

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: February 13, 2024, 7:00 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Amato.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	Sherwin Collins	Present - Absent
	Anji Fazio	Present
	Alexander Groce	Present
	Brittany Kohler	Present
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Sarah Whelan	Present
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Present

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

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Consideration: Acceptance of the Recommendation of the Management Committee Regarding Formation of a Municipal Consortium to Implement the WQIP

Drew Shaw from Montgomery County Planning Commission and Erin Landes from Wissahickon Trails, presented on the current state of the municipal partnership, of which North Wales is a member, and the partnership's future moving forward with the steps to become a municipal consortium which would allow multiple municipalities to work together to execute the Water Quality Improvement Plan for the Wissahickon Watershed through various infrastructure and management projects.

Member McClure asked if there would still be a role for community members as stream watchers. Erin Landes responded that stream watchers always play a valuable role in the Wissahickon Trails daily functions.

Vice President Tarlecki asked if there will be private companies that will be responsible parties as part of the Water Quality Improvement Plan.

Drew Shaw explained that private companies who need them, have their own permits and regulations to abide by and thus would not fall under the municipality's responsibility, however many private companies in the area work very well with the partnership and Wissahickon Trails to improve the watershed.

Al Tenney, 801 E Walnut Street, asked if they could describe some of the projects that are planned.

Drew Shaw explained that there are various basin naturalization projects and streambank restoration projects planned.

Member McClure made a motion to Accept the Recommendation of the Management Committee Regarding Formation of a Municipal Consortium to Implement the WQIP. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Appointment of North Wales Area Library Board Member, Term Expiring 12/31/2026

Member McClure made a motion to Appoint Jocelyn Tenney to the North Wales Area Library Board Term Expiring 12/31/2026. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Jocelyn Tenney thanked Council Members for their appointments and highlighted various upcoming library events including The Taste of Montgomery, Jayne Blackledge's Retirement Gala, and the Library's Book Sale.

Consideration: Approval of Adopt-a-Park Application – Hess Park

Member Kohler made a motion to Approve the Adopt-a-Park Application for Hess Park. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Various council members thanked the Boy Scouts Troop 84B for adopting the park and doing great work in the community. President Amato commended the Troop for their 110-year history of being in the Borough.

Consideration: Waiver of Banner Permit Fees for North Wales Area Library - \$100

Manager Hart explained that the North Wales Area Library has requested a fee waiver for a banner advertising their Taste of Montgomery event.

Member Whelan made a motion to Waive the Banner Permit Fees for North Wales Area Library. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: January 23, 2024

Member Fazio made a motion to Approve the Minutes of January 23, 2024. Member McClure seconded the motion. The motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports/ Zoning Applications

Manager Hart highlighted Planning Commission's Annual Report for 2023 which was included in the packet.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced that there will be an executive session for four matters of legal, two matters of personnel, and one matter of real estate.

Mayor McDevitt thanked everyone who kept the Borough safe and clear during the recent snow events. He reminded residents to call 9-1-1 in regard to suspicious activities rather than posting on social media. He also highlighted the upcoming Historic Commission event with Jeanne Sorg, Recorder of Deeds, which will help residents track the history of their house.

Member Whelan thanked everyone who worked to keep everyone safe during the snow events.

Member Kohler thanked everyone who worked to keep everyone safe during the snow events. She also highlighted the importance of celebrating Black History month.

Member Neiderhiser thanked Public Works for all the work they did during the snow events. She also stated that St. Peter's church once housed Martin Luther King Jr.'s father for a night and wanted to acknowledge that piece of Borough history.

Member McClure thanked Public Works for clearing the roads and the mystery snow blower who did the entire block's sidewalks.

Vice President Tarlecki highlighted the accomplishments of the Planning Commission in 2023 per the annual report and looks forward to what is to come in 2024.

President Amato thanked Public Works for their work clearing the roads. He also reminded Council to complete their NIMS training if they have not yet done so.

Manager Hart highlighted the NWAL Gala celebrating Jayne Blackledge on March 15th, the Taste of Montgomery which takes place at St. Rose, and the Montco Roots program which the Historic Commission is hosting to help residents learn about the history of their homes and the Borough. Manager Hart also noted that we are up to over 350 subscribers on Savvy Citizen and encouraged anyone who has not yet joined to do so. Manager Hart commended David Quinn and Michael Taylor, who received their 25 years of service award at the recent North Penn Volunteer Fire Co. Banquet.

Manager Hart thanked the Police Department staff for their work obtaining a grant for bullet proof vest purchases. She also highlighted the admins application for an achievement recognition award from Delaware Valley Trusts for which the Borough was the runner up.

Adjournment

Member McClure made a motion to adjourn. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager