

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: July 25, 2023, 7:03 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	Absent
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Present

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

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked if the Council had an executive session and if so, did any actions occur. Solicitor Gifford answered that there was an executive session, but no action took place, it was just an update pertaining to a potential matter of litigation.

Consideration: Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness: 307 W. Walnut Street

Manager Hart reviewed the recommendation from HARB for the replacement of the existing roof with asphalt shingles.

Member McClure made a motion to Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness as presented for 307 W. Walnut Street. Member Kohler seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$58,799.78

Manager Hart reviewed the list of bills. President Amato asked what the Land Studies invoice was for. Manager Hart replied this was the company contracted to work on the PRP and the TMDL. President Amato questioned the amount being spent on "Ammo and Related Supplies." Chief Erenius responded that he wants to switch everyone to red dot sights, and to do so, he must train each officer, thus the need for additional ammo. Member Kohler asked Chief Erenius to explain the red dot sights. Chief Erenius explained the red dot sights are optics that go on the top of a gun, and projects a red dot onto the target.

Member Tarlecki asked what was included in the Republic trash fee. Manager Hart responded that the dumpsters and trash are picked up weekly and that she does shop the fee around every budget season. Member Tarlecki questioned if there would be an additional fee if there was something additional to be picked up. Manager Hart responded that we typically do not have large items to be picked up.

Member McClure made a motion to approve July disbursements in the amount of \$58,799.78. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: July 11, 2023

Member Kohler made a motion to approve the minutes from July 11, 2023. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

Member Fazio commented on the Communications Sub-Committee and gave an update on Savvy Citizen. President Amato has requested that the minutes and agendas be posted on Savvy Citizen going forward. Member Fazio said the Borough will continue to have the paper newsletters delivered twice a year and Manager Hart will be reaching out for updated pricing for 2024. Savvy Citizen is currently at 194 subscribers. They are also currently looking at adding Instagram to the current Social Media contract. The Committee decided not to add a LinkedIn page for the Borough. President Amato thanked the communications team for their work. Manager Hart updated on Parks & Recreation's minutes, they are currently working on contracting the band for next year's Summer Kick-off and the Summer Park Tour that will begin on August 1st, 2023. Parks & Recreation is also looking at a Halloween pumpkin carving display. Manager Hart briefly reviewed the Shade Tree Commission minutes. Manager Hart also updated Council on the Boards and Commissions vacancies. Manager Hart commented that they are looking into the ordinance for the HARB vacancy and if it will allow someone on the outskirts of the Borough to be on the Board because this position must be filled by a licensed Real Estate Broker, and it has been vacant for over 7 years. Member Fazio asked why the position needs to be filled by a licensed Real Estate Broker. Manager Hart responded that the guidelines are set by the State.

Manager Hart commented that there are no Zoning Applications to date.

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

Solicitor Gifford commented that there was an executive session prior to the meeting in regard to a matter of potential litigation but no action was taken.

Mayor McDevitt commented on the heat advisory for the week and recommended that residents check on their neighbors and anyone who may need assistance in the heat. He also congratulated Mayor Yaniv Aaronson from Conshohocken for being selected as the 2023 Mayor of the Year by the PA State Mayors Association.

Member Tarlecki commented that he met with Justin Copenhaver to exchange ideas on the Borough Business Alliance that Mr. Copenhaver is working on. Mr. Copenhaver is having trouble getting input from residents and is planning on having an open-air session on August 10th or August 17th at Ten7 Brewery in the evening for residents to provide comments on what they would like to see with the Borough Business Alliance. Member Tarlecki commented that he and Mr. Copenhaver agree that there is a challenge of balancing the new and the old, and considering the needs of long-time residents vs. new residents. Manager Hart asked how this open-air session would be advertised. Member Tarlecki said that Mr. Copenhaver is looking to have a website set up that he could advertise on. Manager Hart commented that the information could be put on Savvy Citizen also.

Manager Hart commented that there were several interviews for the open Public Works positions over the week and she should hopefully have an update by the end of August.

Manager Hart reminded all in attendance that August 2nd is the next Planning Commission meeting, which will be an important meeting regarding the proposed Zoning Ordinance changes. Manager Hart commented that they want as many comments and questions as possible during this review time so that the Planning Commission can review and make any changes before Council approves advertising and voting on the changes. Manager Hart commented that the Borough is trying to disclose as much as possible and make the meeting as accessible as possible for residents. Member Fazio asked if there was a way to increase the number of advertisements on Savvy Citizen and social media. Manager Hart commented that staff will prepare more notices and post more often before the meeting. Manager Hart commented that the website has a lot of information regarding the zoning changes for residents to look at.

Manager Hart reminded Council that Community Day is right around the corner. President Amato asked to be reminded of the end time of the Community Day Event. Manager Hart commented that the event is from 11am to 5pm and that the Kids Zone is from 11am to 3pm and that the streets will be closed until 6pm to allow for cleanup.

Adjournment

Member McClure made a motion to adjourn. Member Kohler seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Attest: _____

Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager