

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: January 28th, 2025, 7:02 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	Remote
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Absent
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Sarah Whelan	Present
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Absent

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

There was no public comment

Presentation: Boards and Commissions Appointments

Member McClure made a motion to Reappoint Daniel Lottes to the Civil Service Commission for a 6-year term expiring 12/31/2030. Member Whelan seconded the motion.
 Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member Fazio made a motion to Reappoint Ray Tschoepe to the Historic Architectural Review Board for a 5-year term expiring 12/31/2029. Member McClure seconded the motion.
 Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member Fazio made a motion to Appoint Aina Roman to the Historic Commission for a 2-year term expiring 12/31/2026. Member McClure seconded the motion.
 Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member McClure made a motion to Appoint Linda Evans to the Historic Commission for a 5-year term expiring 12/31/2029. Member Whelan seconded the motion.
 Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member McClure made a motion to Reappoint Johanna Owings to the Human Relations Commission for a 3-year term expiring 12/31/2027. Member Kohler seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member Whelan made a motion to Reappoint Andy Dziedzic to the Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission for a 5-year term expiring 12/31/2029. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member McClure made a motion to Reappoint Jackie Oberholtzer to the North Wales Area Library Board for a 3-year term expiring 12/31/2027. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member Groce made a motion to Reappoint Donna Mengel to the North Wales Water Authority Board for a 5-year term expiring 12/31/2029. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member McClure made a motion to Reappoint Mark Tarlecki to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term expiring 12/31/2028. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member Fazio made a motion to Reappoint Star Little to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term expiring 12/31/2028. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member Fazio made a motion to Reappoint Jocelyn Tenney to the Vacancy Board Chair for a 1-year term expiring 12/31/2025. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member Fazio made a motion to Reappoint Colin Beatty to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 5-year term expiring 12/31/2029. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Acceptance of Local Share Account Grant – Public Works Vehicle and Equipment Modernization Project

President Amato asked when we expect to expend these funds. Manager Hart responded that we will look to procure these vehicles this calendar year.

Patricia Hepler, 409 School Street, asked what vehicles and equipment will be procured. Manager Hart responded that we applied for new dump trucks and public works equipment. We will not be able to obtain the street sweeper due to receiving less funding than requested.

Vice President Tarlecki asked if there is a match requirement for this grant. Manager Hart responded that there are no required matching funds therefore this project will not require any taxpayer money.

Member Fazio made a motion to Accept the Local Share Account Grant – Public Works Vehicle and Equipment Modernization Project. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness – 405 School Street

Manager Hart reviewed the porch renovation project at 405 School Street.

Member McClure made a motion to Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 405 School St. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Support of North Wales Area Library’s Application to the Libraries Transform Communities Engagement Grant

Manager Hart reviewed a draft letter of support and the library’s intended use of the grant funds.

Member McClure made a motion to Support North Wales Area Library’s Application to the Libraries Transform Communities Engagement Grant. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Waiver of Banner Permit Fees for North Wales Area Library Taste of Montgomery

Member McClure made a motion to Waive the Banner Permit Fee for North Wales Area Library Taste of Montgomery. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$44,138.48

Manager Hart explained that there were three bills lists in December therefore some items typically seen on a bills list were already paid in the final December check run. Many membership renewals appear in this bills list.

Member McClure asked about the new vendor Riverside Construction Materials. Manager Hart explained that Riverside Construction Materials won the salt bid and thus supply our road salt which we have been using a lot due to recent weather events.

Member McClure made a motion to Approve Disbursements of \$44,138.48. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: January 14th, 2025

Member Whelan made a motion to Approve the Minutes of January 14th, 2025. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

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

No old business, nor Committee and Board reports were discussed. Manager Hart stated there are no Zoning Applications to review. President Amato asked for the parking lot to be discussed at the next Council meeting.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced that there would be an executive session after the meeting to discuss one matter of potential litigation.

Multiple members of Council thanked Public Works for all of their hard work during the recent snow events and everything they do to keep the Borough safe.

Member McClure asked if there could be an update on the Comprehensive Plan Audit Survey. Manager Hart explained that Borough Planner, Tim Konetchy, will be presenting the results and analysis at the next Planning Commission meeting.

Member Kohler expressed her welcome to all residents regardless of religion, skin color, sexual orientation, gender, or where you come from.

Public Works Supervisor, Ben Raybold, expressed his gratitude for everyone's kind words about Public Works and stated that they are working diligently to get the trucks fully up and running.

Member Collins asked what PA One Calls means on the Public Works report. Ben Raybold explained that before someone does work that involves digging, they need to call and then Public Works marks the Borough's stormwater infrastructure and other utilities mark their utilities.

Manager Hart reviewed a letter from North Wales Water Authority asking to plant a tree in honor of Herb and Molly Kavash. She also reviewed upcoming event flyers in the packet.

Adjournment

Member Fazio made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Attest: _____

Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager