

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES  
 300 SCHOOL STREET  
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: June 25, 2024, 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	Present
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Sarah Whelan	Absent
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Present

Also, in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor, Alex Turock, Assistant Manager, David Erenius, Chief of Police, Benjamin Raybold, Public Works Supervisor, and Braeden Bussman, Junior Council Person.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment**

Greg D'Angelo, 915 E. Montgomery Avenue, thanked the Montgomery County Planning Commission for the excellent work that they have done in guiding the Borough over the past eight years.

Jeff Fazio, 111 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, thanked the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company for filling the rain barrel in the Community Garden.

### **Consideration: Acceptance of Donation – Weingartner Clock**

Manager Hart explained that Bill Weingartner has had the clock in his home in California since it left North Wales. As Bill decided to downsize his home, he offered to donate the clock to the Borough and paid to have it shipped across the country. The clock was built in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century by Walter H. Durfee & Co., Providence. The Borough will order a small plaque to display with the clock in recognition of the donation.

Member McClure made a motion to accept the donation of the Weingartner Clock. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

### **Consideration: Approval of PennDOT 5-Year Snow and Ice Winter Agreement**

Manager Hart explained that this is the renewal of the agreement with PennDOT which pays the Borough a fee in exchange for the Borough maintaining Walnut Street during winter weather. This is the only state-owned road in the Borough.

Member Kohler made a motion to approve the PennDOT 5-year Snow and Ice Winter Agreement. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

### **Consideration: Budget Transfer from Public Works Part-Time Wages to Parks Contracted Services**

Manager Hart explained that due to the difficulty of finding experienced seasonal workers in Public Works, the administration would like to contract with Bates Landscaping who services other organizations in the Borough, to cut some parks during the summer and early fall months. Due to low staffing in Public Works the Part-Time wages are under budget.

Member McClure asked if the contract makes allowance for not mowing when the grass is dead or cuts are not needed. Manager Hart responded that the contract stipulates that they will only cut when needed and the Borough will only be billed when they cut.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to approve the budget transfer from Public Works Part-Time Wages to Parks Contracted Services. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

### **Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: 299,648.71**

Manager Hart summarized the bills list. Manager Hart highlighted the closing of one investment and the purchase of another which is why the disbursements are high this month.

Member McClure made a motion to pay the bills. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

### **Consideration: Approval of Minutes: June 11th, 2024**

Member Kohler made a motion to approve the minutes of June 11th, 2024. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

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

Manager Hart indicated that Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Minutes were included in the agenda packet.

### **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 all of the community partners and members who worked to keep each other safe through the recent heat wave. He also shared that the North Wales Water Authority is

asking residents to voluntarily conserve water usage as it's been extremely dry and there is no significant rain in the forecast.

He also said he has met Jennifer Koch, the new Director of the North Wales Area Library and is excited to see what she will bring to this valuable organization here in the Borough.

He stated that North Penn Volunteer Fire Company has been responding to a lot of fires and emergency calls in the past week, with 3 active fires yesterday. He asked that the community please continue to support their amazing work and support their work financially by donating at their webpage.

He also highlighted that tomorrow is one of our signature events here in the Borough. The Tex Mex 5k for Open Space will be making its way through the Borough. This is the 34th annual running of the 5k which has raised over a million dollars for open space and Borough initiatives. He thanked the Borough staff, public works, Police, North Penn Volunteer Fire Company volunteers, and VMSC for keeping our runners moving along safely.

Junior Council Person Bussman expressed his excitement for the Tex Mex 5k.

Member Kohler encouraged residents to check on their neighbors during the summer heat.

Member Neiderhiser reminded residents to pick up after their dogs.

Member McClure encouraged residents to take advantage of the train and other public transportation easily accessible in North Wales.

Vice President Tarlecki expressed his sympathies for the passing of Scott Vogel who was a volunteer at the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company Social Club.

Manager Hart introduced Cameron Kratz, the Borough's 2024 summer intern from Lafayette College.

Manager Hart shared that the Centennial Jaguar from the Elmwood Park Zoo purchased by Jeanne Helmar and designed by Katy Keyes of Artisan's Alley will soon be on display out front of Borough Hall.

Manager Hart also shared a flyer from Montgomery County seeking input on a county wide survey for emergency medical services.

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

Lastly, Manager Hart shared that Wayne Straub will soon be finished with his donated work in Walnut Square Park and that residents can look forward to a refreshed look to the park gardens soon.

## **Adjournment**

Member McClure made a motion to adjourn. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion.

Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christine A. Hart  
Borough Manager