

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
 300 SCHOOL STREET  
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: February 14, 2023, 7:00 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Pro Tempore McClure.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Absent
	Sherwin Collins	Present
	Anji Fazio	Present
	Alexander Groce	Present
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Eion O'Neill	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Absent
	Sarah Whelan	Present
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Present

Also, in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor, David Erenius, Chief of Police, Brian Sleicher, Public Works Supervisor and Alan Guzzardo, Assistant Borough Manager.

President Pro Tempore McClure led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment**

Gregory D'Angelo, 915 East Montgomery Avenue, spoke about former Mayor Hebert K. Schlegel who passed away on February 2, 2023. Mr. D'Angelo said he met Herb and his wife Rosemary, when he was first running for Mayor in 2009 and they only cared about his commitment to the Borough, not his political party. He added that over time they became friends and Herb shared stories about his life: being a member of the last class at North Wales High School, his years at the Post Office, his second career at Fres-Co, his family, among others. He said that Herb stressed the importance of community involvement, and it was Herb who suggested that he become involved with the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company. He compared Herb to Charlie Allebach of Souderton, Mike DiNunzio of Lansdale, and many others, who put service before politics. He said that Herb and Rosemary were fixtures at Council meetings; thus, the roses that he placed on the chair where Herb sat. Lastly, he said that during the funeral Mass at St. Rose of Lima, Msgr. Graham, in addition to addressing Herb's many accomplishments; referred to him as a good friend and a man of principle.

Member McClure added that Mr. Schlegel was a neighbor, a friend and he helped her get involved with the Borough by first serving on the Civil Service Commission.

### **Swearing-in Ceremony: Police Officer Juliana Greco**

Chief Erenius introduced newly hired Police Officer Juliana Greco, highlighting her education, background and interests.

Mayor McDevitt swore in Officer Greco. Council, along with several meeting attendees congratulated and welcomed Officer Greco. Juliana said she looks forward to serving the Borough and thanked Council, the Chief and the Mayor.

### **Proclamation: Herbert K. Schlegel Day**

Mayor McDevitt issued a proclamation, declaring February 14, 2023, as Herbert K. Schlegel Day in North Wales Borough as a tribute to the former Mayor who served from 1994-1998.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Herbert K. Schlegel and the following individuals who recently passed away:

- Jason J. Connelly, member of the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company.
- David Boland, member of the Volunteer Medical Services Corps of Lansdale.

### **Consideration: Acceptance of Resignation of Council Member O'Neill**

Member Collins made a motion to accept the resignation of Council Member Eion O'Neill, effective February 15, 2023. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Many members of Council shared stories and thanked Mr. O'Neill for his time and service to the Borough and community. Member O'Neill thanked Council and Borough staff for all the work they have completed and said he will miss serving on Council. Eion pledged to still volunteer for future upcoming events.

Manager Hart announced the vacancy would be posted and Council will need to vote on a replacement at its March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. President Amato instructed Manager Hart to post the vacancy as soon as possible on as many platforms as possible to spread the word of the vacancy.

### **Consideration: Approval of Minutes: January 24, 2023**

Member Fazio made a motion to approve the minutes of January 24, 2023. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

### **Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications**

Manager Hart announced that she met with GKO and CM3 to discuss the renovation plans for the North Wales Arts and Cultural Center. She added that she will meet with the Buildings and Grounds Committee sometime in March to discuss the renovation plans in more detail.

Manager Hart announced that enclosed in Council's packet is the 2022 Planning Commission Annual Report and a set of draft minutes of the February 1 meeting.

Assistant Manager Guzzardo announced that he does not have any pending Zoning Hearing Board Applications.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced that there will be an executive session to discuss two personnel matters and one legal matter; no action will be taken following the meeting.

Mayor McDevitt announced that Council President Amato, Borough Managers Hart and Guzzardo along with Chief Erenius joined him to welcome State Senator Tracy Pennycuik to the Borough. The Borough was recently redistricted into her district, and he added that they had a great conversation about what North Wales is working toward. Lastly, he reminded everyone that while we're not celebrating with a parade on Broad Street this week, pitchers and catchers are at work in Clearwater, FL now and the Eagles gave us a season and a game to remember.

Public Works Supervisor Sleicher thanked Member O'Neill for his support and wished him well in his endeavors.

Manager Hart announced that Steve Moyer will be giving a presentation, titled "A Presentation on the History of North Wales Borough" on February 25 at Borough Hall at 2:00 P.M. and she added that you need to RSVP using the link on the event flyer. She then announced that the annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at Weingartner Park at 11:00 A.M.

Council once again thanked Member O'Neill and wished him well on his future endeavors.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christine A. Hart  
Borough Manager