

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: February 11th, 2025, 7:04 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
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Sarah Whelan	Absent
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Present

Also, in attendance were Greg Gifford, Borough Solicitor, Alex Turock, Assistant Borough Manager, and Braeden Bussman, Junior Council Person.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Erin Thompson from the North Wales Area Library announced that February is “Love Your Library Month” and summarized upcoming events.

Consideration: Appointment to Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission – Term Expiring 12/31/2028

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to Appoint Andrew Cioppi to the Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission – Term Expiring 12/31/2028. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval to Apply for Economic Development & Community Development Initiatives Grant Funds – Streambank Restoration

Manager Hart announced that the administration was informed of funding secured by Senator Pennycuik through the State Appropriations Committee for the 9th Street Park Streambank Restoration Project. This is a \$350,000 grant with no required match through the DCED Economic Development and Community Development Initiatives program.

Member McClure asked if this project would affect the streambanks of any neighboring properties. Manager Hart replied that the scope of work is entirely within the park.

Member Collins asked if these funds would cover the entire cost of the project. Manager Hart explained that the previous grant application for this project requested just over \$340,000 and that she anticipates the project budget to still be around that number.

Member Fazio made a motion to Approve Applying for Economic Development & Community Development Initiatives Grant Funds for the Streambank Restoration. Member Koher seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Discussion: Comprehensive Plan Audit Survey Results

Manager Hart reviewed a memo from Tim Konetchy, the Borough's Planner, which summarized an analysis of the data from the previous year's survey about the Comprehensive Plan. Council members agreed with the direction set forth by Planning Commission to begin working on recommendations to adopt amendments to the plan which reflect the results and create a plan recommendation for Council's review to implement high priority projects.

Discussion: Guidance Documents

President Amato reviewed two Council Guidance Documents. The first was for the operations of the Finance Committee and the second was for the operations of Boards and Commissions. Several Council members agreed that the Boards and Commissions document be provided to all appropriate Boards and Commissions members to improve clarity in their roles, the processes they should follow, and the laws that govern their functions.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: January 28th, 2025

Member Kohler made a motion to Approve the Minutes of January 28th, 2025. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

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

Manager Hart shared that Junior Council Person Bussman's term will be coming to an end this June and that the Borough will accept applications for the next Junior Council Person whose term will start next school year. She encouraged everyone to spread the message to Borough residents in high school who may wish to apply.

Manager Hart reviewed the highlights of the Planning Commission's annual report and commended the work they completed this year.

President Amato led a discussion about the open topics on the "Parking Lot" which includes researching single trash hauler costs and benefits, EV chargers in the Borough, and the management and oversight of the North Wales Arts and Cultural Center.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced that there was an executive session after the previous Council meeting, but Council did not reconvene to take any action.

Mayor McDevitt congratulated the Philadelphia Eagles on their Super Bowl victory and shared his excitement that the Borough will be receiving various goodies from Riverside, MO which is a similar-sized community in the Kansas City area whose mayor obliged Mayor McDevitt in a friendly wager over the game.

He also thanked all residents, Public Works, Police, and Borough staff who are working hard to keep everyone safe.

Member Kohler acknowledged Black History Month and wished everyone Happy Valentine's Day.

Member Fazio highlighted the North Wales Elementary Playground buy-a-brick fundraiser.

Manager Hart stated that North Wales will be a train stop for the Eagles Super Bowl Parade and the Borough will share information from SEPTA once plans are confirmed.

She also reviewed upcoming community events and the North Wales Elementary Home and School's buy-a-brick fundraiser for their playground project.

Adjournment

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Attest: _____

Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager