

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: June 13, 2023, 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	Absent
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Absent
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Sarah Whelan	Present
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Present

Also, in attendance was Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Presentation: North Wales Business Alliance Plan

Justin Copenhaver, resident of 212 Highland Avenue, presented the relaunch plan for the North Wales Business Alliance. He provided an overview of upcoming setup plans, logo and design themes, and ideas to help promote the Borough's downtown. His presentation was very well received by Council. Justin reported that about 13 businesses have engaged with him regarding interest in pursuing the plans presented to date. His goal is to have a table at Community Day and promote the Business Alliance to gain recognition and more members. He reported it has been a slow process but is hopeful the ideas gathered thus far will gain momentum.

Members of Council thanked Justin for his hard work and Sean Costik of Projekt, Inc., for his design efforts regarding the creation of the logo for the Alliance.

Consideration: Approval of Montgomery County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan

Manager Hart referred Council and the public to the Montgomery County website for a more detailed overview of the plan.

Member McClure made a motion to approve the Montgomery County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Acceptance of \$50.00 Donation for Community Policing

Member McClure made a motion to accept the donation for Community Policing. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Boards and Commissions Guidance Document

Member Collins made a recommendation to amend the document for consistency, whereas references to “Boards and Commissions” is uniformed throughout the document. Manager Hart reviewed an email comment received from Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, who suggested the document use the word “may” instead of the word “shall” when defining the roles of members to fill the positions of the officers, as some Boards or Commissions do not require appointment of same, i.e., Zoning Hearing Board.

Member Fazio made a motion to accept the amended Guidance Document. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: May 23, 2023

Member Whelan made a motion to approve the minutes from May 23, 2023. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

Manager Hart reported on the 30th Anniversary of the Partnership TMA of Montgomery County. She also thanked Parks and Recreation, Borough Staff, and Emergency Services for all their help making the Summer Kick-Off a success! The residents and visitors alike especially enjoyed the fireworks show. Manager Hart encouraged everyone, including elected officials to not only sign up, but also promote Savvy Citizen, she indicated that all current events and meetings, as well as any emergency notices are posted weekly. Lastly, Manager Hart reminded everyone about the upcoming 4th of July parade and picnic.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced that Council had an executive session on May 23, 2023, relating to matters involving real estate, he reported that afterwards, Council did not reconvene.

Mayor McDevitt read a proclamation that was signed by a dozen Mayors in Montgomery County honoring Mayor Jenna Antoniewicz from Royersford who is stepping down to explore her homeland of Korea as a Korea-American adoptee. The proclamation makes June 13th, 2023, Mayor Jenna Day in 12 Boroughs across the county and asks residents to follow her example of selfless service to the community.

Mayor McDevitt proclaimed June to be Pride Month in North Wales Borough. Mayor McDevitt joined the Pride Walk and Celebration in Lansdale on Sunday, June 11th, Upper Gwynedd’s Pride Flag raising on June 1st and North Penn School District’s Pride Flag Raising on June 5th. The proclamation notes that LGBTQ+ communities continue to be targets of hate crimes, and

that The Borough of North Wales is a welcoming community that is well served by LGBTQ+ officials, employees, volunteers, business owners, residents and visitors and we celebrate this with Pride every June.

Mayor McDevitt and Chief Erenius picked up the free ice cream tickets for their second year partnering with Little's Ice Cream and Water Ice promoting helmet use for kids on bikes, scooters, skateboards, etc. Officers can give a ticket for a free ice cream cone when they see children wearing helmets. Last year over 200 tickets were given out. They are looking forward to this year and thank Little's for partnering with them again this year.

Mayor McDevitt commented that Summer Kick-off was an amazing event and received many comments from residents saying how much they enjoyed it. Lastly, Mayor McDevitt congratulated Ten7 and Feline Frenzy for their successful events also.

Member McClure made a motion to adjourn. Member Groce seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager