

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: January 14, 2020 7:00 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Sando.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	James Cherry	Absent
	Sherwin Collins	Present
	Ronald S. Little, Jr.	Present
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Eion O'Neill	Present
	James Sando	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Mayor Gregory D'Angelo	Present

Also, in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor, Alan Guzzardo, Assistant Borough Manager and Michael Eves, Chief of Police.

President Sando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Herbert Schlegel, 301 West Montgomery Avenue, reported property maintenance issues at 301 W. Walnut Street and asked if anything can be done to resolve them. Solicitor Gifford stated the Property Owner has already been cited and the Borough is trying to rectify the issues.

Kristine Farrington, 229 South Tenth Street, reported that drivers are continually speeding on South Tenth Street and she is worried about the safety of her child and the neighborhood. Chief Eves stated the Police Department has recently completed over 170 traffic stops , many of which have occurred on South Tenth Street. He then stated he is going to direct the officers to do even more selective enforcement in that area and he encouraged people to call 911 to report when speeding is occurring. Mrs. Farrington then asked if speed bumps can be installed. Chief Eves explained speeds bumps can be installed, but there is a lot of strenuous requirements that would need to be followed in order to do so. Council members and the Mayor made a number of suggestions for Chief Eves to look into. Chief Eves stated he would do so and report back to Council.

Brian Hill, 407 Fairview Avenue, reported that his neighbors at 409 Fairview Avenue are running a repair shop out of their garage and it has resulted in a number of issues including noise and unknown individuals coming and going. He proposed that Council adopt an ordinance that limits property owners in residential areas to only working on their own vehicles. Solicitor Gifford stated that would be unconstitutional and not enforceable. He then stated the Borough already has ordinances in place which can be utilized to resolve the issue. President Sando encouraged Mr. Hill to call 911 every time an incident occurs so the Borough can document the activity and take enforcement measures.

Consideration: Accept Resignation of Duncan Reed from the NWAL Board

Member McClure made a motion to accept the resignation of Duncan Reed from the North Wales Area Library Board. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed, 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: NWAL Board Appointment, Term Ending 12/31/2021

Collette D'Angelo, 921 E. Prospect Avenue, asked if there was a residency requirement for serving on the Board. Manager Hart stated the Board has different requirements than the other boards and commissions. She then stated the Library has confirmed she is eligible to serve.

Member McClure made a motion to appoint Jacqueline Oberholtzer to the North Wales Area Library Board, term ending 12/31/2021. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed, 8 yes, 0 no.

Discussion: 2020 Boards & Commissions Appointments

Manager Hart reviewed the list of openings and encouraged people to submit a letter of interest if they wish to serve.

Discussion: 2020 Council Member Subcommittees

President Sando reviewed the list and stated he would finalize the list for the next Council meeting.

Consideration: Minutes: December 10, 2019

Member O'Neill made a motion to approve the minutes of December 10, 2019. Member Amato seconded the motion. Motion passed, 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: 2019 December Disbursements: \$15,128.96

Member O'Neill made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$15,128.96. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed, 8 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

Manager Hart stated the Borough has not received any zoning hearing board applications or any board and commission reports. However, she stated the Planning Commission did meet the previous night and they will be providing an update on their activities at the next Council meeting.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Chief of Police / Manager

Solicitor Gifford announced an executive session was held after the previous Council meeting to discuss an update on a legal matter and a personal matter; no action was taken following the session. He then announced that briefs have been filed for an arbitration case, regarding the Police Department and the arbitrator will decide within 30 days. Lastly, he announced an executive session will be held to discuss a personnel matter and no action will be taken.

Member Tarlecki announced that the Planning Commission met last night, and they will be submitting their 2019 Annual Review Report to Council. Member Amato asked if both Mayor D'Angelo and Member Tarlecki are permitted to serve on the Commission. Manager Hart confirmed they are both permitted to serve. Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked if the requirements only allow one elected official. Manager Hart confirmed again that both are permitted to serve.

Manager Hart announced that St. Luke's Church is currently hosting organ recitals every Tuesday afternoon in January and encouraged people to attend. She then reviewed a list of upcoming events that are hosted by local historical societies. She then congratulated newly elected Fire Chief Matthew Traynor and she stated she looks forward to working with him. Lastly, she announced the Borough has received a donation request letter from the Montgomery County Police Officer's Memorial Committee. President Sando requested the matter be tabled until the following Council meeting.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager