

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
300 SCHOOL STREET  
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: June 25, 2019 7:01 PM, EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Sando.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	James Cherry	Present
	Ronald S. Little, Jr.	Present
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Daniel O'Connell	Present
	Eion O'Neill	Present
	Paula Scott	Absent
	James Sando	Absent
	Mayor Gregory D'Angelo	Present

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

Vice President Cherry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Solicitor Gifford stated that Council reconvened after executive session after the previous Council meeting held on June 11, and approved to execute the Agreement of Sale regarding 599 Elm Avenue, the former North Wales Borough Wastewater Treatment Facility, transferring the property back to the Borough from North Wales Water Authority.

### **Public Comment**

There was none at this time.

### **Consideration: Oppose HB 1400, Wireless Small Cell Placement Legislation**

Manager Hart provided an overview of the House Bill and requested that Borough Council oppose the Bill which strips municipalities of their rights to regulate small cell towers in the legal right-of-way areas. Mayor D'Angelo stated it will likely be considered again by the State Legislature in the Fall. He also informed Council it was the third unsuccessful attempt to get the Bill passed.

Member Amato stated that small cell towers are critical for the development of 5G cellular networks. However, municipalities should reserve the right to regulate their placement within the legal right-of-way areas. Solicitor Gifford explained how important it is for municipalities to regulate the placement of wireless facilities. Therefore, he encouraged Council to oppose the bill.

Member O'Connell joined the meeting at 7:07 P.M.

Member McClure made a motion to oppose HB 1400, Wireless Small Cell Placement Legislation. Member O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Certificate of Appropriateness: 218-220 S. Main St & 453 Beaver St**

Member McClure took a moment to thank the Historical Architectural Review Board for all their time and effort dedicated to reviewing applications and working with property owners on maintaining the historic integrity of their properties.

Member Little made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness as presented for 218-220 S. Main Street. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Member McClure made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness as presented for 453 Beaver Street. Member Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

**Consideration: Denial of Certificate of Appropriateness: 118 N. Third Street**

Manager Hart tabled the application due to recent documentation received from the applicant and announced the application would be reviewed at a future Council meeting.

**Consideration: Disbursements: \$62,689.63**

Manager Hart requested an amendment to the bills for the tax turnovers for the North Wales Area Library and the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company. She stated that \$19,500.00 would be paid to each entity, thus increasing the total disbursements to \$101,689.63. Manager Hart reviewed the bills listing.

Member McClure made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$101,689.63. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

**Discussion: Human Relations Commission**

Manager Hart suggested Council table the matter until the July 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting, which an expert on the topic has agreed to attend and provide more information.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked if the Borough has prepared an ordinance for adoption. Solicitor Gifford stated that no ordinance has been prepared. However, he said Council has been provided with a model ordinance from Lansdale Borough and they are still considering their options. Member O'Connell asked if there is a platform for people to provide their input on the issue. Manager Hart stated it would be discussed at the following Council meeting and options would be considered at a subsequent Council meeting.

Council agreed to table the matter for the following Council meeting on July 23.

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

Assistant Manager Guzzardo stated the Borough hasn't received any zoning application. However, he stated the Borough has received a land development application for a six-unit apartment complex to be constructed at 690 E. Walnut Street. He stated it is currently being reviewed by staff and it would be scheduled for an upcoming Planning Commission meeting.

**Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Chief of Police / Manager**

Solicitor Gifford announced an executive session will be held following the Council meeting to discuss an update on a legal matter and one personnel matter.

Mayor D'Angelo announced the 143th Anniversary of the Battle of the Little Big Horn, when Lieutenant Colonel George A. Custer and over 200 men of the U.S. 7<sup>th</sup> Calvary Regiment were killed. He then stated that the American citizens at that time were unaware the battle had even taken place and he cautioned people to never let their ego get the best of them.

Manager Hart announced the following events: the Tex-Mex 5K Race on June 26, the rescheduling of Movies in the Park to June 27, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, the Borough's 150<sup>th</sup> Incorporation Day Celebration on August 20 and the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grand Parade on September 14.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Christine A. Hart  
Borough Manager