

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
300 SCHOOL STREET  
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: July 9, 2024, 7:04 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Amato.

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

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

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Consideration: Approval to Apply for Historic and Archival Records Care Grant**

Manager Hart explained that Borough Administration is working with the Historic Commission to write a competitive application for this grant to digitize the Borough's historic minutes and catalog the items in the Borough's Walls of History Museum. The Borough would partner with the North Wales Area Library to have access to ten thousand dollars in grant awards.

Member Whelan asked if there was a special scanner that would be used for this. Assistant Manager Turock explained that he is in the process of obtaining quotes for no-contact scanning which would be safe for historic records. This grant would cover the costs of that scanning along with safe storage materials and cataloging software.

Member Whelan made a motion to approve applying for the Historic and Archival Records Care Grant. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

### **Consideration: Acceptance of Resignation of Christopher Harper from the Historic Commission**

President Amato thanked Mr. Harper for his service to the Historic Commission.

Member McClure made a motion to Accept the Resignation of Christopher Harper from the Historic Commission. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Appointment of Mike Szilagyi to the Historic Commission, Term Ending 12/31/2025**

Manager Hart stated that Mr. Szilagyi is the author of the blog posts on the Historic Commission's website and has served the Historic Commission in many capacities.

President Amato stated that because of Mr. Szilagyi's posts many in the Borough have become interested in the history of the Borough to an extent that they would not have without Mr. Szilagyi's work.

Member Whelan made a motion to Appoint Mike Szilagyi to the Historic Commission, Term Ending 12/31/2025. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness – 140 W. Montgomery Ave.**

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve the certificate of appropriateness for 104 W. Montgomery Ave. with qualifications. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness – 304 E. Montgomery Ave.**

Member Whelan made a motion to approve the certificate of appropriateness for 304 E. Montgomery Ave. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Denial of Certificate of Appropriateness – 134 W. Walnut Street**

Member Groce made a motion to deny the certificate of appropriateness for 134 W. Walnut Street. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Approval of Minutes: June 25th, 2024**

Member McClure made a motion to approve the minutes of June 25th, 2024. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

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

There are no current zoning applications.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced that there would be two matters for executive session, one involving potential litigation and one involving personnel.

Member Groce asked that the Shade Tree Commission provide an update to Council or Borough Administration on the Shade Tree Inventory which they were tasked with from the Comprehensive Plan.

Member Neiderhiser thanked everyone involved in making the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Country Picnic a great success again.

President Amato also thanked all who helped with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. He also stated that he will be providing Council members with Council Subcommittee Guidance Documents for discussion at the next meeting.

Manager Hart announced that Governor Shapiro has extended the Rent Rebate program through the end of December and that representatives from Senator Pennycuick's office are at Borough Hall every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday to help people fill in those applications.

Manager Hart also highlighted Community Day which will be on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and asked that anyone wishing to sponsor or be a vendor at that event please submit their registration to Borough Hall.

### **Adjournment**

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

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