

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
300 SCHOOL STREET
NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: March 28, 2023, 7:00 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Amato.

ROLL CALL:	Salvatore Amato	Present
	Sherwin Collins	Present
	Anji Fazio	Present
	Alexander Groce	Present, participated remotely
	Brittany Kohler	Present
	Wendy McClure	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Present
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Sarah Whelan	Present
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Absent

Also, in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor and David Erenius, Chief of Police.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was none at this time.

Consideration: Resignation of Brittany Kohler, Human Relations Commission

President Amato read aloud Member Kohler's resignation letter from HRC and explained that this was triggered by Borough Ordinance, whereas a member of Council is not permitted to serve on the Human Relations Commission. Member Kohler thanked the members of the HRC and expressed gratitude for having served.

Member McClure made a motion to accept the resignation of Brittany Kohler from the Human Relations Commission, term ending 12/31/2024. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Appointment to Human Relations Commission expiring 12/31/2025

Member McClure nominated Sydney CitaraManis to the Human Relations Commission, term ending, 12/31/2025. President Amato called for more nominations; none were received.

Member McClure made a motion to appoint Sydney CitaraManis to the Human Relations Commission, term ending, 12/31/2025. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness: 121 School Street, 509 E. Montgomery Avenue, 415 S. Main Street

Member Collins made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness, as presented for 121 School Street. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member Fazio made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness, as presented with the recommended conditions for 509 East Montgomery Avenue. Member Whalen seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Member McClure made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness, as presented for 415 South Main Street. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: March 14, 2023

Dan Sokil of The Reporter newspaper noted a typographical error on the agenda, whereas the date for the minutes was listed as March 28, 2023. Manager Hart thanked him for noticing and indicated that she will amend the agenda accordingly.

Member McClure made a motion to approve the minutes of March 14, 2023. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$48,762.69

Manager Hart reviewed the bills list.

Member McClure made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$48,762.69. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of NIMS Guidance Document

President Amato reviewed two documents to be added to the Council Guidance Documents. The guidance documents were related to NIMS training and instructions on how and why elected officials are required to complete the National Incident Management System classes. Member Fazio asked if there was a charge to attend the training, President Amato answered, no, the classes are free to attend.

Member Collins made a motion to approve NIMS Guidance Document. Member Kohler seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

Manager Hart indicated there was no old business, nor Committee or Board Reports. Manager Hart updated Council on the upcoming Zoning Hearing scheduled for April 4, 2023, for 107 S. Main Street and informed them that the memo they approved on March 14, 2023, was issued, and forwarded to the Zoning Hearing Board.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced that there will be an executive session to discuss matters of personnel and that Council reconvened on March 14, 2023, and accepted the resignation of Office Luke Miller.

Member Whelan Sarah requested a moment of silence for the students and adults who were shot and killed at the Covenant School in Nashville, Tennessee. Gun Violence is the leading cause of death among children in United States, she urged citizens and elected officials to start fighting for the rights of our children instead of the rights of our guns.

Member Neiderhiser thanked Sydney for joining the Human Relations Commission. Member Neiderhiser thanked Member Whelan for mentioning gun violence and supports her statement and agrees that something needs to be done.

Member Fazio thanked Sydney for stepping up to fill the vacancy on the HRC.

Member McClure agreed with Member Whelan regarding gun violence and urged people to reach out to their respective representatives.

Chief Erenius reviewed the department's monthly report. He also updated Council on the previously reported dogs-at-large issues. He reminded everyone to call 911 when the incident is happening. Member Collins asked Chief Erenius to elaborate on the category of public service. Chief Erenius reported that the daily logs have been replaced by incidents reports, and things like building checks and routine activities may fall into that category due to the lack of specific categories in the records management system currently used by the department.

Member Tarlecki asked Chief Erenius about the hiring process for the full-time position that he needs to fill within the department. The Chief reviewed the civil service process and informed Council that the Montgomery County Consortium will be holding another test this year, due to the low numbers of candidates that have been testing.

Manager Hart announced the following events: Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1, Earth Day Extravaganza on Saturday, April 22, Taste of Montgomery County on Thursday, April 27, and a listing of events being hosted by the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Montgomery County. She also displayed a picture of the "Gateway Signage" for the Center Street Project and gave a brief update of the project's status. She also reminded folks of the two upcoming concerts at the Art Center.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager