

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: March 8, 2022, 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
	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, David Erenius, Chief of Police, Alan Guzzardo, Assistant Borough Manager and Brian Sleicher, Public Works Supervisor.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Fire Chief Traynor, announced that they have responded to 132 incidents year-to-date, two being housefires that occurred in the Borough. He added that they have received 610 hours of training. He then provided a public service announcement addressing smoke detectors and what measures should be taken when a fire occurs.

Proclamation: National Library Week, April 3-9, 2022

President Amato read a proclamation recognizing National Library Week from April 3-9, 2022, in the Borough of North Wales.

Jayne Blackledge, North Wales Area Library Director, announced that the Library received a Keystone Grant to cover 50 percent of the cost to have the Library roof replaced. She then announced the following events the Library is hosting: Blood Drive on Friday, March 18, Human Library Event on Saturday, April 9 and other upcoming classes. She then thanked the Borough for all their support.

President Amato mentioned how wonderful the Library facilities and all the activities they offer. He encouraged the public to check out the Library programs being offered.

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked who determined the dates for National Library Week. Mrs. Blackledge answered the dates were set by the State.

Consideration: Pension Committee Appointments

Member Collins made a motion to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Pension Committee, terms ending 12/31/2022:

- Vice President Tarlecki, Council Member
- Kevin Sitoski, Resident Member
- Lynne Custer, Police Officer Member

Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Award Center Street Pedestrian Connection & Gateway Project Bid

Manager Hart reviewed the bids that were received for the project and announced that if awarded this evening, the project would break ground this April.

Member Collins asked if they would see all the bids that were received. Manager Hart confirmed that there were only two bids received which are in the Traffic Engineer's review letter, dated March 5, 2022.

President Amato asked for clarification on the bid bond and power of attorney documents. Manager Hart explained that the contractor is required to provide a performance and maintenance bond and the Borough would deal directly with the contractor if there were any issues.

Member Fazio made a motion to award the Center Street Pedestrian Connection and Gateway Project, in the amount of \$ 278,927.00 to Ply-Mar Construction Co. Inc. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: February 22, 2022

Member McClure made a motion to approve the minutes of February 22, 2022. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications

President Amato announced that the following individuals will serve as points of contact for the Borough's committees:

- Member O'Neill, Buildings and Grounds
- Member McClure, Employee Relations
- Member McClure, Public Safety
- Member O'Neill, Technology
- Member Fazio, Communications
- President Amato, Finance

President Amato then reviewed a document called, "Working Guidance" for the committees. Member O'Neill asked if the Committees must allow for public comment and what the advertising requirements are. Solicitor Gifford explained that the public should be allowed to

comment at Committee meetings that are advertised for the public to attend and advertisement of Committee meetings is optional since none of the Committees constitute a quorum of Council.

Member McClure announced that the Public Safety Committee met and she said she was impressed with the services of the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company. She added that Bill Kaelin, Emergency Management Coordinator, is a fourth-generation member of the Fire Company.

Manager Hart recommended that the Committees pick a tentative day to meet each month so the Borough can coordinate their meetings with the Borough's Boards and Commissions. President Amato agreed.

Manager Hart announced that there are no Board and Commission reports or Zoning Hearing Board applications.

Manager Hart then made the following announcements: the Helmets Save Lives Initiative, County-wide Youth Prevention Program, Senator Collette will be holding a blood drive on Monday, March 21 and the Boards and Commissions vacancies.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced an executive session will be held after tonight's meeting to discuss a personnel matter and no action will be taken.

Mayor McDevitt announced that today is National Women's Day. He then congratulated the Borough and its supporting agencies for promoting inclusive work environments. He then announced that Montgomery County has designated March as Intellectual and Developmental Disability Awareness Month. Mayor McDevitt added he will share more information about these events on his social media pages.

Member Collins requested that the Boards and Commissions attend periodic Council meetings to provide updates on their activities. A discussion ensued regarding the Boards and Commissions' activities.

Member Whelan thanked Manager Hart for her efforts and then thanked Public Works for filling in potholes around town. She then alerted the public about scams relating to funds to help support Ukraine and announced which drives are legitimate.

Member O'Neil suggested that the Borough look into having a mural completed. President Amato suggested that the Buildings and Grounds Committee reach out to Manager Hart to discuss it further.

Manager Hart announced that the Borough staff have been busy with a variety of projects, including multiple audits, the Center Street Pedestrian Connection and Gateway Project, submitting for funding from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program and working with the Montgomery County Planning Commission on updating the Borough's Zoning Code. President Amato then thanked Manager Hart and the Borough staff for all they do.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager