

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: January 10, 2023, 7:00 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Amato.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	Sherwin Collins	Absent
	Anji Fazio	Present
	Alexander Groce	Present
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Eion O'Neill	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Sarah Whelan	Absent
	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 Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was none at this time.

Presentation: Input Survey Request Relating to Creation of New Business Alliance

Justin Copenhaver, 212 Highland Avenue, presented a survey request relating to the potential creation of a new Borough Business Alliance. He explained his intentions and why conducting a resident input survey is needed. He accepted questions from members of Council and the public. President Amato, Members Fazio, and McClure thanked Justin for his efforts and welcomed his enthusiasm.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked Council if they felt January 30th was too soon to promote and gain participants for the survey. Mr. Copenhaver answered that he feels it is enough time and it is imperative to gain the attention of residents before the new year gets underway with other day-to-day items and events that will start to pop more frequently after the month has passed.

Consideration: Waiver of Permit Fees for Library Pavilion Project

Member McClure made a motion to waive the building permit fees for the North Wales Area Library Dorothy Rorer Pavilion Project in the amount of \$969.00. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of 3-Year Planning Assistance Contract Extension

Member Fazio made a motion to approve a 3-Year Planning Assistance Contract Extension with the Montgomery County Planning Commission. Member Tarlecki seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: December 13, 2022

Member Groce made a motion to approve the minutes of December 13, 2022. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Additional December Disbursements: \$42,023.11

Member Tarlecki and McClure questioned a \$900 expense for the town tree lighting. Manager Hart explained that the tree has become too tall and wide for the bucket truck to maneuver, and the fire company has helped in the past, but it was cumbersome since their ladders cannot circle the tree effectively. Member O'Neill questioned TLO Services for \$75, to which Chief Erenius replied, that it is for a police service that as of 12/31/2022 will no longer be utilized.

Member McClure made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$42,023.11. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Discussion: 2023 Boards and Commissions Openings

Manager Hart reviewed the list of 2023 Boards and Commissions openings. She informed Council that all members currently serving were notified of their upcoming expiration, all positions were posted publicly for new interests and she also invited all members that are seeking re-appointment to attend the next meeting on January 24, when Council will make official appointments.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

Assistant Manager Guzzardo announced that he received a Zoning Hearing Board Application (Z-23-01), regarding a request to add an additional apartment unit at 126 South Pennsylvania Avenue. He added that the hearing will be scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, and he will provide the official legal notice at the following meeting.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced that there will be an executive session tonight to discuss one matter of real estate and one matter relating to personnel, no action will be taken.

Mayor McDevitt wished everyone a Happy New Year. He added he is thankful we have had some mild and rainy days to start off the new year, unlike last year when he started his term with having to issue snow emergency declarations. He announced that he spent the holiday break in Memphis, TN visiting his family. While they were there, there was a water main break because of freezing temperatures. He added that the few days of being inconvenienced with bottled water and boiling water for coffee made him genuinely appreciate North Wales Water Authority and

the work they do to provide residents with safe and clean water. He announced that he started the new year refreshing many of his certifications for the National Incident Management System/Incident Command System coursework which are free online programs through FEMA's Emergency Management Institute. He recommended that Council take the introductory classes for the two systems: IS-100.c and IS-700.b. He added that he will complete four more classes this month, specific to Mayor's roles in emergencies.

Members of Council wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. Member Fazio asked Chief Erenius about the speeding devices employed within the Borough regarding their effectiveness and results. Chief Erenius stated that the one on Main Street is simply a sign indicating speeds, it does not record data, however, he did verbally share some results from the speed recorder that has been positioned in and around town.

Public Works Supervisor, Brian Sleicher, reminded residents to clean debris from their inlets to prevent icing and water damming issues. He also updated Council regarding the street sweeper schedule his department is working on for routine sweepings.

Manager Hart made the following announcements: January 2023 Tuesdays at Noon Organ Recitals to be held at the Community Center and the Elvis Tribute Act on Saturday, January 14, to be held at the Library. Manager Hart also displayed pictures of the first memorial bench that was purchased under the new park's donation program. The bench was placed in Weingartner Park in memory of Clifford Jennings Park.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager