminded Council that this was placed on the agenda from a resident's request at the previous meeting and asked if the audience had any remarks as Council will still be reviewing the samples provided. No public comment or Council comment was given regarding the discussion.

Consideration: Approval of Disbursements \$60,715.78

Manager Hart reviewed the bills list in detail. Member Collins asked for clarity on the TASA Grant and cost of a resident's right-of-way. Manager Hart explained it was for payment of the appraised temporary construction easement and right-of-way required for the Center Street Sidewalk Extension Project.

Member Fazio questioned the fire hydrant charges. Manager Hart explained it is a one-time annual fee assessed by the North Wales Water Authority for all the hydrants within the Borough.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to Approve the Disbursements in the amount of \$60,715.78. Vice President Groce seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval to Issue Notice to Proceed: 9th St. Park Stream Restoration

Manager Hart reviewed the Notice to Proceed documents related to the Ninth Street Streambank Restoration Project.

Member Fazio made a motion for Approval to Issue Notice to Proceed for the 9th St. Park Stream Restoration. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: January 27, 2026

Gregory D'Angelo, 915 E. Montgomery Avenue, requested for the Approval of Minutes for January 27, 2026, be deferred until amendments were made. He shared his disappointment in not having his commentary about the NWWA included in the January 27th minutes. He emphasized the importance of the impact the NWWA has made on the Borough as well as surrounding communities and the rich history of the Authority. Mr. D'Angelo asked that both his and his fellow nominee's letters of interest, comments and impressive resumes be mentioned in the minutes.

President Tarlecki and Manager Hart respectfully explained that our minutes are to record and preserve the actions that occurred during the meeting, as they are not meant to be an official transcript. Mr. Tarlecki also reminded Mr. D'Angelo that his letter and resume would be kept on file.

Vice President Groce suggested that perhaps Mr. D'Angelo's remarks could be forwarded to the North Wales Historic Commission regarding the history of the NWWA.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to Approve the Minutes for January 27, 2026. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Appointment to Shade Tree Commission, term ending 12/31/2026

Rosann D'Angelo, 915 E. Montgomery Avenue, spoke about the importance of further outreach regarding our volunteer opportunities and open positions on Boards and Commissions.

Member Fazio made a motion to appoint Candace Anderson to the Shade Tree Commission, term ending 12/31/2026. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motions passed, 9 yes, 0 no.

Member Anderson shared her passion for gardening, tree preservation and the desire to make North Wales Borough even more beautiful.

Consideration: Appointment to Shade Tree Commission, term ending 12/31/2029

Member Little made a motion to appoint Jason Farabaugh to the Shade Tree Commission, term ending 12/31/2029. Vice President Groce second the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Jeffrey Fazio, 111 S. 7th St., shared his interest in joining the Shade Tree Commission. Manager Hart instructed him to submit a letter of interest.

Old Business / New Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

President Tarlecki discussed the importance of Council members completing the necessary National Incident Management System (NIMS) trainings. He also shared that the Planning Commission in conjunction with MCPC is working on the streetscape plan for North Wales Borough downtown.

Member Fazio inquired about the previously suggested changes to the snow removal Ordinance related to moving cars from one side of the street to the other. Manager Hart explained several logistical challenges and informed newly elected Council members of how an Ordinance amendment is implemented. She recommended that if further action is to be considered, Council should advise our solicitor and engineer accordingly.

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

Solicitor Filice announced there was an Executive Session before and after the Council meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters and no action would be taken.

Mayor McDevitt shared his report as follows, "I saw a post by the National Weather Service that said this is one of the longest stretches of time where we had five inches or more on the ground in our region. Along with the bitter cold, this winter has probably one of the deepest winters I can recall. It seems Winter will get a few more shots in before we see significantly warmer temperatures, so please continue to check in on your neighbors and help us take care of each other."

He continued, "As February is Black History Month - I want to take a moment to talk about Dr. Frank Boston. Many folks will remember him as the founder of Elm Terrace Hospital and the Volunteer Medical Service Corps. When people talk about "the good old days" - they'll remember a doctor who waived his fees regularly for major surgeries, who did house calls - even here in North Wales, and a veteran who rose to the rank of Major in World War I. They may not remember that the hospital he founded and town leaders refused to hang his portrait in the lobby of the institution he created until it was resolved in 2021."

Junior Member Anderson wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and reminded everyone to celebrate loved ones.

Member Little mentioned a previous church blessing service for Council members that was offered and discussed grassroots activities, such as creating block captains for assisting neighbors with snow removal.

Member Catanese thanked Council for encouraging the participation in the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB), Newly Elected Officials Bootcamp (NEMO) the previous weekend.

Vice President Groce also shared his appreciation for the NEMO training and encouraged members to learn more about their fiduciary duties by taking finance and budget courses offered by PSAB.

Chief Erenius shared that the Police accreditation process has begun for the next three years which will ensure that the Police Department is utilizing best practices and staying up to standards. He also shared his Chief's report which included notable department events.

Manager Hart discussed that all new businesses will be shared with Council along with the permit list as previously requested by Member Little. She mentioned that February is heart health month and there are many related events throughout the county. Manager Hart reminded Council and the public of the Main Street North Wales upcoming "Snow Ball" event. She also reminded Council of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the police pension plan and indicated it will be forthcoming.

Jeffrey Fazio, 111 S. 7th Street, spoke about community engagement and proposed utilizing social media to introduce our Council members, perhaps in short videos.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager