

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: July 22, 2025, 7:01 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	Absent
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Absent
	Sarah Whelan	Absent
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Absent

Also, in attendance were John Filice, Borough Solicitor, and David Erenius, Chief of Police.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

None.

Consideration: Appointment of Junior Council Person for 2025-2026 School Year

Manager Hart requested that the name of the Junior Council be added to the motion – Violet Anderson. She also added that the appointment would begin September 9, 2025, and end at the in June of 2026.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to Approve the Appointment of Junior Council Person, Violet Anderson for the 2025-26 School Year. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Acceptance of Resignation, Brittany Kohler, effective 07/23/2025

President Amato spoke on behalf of Council and thanked Brittany for her service and emphasized how much she will be missed. He continued by wishing her well. He also stated that the absent council members wished they could be there to share their appreciation. Members Fazio, Neiderhiser, Groce, and Collins, along with Manager Hart, all added their thanks and wishes. President Amato then presented member Kohler with a commemorative plaque.

Member Fazio made a motion to Accept the Resignation of Brittany Kohler, effective July 23, 2025. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness: 250 N. Third Street

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 250 N. Third Street. Member Kohler seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: July 8th, 2025

Member Fazio made a motion to Approve the July 8th Meeting Minutes. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$91,798.82

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to Approve the Disbursements of \$91,798.82. Member Kohler seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of NW Police Dept CBA, Effective 07/22/25 to 12/31/29

Andrew Berenson of 439 Washington Avenue asked what the consequences would be if Council chose not to approve the North Wales Police Department Collective Bargaining Agreement. Manager Hart responded that the current CBA would remain in place until December 31, 2026, and probationary officer pay would remain unchanged.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to Approve the NW Police Dept CBA, Effective 07/22/25 to 12/31/29. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

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

No Old Business or Committee and Board reports other than what has been previously shared.

Manager Hart stated that two zoning applications were previously reported – 405 School Street and 501 E. Walnut Street, and that all properties have been posted, all notices have been mailed, all advertisements have been made, and it has been posted via Savvy Citizen. The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

Andrew Berenson of 439 Washington Avenue asked if Council requested that the solicitor he should attend. Member Hart answered by saying that Council approved having Attorney Gifford attend the Zoning Hearing Board on behalf of North Wales Borough at the prior Council meeting.

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

No comment from the Solicitor. No executive session to follow. No Mayor's report.

Andrew Berenson of 439 Washington Avenue asked what the process is for filling Member Kohler's position. Manager Hart stated that the vacancy will be posted on the North Wales Borough website, via Savvy Citizen, and social media. Applications will be due within 30 days

and presented to Council, who will decide on or before the second meeting in August. Mr. Berenson further asked what would happen if no applications were received or if Council was unable to decide, to which Manager Hart responded that failure to receive applications or a no-decision by Council would result in the process being turned over to the Vacancy Chair. If at the end of the Vacancy process, no applicant is chosen, then the matter will be referred to the Court of Common Pleas.

Adjournment

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Attest: _____

Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager