

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
 300 SCHOOL STREET  
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: January 2, 2024, 7:00 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by Mayor McDevitt.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	Sherwin Collins	Present, Arrived 7:07
	Anji Fazio	Present
	Alexander Groce	Present
	Brittany Kohler	Present
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present, Arrived 7:01
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Sarah Whelan	Present
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Present

Also, in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor, Alex Turock, Assistant Borough Manager and David Erenius, Chief of Police.

Mayor McDevitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Swearing-in Ceremony: DJ Suzan Leonard Swearing-in of Newly Elected Officials**

District Judge Suzan Leonard administered the Oath of Office to the following newly elected officials: Council Member Salvatore Amato, Council Member Sherwin Collins, Council Member Anji Fazio, Council Member Brittany Kohler, Council Member Wendy McClure, and Council Member Mark Tarlecki.

### **Consideration: Nomination and Election of President**

Mayor McDevitt called for nominations for President.

Member Whelan nominated Member Kohler to serve as President. Member McClure nominated Member Amato to serve as President. No other nominations were received.

A roll call vote was taken for Member Kohler. Motion failed, 3 yes, 6 no. Member Collins, Member Groce, Member Tarlecki, Member McClure, Member Neiderhiser, and Member Amato voted no.

A roll call vote was taken for Member Amato. Motion passed 6 yes, 3 no. Member Whelan, Member Kohler, and Member Fazio voted no.

### **Consideration: Nomination and Election of Vice President**

Mayor McDevitt called for nominations for Vice President.

Member Amato nominated Member Tarlecki to serve as Vice President. Member Whelan nominated Member Kohler to serve as Vice President. No other nominations were received.

A roll call vote was taken for Member Tarlecki. Motion passed, 5 yes, 4 no. Member Whelan, Member Kohler, Member Fazio, and Member Neiderhiser voted no.

### **Consideration: Nomination and Election of President Pro Tempore**

Mayor McDevitt called for nominations for President Pro Tempore.

Member Amato nominated Member McClure to serve as President Pro Tempore. Member Whelan nominated Member Kohler for President Pro Tempore. No other nominations were received.

A roll call vote was taken for Member McClure. Motion passed, 6 yes, 3 no. Member Whelan, Member Kohler, and Member Fazio voted no.

### **Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$30,073.32**

Manager Hart announced that the Borough had additional year-end expenses in the amount of \$30,073.32. Manager Hart highlighted the expenditure for codification which was an expense for updating the zoning text amendments in e360.

Member McClure made a motion to pay the bills. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

### **Old Business / New Business**

Manager Hart asked Council's opinion on whether they would like Boards and Commissions appointments on the agenda for January 9<sup>th</sup> or January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Member Whelan asked if everyone was aware that they needed to submit a letter of interest. Manager Hart explained that members with expiring terms were notified and that some have sent letters while others have sent emails expressing their interest in continued service and that councils in the past have accepted either form as appropriate communication.

Member Kohler suggested waiting until January 23<sup>rd</sup> in order to give ample time for publicizing the vacancies and allowing letters of interest to be submitted. Manager Hart stated that we have been posting on social media to garner interest from the community and will continue to do so at Council's request.

Manager Hart announced that there will be a zoning hearing scheduled for February for variances involving an enclosed deck at 214 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Manager**

Solicitor Gifford wished everyone a Happy New Year filled with friends and family. Mayor McDevitt wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated those members who were sworn in tonight. He reminded residents of the upcoming snowstorm and asked their assistance in keeping the community safe during storms by using PECO's power outage number

to report outages, not 911, help the plow drivers by not shoveling snow onto the street, clearing nearby fire hydrants and checking on neighbors.

Council members wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve.

Member McClure asked Manager Hart about the hazmat incident reported on Friday in the Borough. Manager Hart stated that the Borough is still waiting for all official reports, but that there was a hazmat incident involving waste oil and the fire company and emergency management coordinator responded. Manager Hart stated that that the property owners and business owners have been cooperative with all authorities throughout the process.

Member Tarlecki shared his appreciation of newer members of Council and their continued dedication to the community. He also encouraged residents to attend tomorrow's Planning Commission meeting. He also asked residents to clear corners during the snowstorm to create walkways particularly for children who need to walk to school.

Manager Hart explained that Public Works has started dismantling Holiday Decorations around town so that they are ahead of it before the snow hits and plowing becomes the priority.

Member Amato thanked everyone for their dedication to Council and the community and looks forward to everyone working together as a team in the new year.

Member McClure made a motion to adjourn. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

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