

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
 300 SCHOOL STREET  
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: February 22, 2022, 7:00 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Amato.

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

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

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment**

Gregory D'Angelo, 915 East Montgomery Avenue, stated that he attended a funeral for Eileen McCaul last Thursday, February 17 at St. Rose of Lima Church. Eileen served as a crossing guard for 15 years and dedicated her time and efforts in to helping make North Wales a better place. Mr. D'Angelo added that during the service, Monsignor James J. Graham said, "Eileen is with us today and a gust of wind blew through the church."

### **Announcement: Council Subcommittee Assignments**

President Amato provided an overview of the Council subcommittees and process. President Amato then announced the Council subcommittee assignments and added that Public Works Supervisor Sleicher was added to the Public Safety Subcommittee.

President Amato requested that all the subcommittees meet between now and the next Council meeting to decide who the point of contact for each subcommittee will be.

### **Consideration: Adoption of Flag Display Policy**

Member O'Neill requested that the public be provided a context for adoption. Solicitor Gifford explained that there is currently an influx of litigation relating to the display of public flags and the policy has been requested to protect the Borough from legal challenges.

Member McClure made a motion to adopt a flag display policy. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Adoption of Social Media Policy**

Manager Hart provided an update on the social media policy.

Member Fazio made a motion to adopt a social media policy. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Acceptance of Resignation of Eion O'Neill from the Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission**

Manager Hart provided an overview of the membership requirements to serve on the Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission.

Member McClure announced that she will be submitting a letter of interest for the position.

Member McClure made a motion to accept the resignation of Eion O'Neill from the Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission, effective immediately. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of On-Street Disabled Parking Space: 114 N Swartley St**

Member Fazio made a motion to approve the installation of an on-street disabled parking space at 114 North Swartley Street. Member Groce seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of Certificates of Appropriateness: 203 School St, 125 S Main St, 123 S Second St and 210 S Third St**

Member McClure made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness as presented for 203 School Street. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness as presented for 125 South Main Street. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member Fazio made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness as presented for 123 South Second Street. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member Collins made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness as presented for 210 South Third Street. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$60,712.61**

Manager Hart reviewed the bills list. Council asked for clarification on several of the expenses.

Member McClure made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$60,712.61. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of Minutes: February 8, 2022**

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2022. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

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

Manager Hart reviewed the draft minutes provided by the Parks and Recreation Board from their meeting held on Thursday, February 10. The Parks and Recreation Board will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt, possibly co-hosting a pickleball league at the Second Street Tennis Court and the hosting a Summer Kick-off Event at Weingartner Park on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, stated that the Parks and Recreation minutes mention the Summer Kick-off will be from 5-10. Manager Hart stated the time was changed to 5-9 and the flyer will mention those hours.

Manager Hart announced there will be an HRC flyer in the Borough newsletter and she is working on an informational letter with Solicitor Gifford which may be mailed out to the business owners.

Council discussed the Parks and Recreation Board's upcoming events and thanked the Parks and Recreation Board for their efforts with coordinating the events.

Manager Hart then reviewed a legal advertisement for Zoning Applications Z-22-01 and Z-22-02. Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, explained that Borough Council can oppose an application, send their Solicitor to the hearing, endorse it, or stay neutral.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced an executive session was held after the previous meeting to discuss a personnel matter and no action was taken.

Mayor McDevitt announced that there was a fire at 401 West Walnut Street that occurred on Wednesday, February 16. He thanked Station 17 for covering to make sure the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company could remain on scene. He also thanked several other area fire departments that assisted Station 62. He then announced that COVID numbers are down and there have only been two positive cases in the past seven days within the Borough. Lastly, he announced that his family is burying a young child and reminded everyone to embrace their loved ones.

Public Works Supervisor Sleicher announced that they teamed up with the North Wales Water Authority for a flagger training course. He said that he incorporated that training to respond to the fire at 401 West Walnut Street. President Amato thanked Mr. Sleicher and those who responded to the call.

Manager Hart made the following announcements: Senator Collette will be holding a blood drive on Tuesday, March 17, a COVID testing station has opened at Station Square, the Boards and Commission vacancies and the Center Street project is out to bid which she hopes that Council will award at the March 8 meeting. She then took a moment to honor Eileen McCaul.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

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