

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
 300 SCHOOL STREET  
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: January 8, 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	Absent
	Mayor Gregory D'Angelo	Present

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

Vice President Cherry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment**

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked Manager Hart to have Public Works check the road conditions along the 400 block of Washington Avenue and repair the road if possible. Manager Hart stated she would have Public Works check it out.

### **Consideration: Preliminary/Final Minor Subdivision - SD-18-02 690-700 E. Walnut Street, 2-Lot Subdivision**

John Koutsouros, Carroll Engineering Corporation, represented applicant, Donna Mengel, regarding SD-18-02. Mr. Koutsouros provided an overview of the subdivision application including the list of waiver requests. Melissa Prugar, Borough Engineer, reviewed the waiver requests along with other comments as provided in the most recent engineer review letter, dated November 16, 2018.

Member Amato asked if a shared easement agreement would be transferred over if either property were sold. Solicitor Gifford stated there would be a deed restriction for both tax parcels and it would have to be disclosed to future buyers.

Manager Hart reviewed the Planning Commission's December 6, 2018, recommendation memo, regarding comments about the plan. Member McClure stated she was in favor of sidewalks being installed along E. Walnut Street. Mr. Koutsouros stated the applicant is not mandated to install sidewalks and was not proposing to do so at this time.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked Mr. Koutsouros who the applicant is, he stated Donna Mengel is both the applicant and property owner. He then asked what the current use(s) of the property are. Mr. Koutsouros stated there is currently a triplex and commercial building on the property.

Member Amato made a motion to approve minor subdivision application number SD-18-02 for 690-700 E. Walnut Street with the requested waivers as presented. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no with Member O'Connell abstaining.

**Presentation: Keystone Lighting and DVRPC – Regional Streetlight Procurement Program (RSLPP)**

Michel Fuller, Keystone Lighting Solutions, provided a presentation of the feasibility study for the Regional Streetlight Procurement Program (RSLPP).

Members of Council asked Mr. Fuller a series of questions related to project costs and the results of the first round of the program.

Donna Mengel, 427 S. Main Street, asked if the program is only for municipalities. Mr. Fuller stated it is currently limited to only municipalities. However, they are looking into providing the program to institutions and other organizations.

Vice President Cherry asked if the program will look into adding new streetlights. Mr. Fuller stated it is a retrofit project. However, they could factor in the cost to add new lighting fixtures if a municipality wished to do so.

Member Amato asked if they had looked into solar panel installation upgrades. Mr. Fuller stated no they have not because PECO is not supporting solar panel upgrades at this time.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked Mr. Fuller to clarify the costs for decorative fixtures versus cobra head fixtures. Mr. Fuller stated it costs \$90,000 to upgrade the cobra head fixtures, \$90,000 to upgrade the decorative fixtures and \$17,000 to upgrade the other miscellaneous fixtures.

Manager Hart pointed out that a \$5,000 project fee for the first phase had been waived. She then stated it doesn't make sense to upgrade the decorative lights along Main Street because of anticipated streetscape improvements within the next 10 years or so which would involve replacing the decorative fixtures. She instead recommended the cobra head and other miscellaneous fixtures be upgraded.

Member McClure asked who currently replaced the streetlight bulbs. Manager Hart explained Public Works replaces the bulbs. However, a contractor is hired to repair and upgrade existing lighting fixtures to LED.

**Consideration: North Penn Volunteer Fire Co. Loan Payment Reduction Plan**

Manager Hart reviewed the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company's (NPVFC) 2019 Budget. Frank Baxter provided more information on budget items. Member Amato asked if the Borough can afford this loan reduction. Manager Hart stated the Borough has a positive fund balance without receiving reimbursement for the 2018 loan payment from the fire company.

Donna Mengel, 427 S. Main Street, offered her support for the loan payment reduction plan and thanked the NPVFC for all of their services and support. She then stated she would donate an additional \$10,000.00 to the NPVFC to assist them with their upgrades and to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Manager Hart recommended that Council approve the loan payment reduction plan as presented.

Member McClure made a motion to approve the loan payment reduction plan for the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$36,428.04 as presented. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Acceptance of Donation from Military Living History Association**

Vice President Cherry reviewed the results of the 2018 Soldier's Christmas event.

Member Scott made a motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$100.00 from the Military Living History Association, for the Parks and Recreation Department, to be deposited into the Recycling Fund. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Certificate of Appropriateness: 320 W. Walnut Street**

Member O'Connell made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness as presented for a roof and gutter line replacement at 320 W. Walnut Street. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Discussion: Boards and Commissions, 2019 Appointments**

Manager Hart reviewed the boards and commissions opportunities for 2019. She stated everyone is seeking reappointment except Paula Scott, who served on the Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission and Joanne Matthews, who served on the Zoning Hearing Board. She stated the appointments would be made at the following Council meeting on January 22.

**Consideration: Appointment of President Pro-tem for 2019**

Member Scott made a motion to appoint Salvatore Amato as President Pro-tem for 2019. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Minutes: November 27, 2018**

Member Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of November 27, 2018. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: 2018 December Disbursements: \$287,045.04**

Manager Hart stated a large portion of the bills total is for the 2018 Road Paving Project. She then reviewed the rest of the bills.

Member Scott made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$287,045.04. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

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

Manager Hart stated there are no new zoning applications. However, application Z-18-02 for 707 Church Street was approved with conditions which will be included in the forthcoming zoning order.

She then reviewed the Borough's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration events in 2019.

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

Solicitor Gifford stated there will be an executive session to discuss the decision of the Court of Common Pleas to uphold the Borough's denial of approval for subdivision/land development application SD-16-01, regarding 501 E. Walnut Street and one personnel matter, neither of which will require action by Council at this time.

Mayor D'Angelo complimented everyone on how well dressed they were for pictures taken by Michael Szilagyi for the Borough's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book.

Member Scott wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Member Amato suggested the Borough put a link for the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission website on the Borough website. Manager Hart stated there is a link for it already on the Borough website. He then asked the Borough to consider the impacts of House Bill 2564 (PN3863) and whether the Borough's Code should be updated. Solicitor Gifford stated wireless communication facilities are regulated already under the Borough's Zoning Code. However, he stated he would review the regulations to make sure they are up to date.

Member Neiderhiser thanked the following group(s); members of the NPVFC for their services, Donna Mengel for her generous contribution and those who ran the 2018 Soldier's Christmas event.

Manager Hart announced the Historic Commission will be hosting a Tribute to the Armistice event at their next meeting on Tuesday, January 15. She then announced the dates for the Organ Recital Concert series, held every Tuesday in January at St. Luke's Church. Manager Hart then provided an update on the Safe Routes to School project.

Member Scott made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

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