

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: February 8, 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, participated remotely
	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. Christine Hart, Borough Manager, was absent.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Swearing-in Ceremony: Council Member Anji Fazio

Mayor McDevitt administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed 3rd Ward Council Member Anji Fazio. Member Fazio thanked Council for appointing her and looks forward to serving the community.

Public Comment

There was none at this time.

Discussion: Public Safety Subcommittee

President Amato provided an overview of Council subcommittees and informed Council that he would be assigning members to serve on the Public Safety Subcommittee this evening. The individuals that were selected are President Amato, Vice President Tarlecki, Member McClure, Mayor McDevitt and Chief Erenius. He added that they would be meeting monthly with Fire Chief Traynor and Emergency Management Coordinator Kaelin.

Discussion: Social Media Policy Updates

Assistant Manager Guzzardo requested feedback from Council on the latest Social Media Policy draft. Member Whelan asked if the policy would apply to all social media posts from an official's personal social media account. Solicitor Gifford explained that officials have unrestricted use of their personal social media accounts unless they are referring to their official

capacity when using their accounts. Member O'Neill suggested that Mickey Mouse be revised to John Doe to avoid copyright infringement. Assistant Manager Guzzardo confirmed it would be amended.

Consideration: On-Street Disabled Parking Space - 410 W Montgomery Ave

Assistant Manager Guzzardo and Public Works Supervisor Sleicher reviewed the procedure for applying for an on-street disabled parking space.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve installation of an on-street disabled parking space at 410 West Montgomery Avenue. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes - 12/14/21, 12/28/21, 1/3/22, 1/11/22 & 1/25/22

Member Collins made a motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2021. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member McClure made a motion to approve the minutes of December 28, 2021. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member Whelan made a motion to approve the minutes of January 3, 2022. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member Fazio made a motion to approve the minutes of January 11, 2022. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member Whelan made a motion to approve the minutes of January 25, 2022. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

Fire Chief Traynor made a public service announcement, titled Winter Fire Safety. Member Whelan asked what awareness initiatives the Borough does regarding North Wales Elementary School and for adults. Fire Chief Traynor explained that a Fire Safety Day is held annually at the School and he works with adults in his capacity as the Fire Prevention Officer. Member Collins suggested that the Fire Co. offer a tour of the Firehouse for newly elected officials. Member Neiderhiser asked if the Fire Co. will be participating in Community Day again this year. Fire Chief Traynor confirmed they will be there.

Vice President Tarlecki provided an overview of the Planning Commission's recent activities with regard to the Zoning Code updates. Member McClure asked if renewable energy regulations would be included in the updates. Member Tarlecki confirmed they would be.

Assistant Manager Guzzardo announced that he received the following Zoning Hearing Board applications: Z-22-01 (310 South Tenth Street) and Z-22-02 (348 West Montgomery Avenue). He announced that the hearings would be held on Tuesday, March 1 and he provided an overview of the application process.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced an executive session will be held after tonight's meeting to discuss a legal matter and no action would be taken following the session.

Mayor McDevitt thanked Borough staff and volunteers who assisted with cleanup efforts for a snowstorm that occurred on Saturday, January 29. Public Works Supervisor Sleicher explained the Borough's procedure for handling snowstorms. Mayor McDevitt then announced that a fire occurred at 360 South Eighth Street and luckily no one was injured.

Council members welcomed Member Fazio and thanked Fire Chief Traynor for his presentation.

Chief Erenius announced that he will be instituting a 12-hour work schedule for the Police Department. He then announced that he has issued the following policies: use of force, code of conduct and juvenile law enforcement. He added that the policies were recommended by the Delaware Valley Trusts (Borough's insurance provider) and they will be posted publicly when able.

Public Works Supervisor Sleicher thanked the Fire Co. for assisting with the snowstorm clean-up efforts.

Member O'Neill asked if the Borough's Zoning Code addresses 5G wireless facilities. Assistant Manager Guzzardo explained that the Montgomery County Planning Commission has a model ordinance pertaining to all wireless facilities which will be incorporated as part of the updates.

Assistant Manager Guzzardo made the following announcements: Pilot Bike Match Program being offered by The Partnership TMA of Montgomery County, the Chamber of Commerce upcoming events, State Representative Hanbidge's Mammogram event on Friday, February 11, Human Library Event on Saturday, April 9, the North Penn Arts Alliance's After-School Art Club and upcoming class schedule and the current list of the Borough's Boards and Commissions vacancies.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Attest: _____
Alan R. Guzzardo
Assistant Borough Manager