

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES
 300 SCHOOL STREET
 NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: May 14, 2024, 7:00 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Amato.

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

Also, in attendance were John Filice, Borough Solicitor, David Erenius, Chief of Police, Alex Turock, Assistant Manager, and Benjamin Raybold, Public Works Supervisor. Borough Solicitor Greg Gifford joined the meeting at 7:30pm.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Presentation: DCED 2023 Annual Audit Report

Manager Hart introduced Chris Herr from Maillie, LLP, who presented an executive summary and overview of the 2023 DCED Audit Reports and Financials. President Amato asked Mr. Herr to explain why the Borough is not a low-risk auditee. Mr. Herr responded that the Borough is not a low-risk auditee because they have not required a single audit in the previous years and that once they have multiple consecutive years of single audits then they could be low-risk. Manager Hart thanked Mr. Herr for his presentation. President Amato thanked Manager Hart for managing the Borough's finances so well.

Consideration: Appointment to Human Relations Commission, Term Expiring 12/31/2026

Member Whelan made a motion to appoint Emily Marbot to the Human Relations Commission, term expiring 12/31/2026. Member Kohler seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Appointment to Parks and Recreation Board, Term Expiring 12/31/2027

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to appoint Dan Levy to the Parks and Recreation Board, term expiring 12/31/2027. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Discussion: Public Update: MS4 Program

Manager Hart presented an overview of the Borough's MS4 program and the requirements that need to be met regarding the MS4 program and the Pollution Reduction Plan in this MS4 cycle. An important aspect of this reporting cycle is to select and complete a project to meet the sediment reduction requirements of the Pollution Reduction Plan.

Consideration: Approval to Submit DEP Growing Greener Grant Application

Manager Hart explained that the restoration of the streambank at 9th Street Park would allow the Borough to meet the requirements of the Pollution Reduction Plan. To fund this project, the Borough could apply for the DEP Growing Greener Grant. The grant has a fifteen percent match which the Borough would budget for in 2025 when the project would be expected to commence.

President Amato asked if we are expected to remove the required amount of sediment every year. Manager Hart responded that the Borough is required to reduce the amount of sediment entering the waterway by the required amount. Projects like the 9th Street Park streambank restoration achieve this goal year over year.

Mayor McDevitt asked if this will be a project that needs to be continually maintained and rebuilt each year or every five years. Manager Hart explained that it would be something that is addressed as needed, but we anticipate the project lasting twenty to thirty years.

Member Whelan made a motion to approve the submission of the DEP Growing Greener Grant Application. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Appointing Alex Turock as PSAB 2024 Voting Delegate

Manager Hart explained that the Borough typically appoints whoever is attending the conference as the voting delegate. In the past it has been the president or mayor who was attending. This year Alex is attending as part of his Certified Borough Official course of study.

Former Mayor Greg D'Angelo explained what the voting process was like the last time he attended the conference.

Member Fazio made a motion to appoint Alex Turock as PSAB 2024 Voting Delegate. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of COA 114 Pennsylvania Ave & 411 E. Montgomery Ave.

Member McClure made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 114 Pennsylvania Ave. Member Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member McClure made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 411 E. Montgomery Ave. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$84,230.02 (April 2024)

Manager Hart explained that this bills list is from April as the second meeting in April was canceled so the bills were not yet approved.

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

Consideration: Approval of Minutes: April 9, 2024

Member McClure made a motion to approve the minutes of April 9, 2024. Member Groce seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Old Business / Committee & Board Reports/ Zoning Applications

Manager Hart stated that the zoning hearing for 405 School Street has been rescheduled for June 4, 2024.

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

Solicitor Gifford stated that there are four matters for executive session, two legal and two real estate. One matter of legal involving the zoning hearing may cause Council to reconvene.

Mayor McDevitt recognized National Police Week and thanked the North Wales Borough Police Department who do their best day in and day out to protect the residents and guests of the Borough. He also recognized the class of 2024 who will be graduating shortly and congratulated them on their achievements.

Member Whelan wished everyone a happy Mother's Day.

Member Kohler recognized all the military personnel who have died serving our country.

President Amato stated that tomorrow, May 15th, is Police Memorial Day and extended his heartfelt appreciation to our police force and asked everyone to include in their thoughts and prayers the safety of all our police officers.

Manager Hart thanked the Parks and Recreation Board for their work in preparation for the Community Garden Spring Planting event which will be this Saturday in Fourth Street Park. She also stated that the Borough has Mosquito Dunks to provide to residents for their rain barrels and other areas that hold water. Residents can stop into Borough Hall during office hours to pick them up. Manager Hart also reminded the community of the Summer Kickoff event on June 8th from 5pm to 9pm which will include food trucks, beer garden, live music, children's activities, and fireworks. Lastly, she encouraged everyone, again, to sign up for Savvy Citizen which provides updates on all events, road closures, and other important information in the Borough.

Adjournment

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

Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

Attest: _____
Christine A. Hart
Borough Manager