

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: June 14, 2022, 7:01 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Amato.

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| ROLL CALL: | Salvatore Amato | Present |
| | Sherwin Collins | Present |
| | Anji Fazio | Present |
| | Alexander Groce | Present |
| | Wendy McClure | Present |
| | Sally Neiderhiser | Present |
| | Eion O'Neill | Present |
| | Mark Tarlecki | Present |
| | Sarah Whelan | Present |
| | Mayor Neil McDevitt | Present |

Also, in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor and Brian Sleicher, Public Works Supervisor.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, thanked the Parks and Recreation Department as well as Public Works for hosting the Summer Kick Off in Weingartner Park on June 4, 2022. He said it was very well attended and was a nice event.

Ian Horowitz, 348 W. Montgomery Avenue, congratulated Council on the 2021 Clean Audit results presented at the last Council meeting in May. He also commented on the Center Street Extension Project and requested that Council consider having traffic and pedestrian count studies performed; in his opinion, the sidewalks are not needed and as a property owner is worried about liabilities being created if sidewalks are installed.

Matthew Traynor, NPVFC Chief provided June's Public Service Announcement, which was an overview of the Borough's Code, Chapter 101, Open Burning Ordinance.

Consideration: Budget Transfer from D.A.R.E. to Police Operating Budget

Member Collins made a motion to approve the budget transfer from D.A.R.E. to the General Police Operating Budget. Member McClure seconded the motion. Manager Hart reminded Council that the D.A.R.E. fund was held in a separate bank account, therefore approving the motion would enable her to close the D.A.R.E. account and transfer the funds to the General Operating Account, in addition a new line item will be added to the police operating budget identified as Community Policing. It was also noted that Jane Keyes agreed to this transfer, as originally her donation was earmarked for D.A.R.E, but she has since agreed to this transfer of funds into Community Policing efforts. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: May 24, 2022

Member Whelan made a motion to approve the minutes of May 24, 2022. Member McClure seconded the motion. Member Collins asked who reviews police policy. Mayor McDevitt, President Amato, and Manager Hart explained the review process and elaborated on the fact that soon, once the policies are codified and completed the Chief of Police will ultimately have Council review and approve, moving forward policy review will then take place as needed and all policies that can be published online will be added to our website.

Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

There was no old business nor committee or board reports. Manager Hart announced the Borough had received one Zoning Application for 501 E. Walnut Street, she also informed Council that the Borough received a Zoning Hearing Board Application (#Z-22-04) regarding a land development proposal of 501 East Walnut Street, formerly known as McKeever's Tavern. She added that the Planning Commission reviewed the application at their meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, and the hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, July 5, 2022. In addition, she informed Council that the Planning Commission indicated that they would be sending a letter asking for Council to send Solicitor Gifford to support the conditions discussed at the meeting and to make sure they are in the Borough's best interest. Member O'Neill expressed his opinion, stating he believes the Borough should remain neutral regarding the Zoning Application and Hearing.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, recommended giving the Solicitor more legal leeway to request additional conditions on behalf of the Borough if required. Member McClure made a motion to support same, sending Solicitor Gifford to the Zoning Hearing in support of #Z-22-04, 501 E. Walnut Street. Member Collins seconded the motion.

Motion passed, 8 yes, 1 no. Member O'Neill voted nay.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced a short executive session will take place this evening and no action will be taken.

Mayor McDevitt announced his Proclamation issued earlier this month to recognize gun violence and proclaimed June 3, 2022, "National Gun Violence Awareness Day" in the Borough of North Wales and to wear orange to help raise awareness and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors. He also thanked Little's Ice Cream for partnering with the police department and the Partnership TMA to reward children who wear their helmet to receive a "ticket" for free ice cream! Mayor McDevitt introduced Thomas Pyle, a student from George Washington University, studying Economics and City Planning. Thomas will be shadowing the Mayor over the summer; Council welcomed Thomas and wished him well.

All the Council members thanked the Parks and Recreation Department and the Police and Public Work Departments. Several compliments were made and appreciation for all volunteers was acknowledged. President Amato reminded everyone that the Borough is closed on Monday, June 20th in recognition of Juneteenth Day.

Brian Sleicher, Public Works Supervisor thanked his crew for assisting at the Summer Kick-Off party. He also thanked Parks and Recreation for all their help as well as the Police Department. Brian also reminded Council and residents about the June 22nd Tex Mex 5K Race.

Member Fazio reminded everyone that the NWAL will be hosting a Jazzy Juneteenth Celebration on Friday, June 17, 2022, between 5:30 and 7:30 pm which will have music, food and vendors, she encouraged attendance.

Manager Hart made the following announcements: Smoke Detector Recycling Information, NWCPA July 4th Parade and Picnic Information, the parade begins at 11 am on Main and Elm Streets. Boards and Commissions Vacancies announcements.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager