

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: January 24, 2023, 7:02 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, and Alan Guzzardo, Assistant Borough Manager.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was none at this time.

Consideration: 2023 Boards and Commissions Appointments

Vice President Tarlecki made a motion to appoint Shawn Hart to the Civil Service Commission for a six-year term, expiring 12/31/2028. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Vice President Tarlecki made a motion to appoint James Schiele to the Historical Architectural Review Board for a five-year term, expiring 12/31/2027. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

James Schiele thanked Borough Council for the opportunity to serve. He then announced that there is a resident member opening and a real estate broker member opening on the Board. He encouraged anyone who is interested to submit a letter of interest.

Member Fazio made a motion to appoint Neil McDevitt to the North Wales Water Authority Board for a five-year term, expiring 12/31/2027. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked if President Amato could ask the public if they have any comments before an item is voted on. President Amato confirmed he would.

Member Fazio made a motion to appoint Rachel Wise to the Parks and Recreation Board for a five-year term, expiring 12/31/2027. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Member McClure made a motion to appoint the following individuals to the Pension Committee:

- Kevin Sitoski as the Resident Member for a one-year term, expiring 12/31/2023.
- Lynne Custer as the Police Officer Member for a one-year term, expiring 12/31/2023.
- Mark Tarlecki as the Council Member for a one-year term, expiring 12/31/2023.

Vice President Tarlecki made a motion to appoint Lillian Higgins to the Planning Commission for a four-year term, expiring 12/31/2026. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Vice President Tarlecki made a motion to appoint Robin Parker to the Shade Tree Commission for a five-year term, expiring 12/31/2027. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Member Fazio made a motion to appoint Jocelyn Tenney to the Vacancy Board Chair for a one-year term, expiring 12/31/2023. Member O'Neil seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Vice President Tarlecki made a motion to appoint Amanda Combs to the Zoning Hearing Board for a five-year term, expiring 12/31/2027. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Vice President Tarlecki made a motion to appoint Joel Roberts to the Zoning Hearing Board to serve as the Alternate Member for a five-year term, expiring 12/31/2027. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Manager Hart then reviewed the current list of Boards and Commissions vacancies.

Consideration: Appointment of Voting Delegates for Montgomery County Tax Collection Committee

Member Fazio made a motion to appoint the following voting delegates to the Montgomery County Tax Collection Committee:

- Primary voting delegate: Christine A. Hart, Borough Manager
- First alternate voting delegate: Alan R. Guzzardo, Assistant Borough Manager
- Second alternate voting delegate: Salvatore Amato, Council President

Member Groce seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: January 10, 2023

Member McClure made a motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2023. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of January 2023 Disbursements: \$64,346.84

Manager Hart reviewed the bills list.

Member Fazio asked if the SWAT fee is annual. Manager Hart confirmed it is.

Member O'Neill asked if the streetlight maintenance fee is an annual fee. Manager Hart explained that it is carryover from the program and is being used to replace a streetlight that was hit by a motorist near Tex-Mex.

Member McClure made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$64,346.84. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

Manager Hart reviewed the following draft minutes: Planning Commission minutes from their January 4 meeting and the Parks and Recreation Board minutes from their meeting on January 12. Manager Hart added that the Parks and Recreation Board will be hosting the annual Summer Kick-off Event on June 2 at Weingartner Park with fireworks.

Assistant Manager Guzzardo presented the legal notice for 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 is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced that there was an executive session after the previous Council meeting for a real estate matter and personnel matter and no action was taken. He then announced there will be an executive session tonight to discuss a personnel matter and no action will be taken after.

Mayor McDevitt thanked Council for reappointing him to the North Wales Water Authority Board and thanked all of our volunteers who staff our boards and commissions. He then announced that during a work-trip to DC last week, he had the privilege of meeting with staff members of Senators Casey, Gillibrand, Hassan, Cantwell, and Duckworth to talk about our amazing Borough and how we are working together with projects like the North Wales Community Center and Center Street to improve the accessibility of our community. He then announced that January is School Board Appreciation Month. He added that he had a chance to see the North Penn School Board meeting last week and a chance to see up-front the commitment of Board members, District staff and residents. He said he spoke about how vital it is that our students not only learn about ideas and concepts that may be controversial, but also learn about how to discuss those in context and appropriately. He gave a huge thank you to all of

our School Board representatives that put sincere effort to serving the North Penn community. Lastly, he said as a native of North New Jersey who grew up rooting for a certain team that wears blue uniforms that starts with "G" and ends with "iants" - I can honestly say the better team won this past weekend. He gave congratulations to the Eagles and said he'll be rooting for them through to the Super Bowl!

Member O'Neill thanked the Public Works Department for installing new street signs around town.

Manager Hart announced the Laurel House will be hosting an open house at Borough Hall on Tuesday, January 31 to discuss their Zoning Hearing Board Application.

Manager Hart made the following announcements: the Borough received a PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant in the amount of \$108,300 for improvements to Ninth Street Park, including replacement of the pea gravel path with permeable hardscape material, signage upgrades, meadow planting and education area and ADA upgrades. She added that the grant agreement is forthcoming which will be provided to Borough Council for consideration. She then announced that the Resident Input Workshop will be held from 5-7pm on Monday, January 30 at Borough Hall.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager