

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: June 11, 2024, 7:02 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	Absent
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Sarah Whelan	Present
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Present

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

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Ave, thanked the police department and public works for all of their efforts to ensure safety during the Summer Kickoff event.

Ian Horowitz, 348 W Montgomery Ave, asked Council to go out into the Borough and speak with residents about their concerns and priorities for the Borough in order to get a sense of what projects are important to the community.

Presentation: Comprehensive Plan 2040 Audit Review

Tim Konetchy, Montgomery County Planning Commission, presented the results of Planning Commission's audit of the Borough's 2040 Comprehensive Plan. He highlighted the many priorities which have already been addressed by the Borough and the areas remaining to be addressed. He offered options to Council for how to prioritize and delegate the remaining tasks. He commended the Borough on their great efforts in implementing the plan and keeping the communities priorities at the forefront of their projects.

Presentation: Formation of Main Street North Wales

Justin Copenhaver, founding member of Main Street North Wales, announced the formation of the organization and its registry with the state as a non-profit organization. Main Street North Wales is excited to partner with businesses, residents, and Council to enhance and promote the Borough.

Consideration: Appointment to Human Relations Commission, Term Expiring 12/31/2025

Member Fazio made a motion to appoint Melanie Catanese to the Human Relations Commission, Term Expiring 12/31/2025. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Appointment to Zoning Hearing Board, Term Expiring 12/31/2025

Member McClure made a motion to appoint Joel Roberts to the Zoning Hearing Board, Term Expiring 12/31/2025. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: May 28th, 2024

Member McClure made a motion to approve the minutes of May 28th, 2024. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports/ Zoning Applications

Manager Hart thanked the sponsors again for their generous contributions to the fireworks at Summer Kickoff. Thanks to these generous donations no grant or Borough funds are used for the fireworks.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced that there would be one matter for executive session involving potential litigation, but that Council would not need to reconvene to take any action.

Mayor McDevitt thanked the Parks And Recreation committee, Borough staff, Police, North Penn Volunteer Fire Co and VMSC for helping us kickoff Summer properly in 2024 this past weekend. He also thanked all of the sponsors and vendors who made it such a fun event.

He recognized that June is also the time we celebrate Pride. He had the pleasure of joining the Pride celebrations at North Penn School District and in Lansdale. He thanked all who remain steadfast in protecting civil and human rights for all.

Lastly, Mayor McDevitt congratulated all the graduates of North Penn High School. Stating, "As our kids come home for summer, I'm proud to announce that for the third year, we're partnering with Littles Water Ice and Ice Cream to promote safety in our community. When NWBPD officers see a kid on a bike or scooter wearing a helmet, they can "pull them over" and give them a "ticket" for a free ice cream cone. If officers see kids without a helmet, through the Borough's partnership with The Partnership TMA of Montgomery County, they can come to Borough Hall and get a free helmet as well (and then get ice cream!) Over the past 2 years, we've given out close to 450 "tickets" for wearing helmets to Borough kids!"

Many members of Council thanked everyone involved for the success of the past weekend's Summer Kickoff event.

Many Members of Council wished a happy Pride Month to all members of the LGBTQ+ community in our Borough.

Member Whelan wished a Happy Father's Day to all of the Father's in the Borough. She also reminded all residents to drive extra carefully now that school is out for the summer and children will be out playing throughout the Borough.

Chief Erenius announced that new cameras were installed in their cars which will allow for integration with the body cameras as the company is the same.

Manager Hart highlighted Senator Pennycuick's constituent outreach which takes place on the same days as Council meetings. The Senator's office will be helping residents with applications for the property tax rebate throughout June.

Manager Hart summarized the upcoming events in the Borough including the 4th of July Parade and Community Day (September 28th).

Adjournment

Member Whelan made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager