

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

REMOTE MEETING: June 22, 2021, 7:02 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Sando.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	James Cherry	Present, left at 7:45 P.M.
	Sherwin Collins	Present
	Ronald S. Little, Jr.	Present
	Wendy McClure	Present, joined at 7:04 P.M.
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Eion O'Neill	Present
	James Sando	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Mayor Gregory D'Angelo	Present

Also, in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor, Alan Guzzardo, Assistant Borough Manager, Michael Eves, Chief of Police and Brian Sleicher, Public Works Supervisor.

This meeting was held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions.

President Sando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

None

Consideration: Approval of Zoning Hearing Board Appointment Changes

Member McClure made a motion to accept the resignation of Anthony Kratowicz from the Zoning Hearing Board. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member McClure made a motion to appoint Amanda Combs to the Zoning Hearing Board, Term Ending 12/31/2022. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member McClure made a motion to appoint Anthony Kratowicz to the Zoning Hearing Board, to serve as the Alternate Member, term ending 12/31/2022. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness: 213 Church Street

Member Tarlecki asked if the project plans for the new home at 213 Church Street needed to be reviewed by the Planning Commission prior to construction. Manager Hart explained that the plans had already been reviewed by the Planning Commission as part of the Subdivision and Land Development Application which was officially approved by Borough Council.

Member McClure made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for 213 Church Street, as presented. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Support PA House Bill 1318: Amendment to Remote Meeting Standards

Member McClure made a motion to support House Bill 1318, an amendment to the remote meeting standards. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion did not pass.

A discussion ensued regarding the impacts of the amendment on holding public meetings. Council expressed concerns with how to hold meetings during a state of emergency and whether hybrid meetings would be allowed. Manager Hart explained that public meetings currently are only allowed to be held remotely if a state of emergency is declared and the Borough would need to invest in technical equipment to host hybrid meetings. President Sando suggested tabling the vote until the amendment is further clarified and more information is available.

Member McClure made a motion to table the matter until further information relating to the amendment is available. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Parks and Recreation Donation Program Guidelines and Procedures

Brian Sleicher, Public Works Supervisor, announced that he spoke with residents regarding the donation program relating to the needs of the Borough and they are excited to contribute to the proposed program.

James Schiele, 307 East Montgomery Avenue, asked if more items could be added to the donation catalogue. Manager Hart confirmed that items could be added to the catalogue, and she will work on trying to incorporate other items as they are needed.

Member O'Neill made a motion to adopt the Parks and Recreation Program Guidelines and Procedures, as presented. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$57,232.13

Vice President Cherry left the meeting at 7:45 P.M. and was unable to return.

Member McClure made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$57,232.13. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: 06/08/2021

Member McClure made a motion to approve the minutes of June 8, 2021. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Old Business/Committee & Board Reports/Zoning Applications

Manager Hart reviewed the Montgomery County Planning Commission's Walkability Study Report, dated June 17, 2021 and a draft of the North Wales Borough Planning Commission's minutes from their last meeting, held on June 2, 2021.

Manager Hart announced that she applied for a \$25,000.00 grant being offered by Giant Food Stores for the Center Street Gateway signage.

She then announced the following events: Senator Collette's Summer Food Drive, the Fourth of July Parade and Community Day which is scheduled for September 25, 2021.

Lastly, Manager Hart reviewed the list of Boards and Commissions vacancies and announced the Borough did not have any pending Zoning Hearing Board Applications.

Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Chief of Police / Manager

Solicitor Gifford announced an executive session will be held to discuss a personnel matter and no action would be taken afterwards.

Member O'Neill thanked the Borough staff for keeping the Borough offices open and running during the COVID pandemic.

Chief Eves announced that part-time officers Kyle Crawford and Dakota Martin have resigned and added that Robert Fulmer is being interviewed by another Police Department. He then announced that the Montgomery County Consortium of Communities Exam for Police Officer had been held on June 12, 2021 and there were only 175 applicants for this testing period. Lastly, he added that he is working on an ordinance that would prohibit brake retarders on any road within the Borough and would provide an update at an upcoming Council meeting.

Mayor D'Angelo announced that local news agencies interviewed Chief Eves regarding a contractor conducting local fraudulent schemes, he commended the Chief on his ability to deal with the press.

Brian Sleicher, Public Works Supervisor, announced that the Department is preparing for the annual Tex-Mex 5k Run to be held on Wednesday, June 23 and he and Manager Hart encouraged people to give a warm welcome to all the runners and visitors attending the 31st Annual 5K. He then announced that the Department is currently repairing potholes around town and mulching all the parks.

Manager Hart thanked Mr. Sleicher and the rest of the Department staff for assisting with the 5K Run and for getting Main Street in good order for the 4th of July Parade and Picnic.

President Sando also thanked all the Borough staff for their efforts during the COVID pandemic.

Member McClure made a motion to adjourn. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager