

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
 300 SCHOOL STREET  
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: January 14th, 2025, 7:01 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Amato.

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

Also, in attendance were Greg Gifford, Borough Solicitor, David Erenius, Chief of Police, Alex Turock, Assistant Borough Manager, Ben Raybold, Public Works Supervisor, and Braeden Bussman, Junior Council Person.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment**

Erin Thompson from North Wales Area Library summarized the upcoming events at the Library and announced that the library will be celebrating its 101 birthday throughout the year.

James Anderson commented on the potential for a non-profit, commission, and independent foundation to support and manage the performing arts at North Wales Arts and Cultural Center.

### **Presentation: Update from Emergency Management Coordinator**

William Kaelin explained the purpose of an Emergency Operations Plan and told the public that he briefed Council on the updated plan in an executive session prior to the meeting.

Jocelyn Tenney asked where the plan could be viewed. Mr. Kaelin responded that the plan will be on file at Borough Hall, but that most of the plan is not public knowledge or subject to right-to-know laws.

### **Proclamation: Herbert W. Kavash Day**

Mayor McDevitt proclaimed Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Herbert W. Kavash Day in honor of Mr. Kavash who passed recently. Mayor McDevitt spoke about the impact Mr. Kavash had on the community.

### **Proclamation: International Holocaust Remembrance Day**

Mayor McDevitt proclaimed Monday, January 27th, 2025 International Holocaust Remembrance Day in the Borough to remember those that suffered during the atrocities of the Holocaust.

### **Consideration: Acceptance of the Resignation of Ruth Black from the Historic Commission**

President Amato thanked Mrs. Black for all of her work on the Historic Commission.

Member Fazio made a motion to Accept the Resignation of Ruth Black from the Historic Commission. Member Kohler seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

### **Consideration: Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness – 101 S. Main St. Signs**

Manager Hart explained that HARB recommended approval of the signs on the condition that they not be lit.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 101 S. Main St. Signs. Member Kohler seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

### **Discussion: Boards and Commissions Vacancies and Expired Terms**

Manager Hart reviewed the current openings and the letters of interest received to date. She stated that appointments will be on the January, 28<sup>th</sup> agenda and that anyone interested should submit a letter of interest prior to that week.

### **Consideration: Approval of Additional December Disbursements: \$59,635.82**

Manager Hart explained that these are the bills that are received between the last meeting in December and the end of the year.

Member Groce made a motion to Approve Additional December Disbursements of \$59,635.82. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

### **Consideration: Approval of Minutes: December 10th, 2024**

Member Groce made a motion to Approve the Minutes of December 10th, 2024. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

### **Consideration: Cancellation of Borough Council Meeting – December 17, 2024**

Member Whelan made a motion to Cancel the Borough Council Meeting of December 17, 2024. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

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

Vice President Tarlecki updated Council on the work of the Planning Commission which recently reviewed mobile home park standards and dark sky lighting standards as part of their review of the SALDO.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced that there was an executive session prior to the meeting with no action being taken to update Council on the Emergency Operations Plan. There will also be an executive session after the Council meeting to update Council on two matters of real estate and two matters of potential litigation. Council will not be reconvening to take any action.

Mayor McDevitt recognized the passing of President Carter.

Members of Council encouraged residents to check on their neighbors during the cold weather.

Manager Hart reviewed upcoming events and updated Council on plans for more public input beyond the comprehensive plan survey.

**Adjournment**

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Christine A. Hart  
Borough Manager