

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: May 12, 2026, 7:00 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Tarlecki at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:	Candace Anderson	Present
	Melanie Catanese	Present
	Sherwin Collins	Present
	Alexander Groce	Present
	Anji Fazio	Present
	Star Little	Present
	Susan Manning	Present
	Sally Neiderhiser	Absent
	Mark Tarlecki	Present
	Mayor Neil McDevitt	Present

Also, in attendance were Borough Solicitor, Gregory Gifford, Assistant Borough Manager, Danielle Ervin, Public Works Crew Leader, Thomas O'Mara and Junior Council Member, Violet Anderson

Manager Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Proclamation: Proclaiming National Nurses Week - May 6 - May 12th

Mayor McDevitt shared his significant medical struggles in the past and praised all the nurses that were at the forefront of his care. He said it was an honor and privilege to recognize the power of nurses. Mayor McDevitt then read the Proclamation and presented one of his homecare nurses with an official framed copy of the proclamation.

Consideration: Resolution Recognizing Emergency Medical Services Week

President Tarlecki read the Resolution recognizing members of the VMSC who were present to accept an official copy of the Resolution, as well as the other emergency medical workers who deserved to be recognized.

Member Catanese made a motion to approve the Resolution Recognizing Emergency Medical Services Week. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Advertise Public Hearing/Repeal and Replace SALDO Ordinance

Manager Hart reviewed where the Borough is in the process and explained the next steps for advertising.

Member Collins made a motion to approve the public hearing and Ordinance advertisement. Member Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Appointment to Parks & Recreation, term ending 12/31/2028

Valerie Burchett was considered for the position, and her letter of intent was shared with Council. Member Little asked if there was anything further submitted. Manager Hart explained that Ms. Burchett had previously submitted a letter of interest but didn't meet the residency requirement at the time, however, she was present at meetings and has been volunteering.

Member Manning made a motion to approve the appointment ending 12/31/2028. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Authorize payment of \$74,710.35 – 9th Street Streambank Project

Manager Hart explained the closeout process for this project and detailed the payment schedule.

Member Catanese made a motion to approve the payment in the amount of \$74,710.35. Vice President Groce seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Acceptance of Donations in Memory of Phyllis Byrne

Manager Hart shared that the Historic Commission has received a total of \$2,215 in memory of Phyllis Byrne. Manager Hart mentioned that Phyllis's daughter, Susan Byrne, is working with the Borough and the Historic Commission to decide how the donation money will be utilized.

Member Collins made a motion to accept the donations. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Acceptance of Donations for 2026 Summer Kickoff Fireworks

Member Manning had some questions regarding the donation amount originally stating \$10,000, when indeed it is \$9,000; Manager Hart explained there was a typographical error which occurred but had been corrected in the packet that was advertised on the website. A corrected Resolution was prepared, and a hard copy was provided to each member of Council.

Member Fazio made a motion to Accept the Donations totaling \$9,000 for 2026 Summer Kickoff fireworks. Member Catanese seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: April 28, 2026

Vice President Groce made a motion to Approve the Minutes for April 28, 2026. Member Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

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

President Tarlecki announced that the Communication Sub-Committee will be meeting via Zoom and will present their final report at the next Council meeting. He also shared that a new Feasibility Study Committee will research the possibility of installing solar panels on Borough owned buildings, and that Member Anderson will be leading the committee.

Andrew Bereneson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked how many members would be meeting via Zoom. President Tarlecki answered there would be four members, and it would not violate the Sunshine Act, as the meeting is only to gather information, no decision making or votes will be taken.

Albert Tenney, 801 E. Walnut Street, questioned the status of the single trash hauler for the Borough. President Tarlecki said it would need further investigating and he did not have an update at this time.

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

Solicitor Gifford announced there would be a short Executive Session following the meeting to discuss a legal issue and personnel issue. He did not anticipate any action to be taken.

Mayor McDevitt shared his Mayor's Report which highlighted the importance of remembering law enforcement and military servicemen sacrifices. "This week is National Police Week - honoring those who serve and who have lost their lives serving the communities they are sworn to protect. While we're fortunate not to have a Line of Duty Death here in North Wales Borough, I do want to recognize our neighboring communities have had that terrible experience:

- David Hancock, 1976, Montgomery Township PD
- Richard Lawn, 2003, Lower Gwynedd PD

I also want to note that North Penn High School's Key Club will be honoring Borough Resident Joseph Molettieri at their annual Memorial Day Service and adding his name to the Memorial for those lost in Vietnam. That ceremony will be taking place on May 25th at Penndale Middle School, beginning at 11:15 a.m. Joey was KIA on February 5, 1968, and until this year, was not part of the NPSD Memorial Garden. Finally - a huge thank you to all the volunteers from the Farmer's Market! Each time I go, they've had a full house of people enjoying the offerings of the vendors and the entertainers!" Mayor McDevitt also shared that former resident, Steve Moyer, would be hosting a history lesson at St. Peter's Cemetery on Saturday and encouraged attendance.

Member Manning wished everyone a Happy May.

Member Anderson thanked all nurses, police and emergency medical technicians for all they do and praised their fast response times.

Junior Member Anderson mentioned the recent incidents at local schools, such as bomb threats and a recent auto accident on school property. She thanked the police for their service.

Member Little reminded everyone to vote and shared that North Wales Elementary will be hosting a bake sale on May 19th in the 6th grade classroom at the elementary school.

Member Fazio thanked Fire, EMS, Police and Nurses for all that they do.

President Tarlecki shared his enthusiasm for the success of the Farmer's Market and complimented the food vendors. He also reminded Council of the upcoming Forest Park Water Treatment Plant tour on Saturday, May 16, 2026, hosted by NWWA.

Member Catanese shared that she and Member Collins will be filming a video at Wee-Walers Park on Saturday and encouraged many children to attend.

Chief Erenius was not in attendance, but his Chief's report was presented to Council and the public on the screen.

Thomas O'Mara shared the Public Works report and there were no follow-up questions.

Manager Hart informed Council of the upcoming DCED fire study symposium to be held at Gwynedd Mercy University on May 28, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. She emphasized that this will be informational and no voting will occur. The event is advertised on social media and Savvy Citizen and encouraged Council and members of the public to attend. She also showcased the recent and upcoming events at NWACC. She praised the amazing performance of the Bethlehem Piano Quintet. She also reminded everyone of the July Puppet Show that will be the second of a four-part series. Manager Hart encouraged the community to show their spirit by purchasing and wearing the America250 T-shirts the NWCPA has created for the Fourth of July. She also shared that generations of the Weingartner family had a recent visit to the Borough and they met with members of the Historic Commission and visited Weingartner Park and their old homesteads.

Adjournment

Member Manning made a motion to adjourn. Member Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager