



BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES

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COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, January 9, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

Salvatore Amato
Sherwin Collins
Anji Fazio
Alexander Groce
Brittany Kohler

Wendy McClure
Sally Neiderhiser
Mark Tarlecki
Sarah Whelan
Neil McDevitt, Mayor

Call to Order, Date and Time

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Public Comment

2. Discussion: Boards and Commissions Vacancies and Expired Terms

3. Consideration: Approval of RACP Cooperation Agreement NPVFC

4. Consideration: Approval of Minutes: December 12, 2023

5. Consideration: Approval of Minutes: January 2, 2024

6. Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$13,240.56

7. Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

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

Adjournment

All interested parties may participate on the date and time noted above and when called upon by the Council President. The public may also submit questions or comments prior to the meeting by e-mail to info@northwalesborough.org; these must be received no later than 12 Noon on the day of the meeting. Persons with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting and require auxiliary aid, service, or other accommodation to participate in the meeting should contact North Wales Borough at 215-699-4424 or by e-mail to info@northwalesborough.org.

Mayor's Office Hours:

2nd Tuesdays

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Monthly Meetings Information:

HARB	3 rd Wednesday of Month
Historic Commission	4 th Thursday of Month
Human Relations Commission	3 rd Thursday of Month
Park & Recreation Board	2 nd Thursday of Month
Planning Commission	1 st Wednesday of Month
Shade Tree Commission	2 nd Thursday of Month
Zoning Hearing Board	1 st Tuesday of Month, as needed.

All the above meetings begin at 7 P.M. at Borough Hall, unless noted otherwise.

North Wales Water Authority	3 rd Wednesday of Month 5:00 P.M., 200 W. Walnut Street
Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission	3 rd Monday of Month 7:30 P.M., 1 Parkside Place

Please note: The meeting is being digitally recorded.

Board/Commission	Term Length	Term Expires	Letters Received to Date as of 1/8/2024
Current Vacancies			
Civil Service Commission	n/a	n/a	No openings or terms expired
HARB	5yr	12/31/2023	Pam Romeo - Seeking Re-appointment - HARB
HARB (Real Estate Broker)	5yr	12/31/2028	Vacant, still remains open
Historic Commission	5yr	12/31/2023	Bethann Sinotte - Seeking Re-appointment - NWHC
Human Relations Commission	3yr	12/31/2026	Vacant, still remains open
Human Relations Commission	3yr	12/31/2024	Vacant, still remains open
Human Relations Commission	3yr	12/31/2025	Vacant, still remains open
Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission	5yr	12/31/2028	Vacant, still remains open
North Wales Area Library	3yr	12/31/2023	Jocelyn Tenney - Seeking Re-appointment - NWAL
North Wales Water Authority	5yr	12/31/2023	Joan Nagel- Seeking Re-appointment - NWWA
Parks and Recreation Board	5yr	12/31/2023	Robin Parker - Seeking Re-appointment - P&R
Parks and Recreation Board	5yr	12/31/2023	Vacant, still remains open
Pension Committee - 3 Members	1 yr	12/31/2023	Annual Appointments via NWPD Police Rep
			Lynne Custer
			Mark Tarlecki
Planning Commission	4yr	12/31/2023	Greg D'Angelo - Seeking Re-appointment - PC
Planning Commission	4yr	12/31/2024	Star Little - Letter of Interest Rec'd
			Justin Copenhaver - Letter of Interest Rec'd
Shade Tree Commission	5yr	12/31/2023	Lynne Fitzgerald- Seeking Re-appointment - STC
UCC Appeals Board	n/a	n/a	No openings or terms expired
Vacancy Board Chair	1yr	12/31/2023	Jocelyn Tenney - Seeking Re-appointment
Zoning Hearing Board	5yr	12/31/2023	Chuck Blackledge- Seeking Re-appointment - ZHB
Zoning Hearing Board	5yr	12/31/2025	Nicholas Polidore - Letter of Interest Rec'd
Zoning Hearing Board	5yr	12/31/2027	Vacant, still remains open

COOPERATION AGREEMENT AMONG THE BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES,
THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY,
THE NORTH PENN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

THIS COOPERATION AGREEMENT is made this ____ day of _____ 20____
among the BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES (hereinafter the “Borough”), the
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY (hereinafter the
“Authority”), the NORTH PENN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY (hereinafter referred to as the
“Developer”).

WHEREAS, the Authority is an independent agency created by the County of Montgomery
(the “County”) existing to carry out the public purposes of the Pennsylvania Urban Redevelopment
Law, Act of Assembly of May 24, 1945, P.L. 991, 35 P.S. Section 1701 et seq., as amended, and
the Authority was established for the purpose, among other things, of encouraging economic
revitalization and redevelopment within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the
“Commonwealth”); and

WHEREAS, the Borough is a borough organized under the laws of the Commonwealth
and located in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is the host municipality for a construction project at the 141 S.
Main Street, North Wales, Pennsylvania known as the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company
Improvements project (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Developer has a registered business address at 141 S. Main Street, North
Wales, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of its purpose, the Authority has, together with the Developer,
submitted an application dated October 2021 (the “Application”) to the Commonwealth’s Office
of the Budget to receive a One Million Dollar (\$1,000,000.00) grant (the “Grant Funds”) through
the Commonwealth’s Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (the “Program”) for the Project;
and

WHEREAS, the Authority has entered into Contract No. ME 300-2446 with the
Commonwealth’s Office of the Budget (the “OB Agreement”) attached hereto and incorporated
hereby as Exhibit “A” setting forth the terms, requirements, obligations and conditions in
connection with the use of the Grant Funds awarded to the Authority by the Commonwealth under
the Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms and conditions of a Sub-grant Agreement dated,
_____ (the “Sub-grant Agreement”) entered into by and between the Authority
and Developer, Developer will agree to comply with the terms of the Sub-grant Agreement
attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Program requirements, the host municipality for the
Project must authorize the Project and agree to reimburse certain contingent repayment obligations

of the Authority pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and the [Township or Borough] is willing to do so because of the benefits that inure to the Township as a result of the Project.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound agree as follows:

1. The Borough hereby authorizes the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the OB Agreement and the Sub-grant Agreement. The Authority shall administer the Grant Funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of its contractual obligations and ensure that the Borough shall receive a copy of each request for reimbursement for paid, eligible Project expenses submitted to the Commonwealth.

2. In accordance with the requirements of the Program, if funds are advanced to Developer and used in the Project for expenses that are determined by the Commonwealth to have been ineligible for reimbursement, and if the Authority is required to reimburse the Commonwealth for such amounts, the Borough agrees to reimburse the Commonwealth for such amounts.

3. This Agreement shall commence upon full execution by the parties hereto and shall terminate upon the earlier to occur of (a) disbursement of all Grant Funds and the issuance by the Commonwealth of the close out certificate, or (b) full repayment to the Commonwealth of all Grant Funds released by the Commonwealth to the Authority which the Authority is obligated to reimburse to the Commonwealth (the "Termination Date").

4. Upon the Termination Date, the parties hereto shall have no further liabilities, obligations or responsibilities to each other under this Agreement.

5. There shall be no amendments to this Agreement without the written consent of the parties.

6. This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto, their heirs, successors, administrators and assigns and shall not be assigned to another party without written consent of each party hereto.

7. This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound hereby, have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Attest: _____

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Attest: _____

NORTH PENN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Attest: _____

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: December 12, 2023, 7:00 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	Present
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Sarah Whelan	Present
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Absent

Also, in attendance were Alex Turock, Assistant Borough Manager and Gregory Gifford, Esq., Borough Solicitor.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue wished everyone Happy Holidays and New Year.

Consideration: Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan Approval - 515 E Prospect Avenue

Manager Hart explained that the subdivision has been reviewed by Montgomery County Planning Commission, the Borough Engineer, and the Borough Planning Commission. Applicants Michael and Eileen George along with their family were present. Jason Smeland, Lenape Valley Engineering, presented on behalf of the applicants a summary of the two-lot subdivision commenting that it is being done so that a house can be built on the second lot and the Georges can age-in-place in the existing house while their daughter and son-in-law live next door at the newly constructed house. Jason Smeland reviewed the four waiver requests that were being sought. Jason stated the first request was to waive the tree type requirements to allow the planting of one canopy tree and six evergreen shrubs, the second request was to waive the requirement for showing existing structures within 400ft of the property and accept an aerial photo instead, the third request was to waive the sidewalk requirement and take the ultimate right-of-way instead, along with a fee-in-lieu of sidewalks, due to a lack of sidewalks on the rest of the properties on the street, the fourth request was a waiver of the underground utilities connection requirements.

Member Amato commented that the Borough is committed to having sidewalks throughout the Borough as is shown by the comp plan. He continued to note that the cost of construction will only increase with time.

Member Tarlecki stated support for Member Amato's comments emphasizing that installing sidewalks now will be less expensive than in the future and that the comp plan prioritizes adding sidewalks throughout the Borough so to be consistent with the plan he supports requiring sidewalks in this plan.

Member McClure stated support for the tree waiver. She also said she understands the family's concerns about the sidewalk not being continuous. She asked if there were sidewalks on the other side of the street. Jason Smeland confirmed that there were sidewalks on the other side of the street. Member McClure said due to the sidewalks not being continuous she would support a waiver of the sidewalk requirements.

Manager Hart suggested seeking a motion for each waiver to be able to discuss them individually and then summarize them in one vote with the waivers and conditions in place.

Member Amato clarified that one large canopy tree will be planted in the front yard and that evergreen shrubs will be planted in the back yard. Jason Smeland confirmed.

Member Amato asked if the new setback goes along with the new zoning guidelines. Jason Smeland confirmed that it does.

Manager Hart reviewed that the zoning hearing board has already granted relief for the setbacks.

Manager Hart stated that in speaking with the Borough Engineer it would be recommended not to accept the ultimate right-of-way.

Member Amato asked if the issue with the driveways has been resolved. Jason Smeland explained that he spoke to the Borough Engineer about how the moving up of the house reduced impervious surface coverage and that there will be a plan to utilize the space between the driveways for improved stormwater drainage. Member Amato asked if the plans leave enough room for future improvements due to the limits on impervious surface. Jason Smeland commented that the property will be close to the impervious surface coverage restrictions and thus future additions of impervious surface may be a challenge.

Manager Hart asked if there has been an agreement between Jason Smeland and the Borough Engineer that the evergreen shrubs would be considered in the stormwater management plan. Jason Smeland responded that there has not been an agreement, but in his experience, credit has been awarded for such trees.

Member McClure asked if the trees would be native options or not. Jason Smeland responded that the intention is to plant native varieties of trees. Member McClure asked what would be behind the backyard trees. Jason Smeland responded that the neighboring property would be behind those trees which would act as a barrier. Member McClure clarified that her concern was

that if they were shallow root trees like a White Pine her fear was that they would be uprooted and end up on the other side.

Member Tarlecki explained that a shallow root tree takes hold better than a tap root tree and is why Planning Commission had recommended something like an arborvitae which Planning Commission felt would better help manage stormwater along with other stormwater improvements that would be at the back of the property.

Member Amato asked for an explanation of the ultimate right-of-way. Manager Hart explained the right-of-way process and that if the Borough were to take the ultimate right-of-way, it would need to be deeded to the Borough and thus the Borough would be responsible for it if for some reason the project fell through. Manager Hart added that Council needs to choose tonight as part of this plan whether or not to take the ultimate right-of-way. Solicitor Gifford agreed with Manager Hart's explanation and said typically municipalities choose to take the ultimate right-of-way when there is a project plan in place and it is needed in a long stretch of properties, but this would be only one such property along that road.

Member Tarlecki read from the Montgomery County Planning Commission Memo regarding sidewalks, "It is thoroughly encouraged that the Borough require the applicant to provide five-foot sidewalk along the frontage of lots one and two as required by ordinance 184-9 of the subdivision and land development ordinance. The property immediately to the north of the subject provides a sidewalk along its entire frontage and constructing a new sidewalk along the frontage of the subject parcel would fill a critical gap in the sidewalk network. The Borough has shown a constant commitment to enhancing walkability within the community. In 2021 the Borough conducted a Borough-wide walkability study where every intersection of sidewalk was analyzed. The block in question was identified as an area with gaps in the sidewalk network that ought to be addressed particularly due to its proximity to North Wales Elementary School."

Member Kohler stated that she understands and sees the benefits of waiting to install sidewalks, however the Borough is currently working in other areas to install sidewalks and it would be beneficial to install them now due to rising costs. She also encouraged Council to consider the precedent and send a consistent message to residents regarding sidewalks.

Michael George, 515 E. Prospect Avenue, commented that his issue with the sidewalk is a safety concern because the sidewalk would be a sidewalk to nowhere and he worried what would happen if someone fell off the end of the sidewalk or had to cross through traffic from the new sidewalk to the other side of the street to get on sidewalk again.

Member McClure stated that she understood the point, but that to Brittany's point the Borough is working in other parts of town to install long stretches of sidewalks, but this is not such a stretch and would only be one property.

Member Whelan commented on the sidewalks to nowhere stating that she also has a sidewalk that leads to nowhere on Beaver Street which her child must use to get to the bus stop and she would like to see sidewalks down the rest of the street, but currently she feels people are glad when they get to her piece of sidewalk.

Al Tenney, 801 E. Walnut Street, commented that there is already a sidewalk to nowhere and this would not change that either way.

Manager Hart suggested that Council vote on each waiver and then Solicitor Gifford combine all of that into one motion to reflecting the appropriate waivers and conditions.

Member McClure made a motion to waive replacement trees consistent with Planning Commission's recommendations of planting one canopy tree and six evergreen shrubs. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member Kohler made a motion to waive section 184-33C (1)B(9) regarding existing features with 400 feet. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member Fazio made a motion to waive the requirement for electric and tel-com utility services to be run underground. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member Groce commented to echo Member Kohler's point about Council considering the precedent and consistent messaging to residents about sidewalks prior to voting on the sidewalk waiver.

Jason Smeland commented that the Planning Commission did discuss an option for waiving the five-foot requirement for sidewalks and instead allowing four-foot sidewalks. Manager Hart explained that Council would have the power to require four-foot sidewalks instead of five-foot sidewalks. Jason Smeland amended the waiver request to seek a waiver to allow four-foot sidewalks instead of five-foot sidewalks.

Member Whelan asked if potential, future grant funding would require the sidewalks to be five feet wide. Manager Hart explained that those requirements are based on what funding source would be providing the grant. Member Whelan asked if someone in a wheelchair would be able to safely navigate a non-compliant sidewalk. Manager Hart clarified that five feet widths are typically for turnarounds which the driveway aprons could be used for if four feet sidewalks were installed.

Member Kohler explained that a vote for four feet wide sidewalks would be going against the ADA recommendations.

Member Collins made a motion to approve the waiver request to allow for sidewalks to be four feet wide instead of five feet wide. Member Welan Seconded. Member Amato called for a roll call vote. The motion failed 4 yes, 5 no from Member Kohler, Member Groce, Member McClure, Member Fazio, and Member Whelan.

Jason Smeland commented after the vote that the four feet sidewalks would still be ADA compliant and if noncompliance was what caused no votes he disagrees with that assessment.

Member Kohler made a motion to approve the application for subdivision with the conditions that the applicant must comply with the Borough Engineer's review letter dated December 3rd, 2023 including, but not limited to the additional or future discovered stormwater requirements

and with the following waiver conditions, one: waiver regarding the replacement trees, two: waiver regarding the existing features within 400ft, and three: waiver regarding the utilities being underground, and Council does not accept the ultimate right-of-way. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Jason Smeland thanked the Council for listening to the applicant's concerns and seriously considering each part of the application.

Member Amato and Manager Hart thanked Jason Smeland for his professionalism throughout the process.

Consideration: Approval of the 2024 Tax Millage Ordinance

Member McClure made a motion to approve the 2024 Tax Ordinance. Member Groce seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Adoption of the 2024 Fee Schedule

Manager Hart explained that the fee schedule has been reviewed and no changes are being presented.

Member Amato asked for clarification of lodging fees under the fees for services section. Manager Hart explained that is for other agencies to lodge on our behalf.

Member McClure made a motion to approve the 2024 Fee Schedule. Member Kohler seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval and Advertisement of 2024 Meeting Schedules

Manager Hart reviewed the conflicts between regular meetings and holidays which have been accounted for in these schedules.

Member Kohler made a motion to approve and advertise the 2024 Meeting Schedules. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of 2024 Holiday Schedule

Manager Hart reviewed that no holidays have been added for 2024 and that the Borough follows the federal holiday list.

Member Whelan asked that Columbus Day be changed to Indigenous People's Day.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve the 2024 Holiday Schedule. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Acceptance of the Resignation of Greta Martin Washington from Planning Commission

Member Fazio made a motion to accept the resignation of Greta Martin Washington from Planning Commission. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Greg D'Angelo, 915 E. Montgomery Avenue, expressed that the resignation of Greta Martin Washington will be missed on the Planning Commission due to her expertise, time, and dedication to Planning Commission. Member Amato added that she is a former council member as well, so she has served this community for a long time in multiple roles. Member Tarlecki acknowledged Greta's wealth of knowledge on the topic of planning and that knowledge will be missed on Planning Commission.

Consideration: Acceptance of the Resignation of Gregory Lord from Zoning Hearing Board

Member Amato commended Mr. Lord for his service to the community and stated that Greg leaves behind big shoes to fill on Zoning Hearing Board.

Member McClure made a motion to accept the resignation of Gregory Lord from Zoning Hearing Board. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Appointment of Civil Service Commission Member, Term Expiring 12/31/2025

Manager Hart reviewed what the Civil Service Commission's role is.

Member Kohler made a motion to appoint Jamie Sharkey to the Civil Service Commission, term expiring 12/31/2025. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Discussion: 2024 Boards and Commissions Vacancies

Manager Hart reviewed the vacancies and expiring terms for the Borough's boards and commissions.

Member Fazio asked if we could blast the vacancies and descriptions all over social media.

Member Whelan asked if term lengths were able to be changed. Manager Hart explained that term lengths are set by Borough Code and that they are staggered terms.

Member Collins asked how effective posting vacancies on the kiosks would be. Manager Hart explained that the kiosks have limited room, and it is difficult to fully explain the vacancy on the kiosks.

Member Amato asked to edit the list to see how large the board or commission is and so that the status of the board or commission could be easily seen.

Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$48,684.20

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

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: November 28, 2023

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve the minutes of Borough Council meeting November 28, 2023. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Cancellation of Borough Council Meeting – December 26, 2023

Member McClure made a motion to cancel the Borough Council meeting December 26, 2023. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion.

Manager Hart pointed out that the meeting was originally advertised for the 19th not the 26th.

Member McClure amended her motion to cancel the Borough Council meeting December 19th, 2023. Member Neiderhiser accepted the changes. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

Manager Hart reviewed the PSABs guidelines and administration's memo about the mandatory reorganization process. Member Amato reminded council members to bring their certification of election to that meeting. Member Amato recommended to Council that there should be new guidance for setting up committees of Council and that this be discussed in January.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Ave., asked what role the president pro tem has. Member Amato explained that the president pro tem is meant to run the meeting should the president and vice president be unable to do so.

Manager Hart reviewed the design of a Wall of History Museum sign to be added to the Borough Hall sign as requested at the previous meeting. Member Whelan stated that this was a great way to draw attention to the museum that people don't know about. Member Kohler stated that the museum will be quite busy once the sign is installed.

Manager Hart reviewed a local business owner's offer to place outside Borough Hall, a jaguar statue for the Elmwood Park Zoo 100th anniversary event.

Manager Hart reminded Council that Tuesday, January 16th Borough Hall will be a polling place for a special election on a school district referendum. Member Kohler commented that the first students that would be attending the renovated school are currently in second grade and that this is an important forward-thinking renovation.

Manager Hart stated that the Borough has received an application for a Zoning Hearing for 214 S. 8th Street seeking relief for an accessory structure to have an enclosed porch.

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

Solicitor Gifford stated that there will be an executive session following the meeting on a matter of personnel and a legal matter.

Member Whelan encouraged people to research Indigenous People's Day which is an official city and state holiday in various locations and celebrates and honors indigenous American peoples and commemorates their histories and cultures.

Member Kohler wished every resident and everyone who serves the Borough a happy holiday season and encouraged everyone to hold in mind the armed services that serving the country.

Member Groce wished a Happy Hanukkah to all residents that celebrate it.

Member Neiderhiser supported Member Whelan's comments about Indigenous People's Day and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Member Fazio stated that the Borough's Tree Lighting was amazing, and that Austin did a great job reading and the Mayor did a great job signing 'T'was the Night Before Christmas. Member Fazio emphasized the importance of voting during the special election.

Manager Hart reviewed pictures from the Tree Lighting and thanked those who made the event possible.

Member McClure stated her gratitude for Council working well together and that it has not always been the case, so she is thankful for having such a great Council. She also wished everyone happy holidays.

Member Tarlecki wished everyone a safe holiday season. He updated Council on the 2024 goals of Planning Commission which includes reviewing the SALDO.

Member Amato echoed Member McClure's gratitude for Council working well together and stated he looks forward to continuing to work with this Council in the new year. He also expressed his thanks for Manager Hart and all that she does for the Borough. Member Amato also wished everyone happy holidays.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Ave., stated that he has issues with the change from Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day.

Manager Hart commented that the Library is hosting a family movie screening of The Grinch on December 13, and Santa is coming to the Library on December 15. She added that the NWCPA will judge the House Decorating Contest on December 17th. No entry is required. If the house is decorated it will be judged and the winning house will go in next year's newsletter. Manager Hart also stated that Skippack Pharmacy will be hosting a vaccination clinic at Borough Hall on December 19th from 4pm to 7pm. Manager Hart also thanked those that donated to the Soldier's

Christmas event and Martha Lottes who delivered the donations. Manager Hart concluded by wishing everyone a happy holiday.

Al Tenney, 801 E. Walnut Street, thanked public works for decorating the town so beautifully.

Adjournment

Member McClure made a motion to adjourn. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager

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 Mak 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 9th or January 23rd. 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 23rd 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. 8th Street.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Manager

President Amato welcomed the newly elected officials and thanked the outgoing elected officials for their service.

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

Borough of North Wales
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	Date	Name	Account	Amount
0121500 · POLICE PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS 01				
	12/31/2023	BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES POLICE PENSION	0121500 · POLICE PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS 01	1,739.66
Total 0121500 · POLICE PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS 01				1,739.66
0140131 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES				
	12/31/2023	JL REYES ACCOUNTING & TAX SERVICE LLC	0140131 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	500.00
Total 0140131 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES				500.00
0140431 · SOLICITOR				
	12/31/2023	RUBIN GLICKMAN STEINBERG & GIFFORD	0140431 · SOLICITOR	3,000.00
Total 0140431 · SOLICITOR				3,000.00
0140634 · ADVERTISING				
	12/31/2023	21st CENTURY MEDIA - PHILLY CLUSTER	0140634 · ADVERTISING	101.51
	12/31/2023	21st CENTURY MEDIA - PHILLY CLUSTER	0140634 · ADVERTISING	112.16
	12/31/2023	21st CENTURY MEDIA - PHILLY CLUSTER	0140634 · ADVERTISING	105.06
	12/31/2023	21st CENTURY MEDIA - PHILLY CLUSTER	0140634 · ADVERTISING	261.26
Total 0140634 · ADVERTISING				579.99
0140937 · REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE SERVICES				
	12/31/2023	METRO ELEVATOR CO.	0140937 · REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	106.61
Total 0140937 · REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE SERVICES				106.61
0140945 · CONTRACTED SRVICES				
	12/31/2023	U. S. BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	0140945 · CONTRACTED SRVICES	226.39
Total 0140945 · CONTRACTED SRVICES				226.39
0141021 · OFFICE SUPPLIES, POLICE				
	12/31/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	0141021 · OFFICE SUPPLIES, POLICE	36.50
Total 0141021 · OFFICE SUPPLIES, POLICE				36.50
0141031 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, POLICE				
	12/31/2023	JL REYES ACCOUNTING & TAX SERVICE LLC	0141031 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, POLICE	500.00
Total 0141031 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, POLICE				500.00
0141032 · COMMUNICATIONS - PHONE/RADIO				
	12/31/2023	VERIZON WIRELESS	0141032 · COMMUNICATIONS - PHONE/RADIO	162.78
Total 0141032 · COMMUNICATIONS - PHONE/RADIO				162.78
0141033 · GASOLINE, POLICE				
	12/31/2023	VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS INC.	0141033 · GASOLINE, POLICE	961.94
Total 0141033 · GASOLINE, POLICE				961.94
0141034 · PRINTING, POLICE				
	12/31/2023	ASSOCIATED IMAGING SOLUTIONS	0141034 · PRINTING, POLICE	41.99
Total 0141034 · PRINTING, POLICE				41.99

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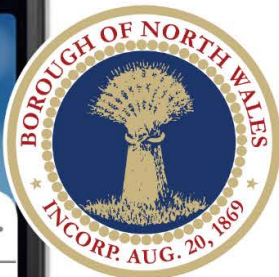
	Date	Name	Account	Amount
0141045 · CONTRACTED SRVICS				
	12/31/2023	DAVIDHEISER'S INC.	0141045 · CONTRACTED SRVICS	75.00
Total 0141045 · CONTRACTED SRVICS				75.00
0143260 · SUPPLIES - SMALL TOOLS				
	12/31/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	0143260 · SUPPLIES - SMALL TOOLS	112.74
Total 0143260 · SUPPLIES - SMALL TOOLS				112.74
0143321 · COMMUNICATIONS - PHONE 143				
	12/31/2023	VERIZON WIRELESS	0143321 · COMMUNICATIONS - PHONE 143	42.22
Total 0143321 · COMMUNICATIONS - PHONE 143				42.22
0143361 · ELECTRICITY 1430361				
	12/31/2023	PECO 23654-10011 (PW - 599 ELM)	0143361 · ELECTRICITY 1430361	72.17
Total 0143361 · ELECTRICITY 1430361				72.17
0143373 · BUILDING MAINTENANCE				
	12/31/2023	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	0143373 · BUILDING MAINTENANCE	97.68
	12/31/2023	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	0143373 · BUILDING MAINTENANCE	6.15
	12/31/2023	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	0143373 · BUILDING MAINTENANCE	242.76
	12/31/2023	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	0143373 · BUILDING MAINTENANCE	111.80
Total 0143373 · BUILDING MAINTENANCE				458.39
0148516 · UNEMPLOYMENT COMP				
	12/31/2023	PSAB U/C PLAN	0148516 · UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	1,545.81
Total 0148516 · UNEMPLOYMENT COMP				1,545.81
0148616 · PENSION EXPENSE-NON-UNIFORM				
	12/31/2023	PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYST	0148616 · PENSION EXPENSE-NON-UNIFORM	652.87
Total 0148616 · PENSION EXPENSE-NON-UNIFORM				652.87
3043030 · OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES				
	12/31/2023	UP DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, LLC	3043030 · OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	2,425.50
Total 3043030 · OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES				2,425.50
TOTAL				13,240.56

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