

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
 300 SCHOOL STREET  
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: January 22, 2019 7:00 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Sando.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	James Cherry	Present
	Ronald S. Little, Jr.	Present
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Daniel O'Connell	Present
	Eion O'Neill	Present
	Paula Scott	Present
	James Sando	Present
	Mayor Gregory D'Angelo	Present

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

President Sando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment**

Loretta Weigner, 430 Shearer Street, expressed her concerns with stormwater management issues regarding the development at 432 Shearer Street. She asked when corrective action will be taken.

Jackie Morgan, 435 W. Walnut Street, expressed her support with Mrs. Weigner's comments. She stated the retention area is not functioning the way it is meant to. She then expressed concern with standing water and runoff that is icing over in the street. She then stated the alleyway and berm are eroding due to the volume of runoff. She asked that something be done about it.

Solicitor Filice stated David Caracausa, the developer, has been put on notice and the Borough is working on a solution. Manager Hart stated any solution will have to wait until the weather warms up and conditions are ideal. Member Amato asked if the Borough has a date for when the outstanding items will be completed. Manager Hart stated a target date is currently being discussed.

Member Scott asked if anyone has contacted the new owner of 434 Shearer Street and the tenant(s) living at 432 Shearer Street about the issue. Loretta Weigner, 430 Shearer Street, stated she met with both and they are concerned with the retention area as well. Member McClure stated sod should be laid down on the property to help abate the issue. Manager Hart stated she agreed and will consult with the Borough Engineer.

**Consideration: Appointments of Boards and Commissions Members**

Manager Hart asked Council to please take out the list of Boards and Commissions vacancies from their packets. She explained that positions would be filled in the order they are listed

The following positions were filled in order:

Member Scott made a motion to appoint Daniel Lottes to the Civil Service Commission for a six-year term, expiring on December 31, 2024. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member McClure made a motion to appoint Amy Smith to the Historical Architectural Review Board for a five-year term, expiring on December 31, 2023. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Vice President Cherry made a motion to appoint Beth Ann Sinotte to the Historic Commission for a five-year term, expiring on December 31, 2023. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to appoint Eion O'Neill to the Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission for a five-year term, expiring on December 31, 2023. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Vice President Cherry asked if members of the North Wales Area Library Board have to be residents of the Borough. Jocelyn Tenney, 801 E. Walnut Street, stated membership is open to both residents and business owners.

Member McClure made a motion to appoint Duncan Reed to the North Wales Area Library Board for a three-year term, expiring on December 31, 2021. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Mayor D'Angelo expressed his support for Joan Nagel to continue to serve on the North Wales Water Authority Board.

Member O'Connell made a motion to appoint Joan Nagel to the North Wales Water Authority Board for a five-year term, expiring on December 31, 2023. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to appoint Neil McDevitt to the Parks and Recreation Board for a five-year term, expiring on December 31, 2023. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 1 no.

Member McClure made a motion to appoint Martha Lottes to the Parks and Recreation Board for a five-year term, expiring on December 31, 2023. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member McClure asked what the composition of the Pension Committee is. Manager Hart stated it is made up of the following; one resident, one council member and one police officer.

Member Scott made a motion to appoint Daniel O’Connell to the Pension Committee for a one-year term, expiring on December 31, 2019. Member Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member Scott made a motion to appoint Lisa Hollister to the Pension Committee for a one-year term, expiring on December 31, 2019. Member O’Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member O’Connell made a motion to appoint Lynne Custer to the Pension Committee for a one-year term, expiring on December 31, 2019. Member O’Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Mayor D’Angelo expressed his support for Lillian Higgins to continue to serve on the North Wales Water Authority Board.

Member Scott made a motion to appoint Lillian Higgins to the Planning Commission for a four-year term, expiring on December 31, 2022. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member McClure made a motion to appoint Lynne Fitzgerald to the Shade Tree Commission for a five-year term, expiring on December 31, 2023. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Vice President Cherry made a motion to appoint Sherwin Collins to the Vacancy Board for a one-year term, expiring on December 31, 2019. Member Little seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

### **Consideration: Appointments of Council Member Sub-Committees**

President Sando reviewed his proposed Council Member Sub-Committee list. President Sando asked if any Council members had any objection to the list, he provided to them. There were no objections.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve the list of Council Member Sub-Committees as presented. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

### **Consideration: Authorizing Cooperative Purchasing and Participation in the Regional Street Light Procurement Program (RSLPP)**

Member Amato made a motion to authorize cooperative purchasing and participation in the Regional Streetlight Procurement Program administered by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

### **Consideration: Establishment of Cemetery Preservation Fund**

Manager Hart reviewed the Cemetery Preservation Fund Agreement. Member O’Connell asked how much is currently in the fund. Manager Hart stated \$39,287.02 was reported as of July 2018. President Sando stated the fund is not for routine maintenance, rather it is for repairs and more costly maintenance. Manager Hart then stated the Borough is researching to see if the cemetery

can be listed on the National Register of Historic Places so it will be protected. This will enable the Borough to possibly secure more funding for future preservation and maintenance.

Mayor D'Angelo stated a spending cap should be set for the fund. Manager Hart stated that could be done after the trust fund is setup. Member O'Connell asked if operating expenses are managed by Council. Manager Hart stated the fund will be under Council's jurisdiction.

Mayor D'Angelo stated a trust indenture may have to be done. Solicitor Filice stated the fund has already been created and the fund is being transferred to the Borough to be only used for preservation and maintenance purposes. It is merely acceptance of a donation.

Vice President Cherry stated he supports this trust fund transfer and the preservation of the cemetery. Member McClure thanked Manager Hart for looking into getting the cemetery on the list of national historic places.

Member McClure made a motion to establish a Cemetery Preservation Fund for the preservation of the St. Luke's Cemetery, located on East Walnut Street, Tax Parcel Number 140003348004. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

#### **Consideration: 2019 Borough Engineer Rate Schedule**

Manager Hart stated this is the first increase in rates since the Borough appointed Boucher and James, Inc. as Borough Engineer over four years ago. Vice President Cherry asked if the rates are normal. Manager Hart stated the rates are average. Member Amato asked if the rates are hourly. Manager Hart stated all rates are hourly.

Member McClure made a motion to approve the 2019 Borough Engineer Rate Schedule. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

#### **Consideration: Disbursements: \$75,024.44**

Manager Hart reviewed the bills list. Member Scott asked what the health insurance increase is for 2019. Manager Hart stated the increase was seven percent, but it was still lower because we are not doing the HSA plan. Member McClure asked if the Borough has looked into heating oil costs. Manager Hart stated D.E. Walker's rates are considerably lower than other fuel companies.

Member Scott made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$75,024.44. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

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

Manager Hart stated the Historic Commission has completed their 2018 Annual Report and the Parks and Recreation Board submitted minutes from their last meeting, held on January 14. Both were included in Council's packets.

**Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Manager**

Solicitor Filice stated there will be an executive session to discuss one personnel matter and no action will be taken.

Member Amato stated he enjoyed the Tribute to the Armistice event held at the last Historic Commission meeting on January 15 and thanked Vice President Cherry for holding the event. Member Neiderhiser stated she also enjoyed the event.

Vice President Cherry announced a food collection drive will be held on Saturday, January 26 at the Willow Grove Fire Company from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. for Coast Guard families. Coast Guard personnel are currently not being paid because of the federal government shutdown. Vice President Cherry then announced he read an article that stated 63 percent of fire fighters experience at least one form of cancer over their lifetime. He then announced a fire company in Illinois has an extractor that removes carcinogens from fire equipment. He hoped the Fire Co. has this technology to help combat cancer. Member McClure then thanked all the members of the Fire Co. for their service.

Manager Hart announced State Senator Maria Collette and State Representative Liz Hanbidge will be hosting a Home Heating Workshop event on Thursday, January 24 from 4:30 to 6:00 P.M. at Borough Hall. She then stated Senator Collette and Representative Hanbidge will be present at the following Council meeting on Tuesday, February 11.

She mentioned the Borough is selling reusable water bottles and tree ornaments with the Borough's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo at Borough Hall as well as tickets for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Ball on Saturday, February 16. She then thanked those who serve on the boards and commissions.

President Sando also thanked members of the Fire Co. for all their services.

Member Scott made a motion to adjourn. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

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